

November 2025 Faculty Highlights

Welcome Faculty, to the November CTET Newsletter!

November is here, and this month's newsletter highlights innovation in teaching and learning, professional development opportunities and with it comes new ideas, opportunities, and plenty to celebrate. We're grateful for your continued engagement and commitment to excellence in education—let's finish the semester strong!

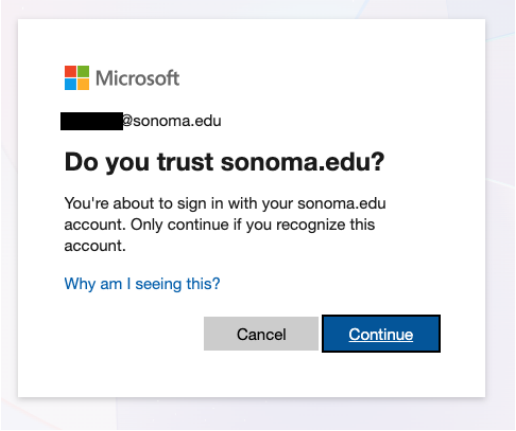
— The CTET Team

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New Canvas Login via Microsoft

As you may have noticed, when you log into Canvas, you are now given a Microsoft prompt and asked if you "trust sonoma.edu." This is because our amazing IT team has transitioned Canvas to our new EntraID authentication system. It is *safe* to click "Continue" in this case. Also, you should expect to see this prompt for more of our apps, as the IT team transitions all of our apps to the new service.

If you have questions, we're happy to try to answer them, or you can ask your campus IT partner!



Last Call for Gradescope: Grade Faster and Easier!

CTET has been piloting Gradescope this semester - a faster, easier way to grade handwritten work, from equations to bubble tests, fully integrated with Canvas.

Jackie Guilford (Biology) says, "I graded my Gradescope bubble sheet tests and the scores uploaded to the Canvas gradebook flawlessly. Waaayyy better than scantrons."

We can only justify licensing it with strong faculty use and feedback this fall. So if this sounds like something you'd like, watch one of our recorded demos or stop by CTET to try it before December!

AI News: Paid Professional Dev Opportunities and More!

Winter 26 AI "Reboot & Revise" Course Adjustment FLC

If you're unsure of how to adapt your course to the emergence of generative AI, or if you want support implementing your ideas, join our 2-day intensive AI "Reboot and Revise" FLC this January! During this session, you'll use your deep knowledge of your discipline and students to reflect on recent disruptions, including the emergence of AI, and collaboratively explore ways to revise assignments, outcomes, or practices to support student learning and equity.

- When: 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Tuesday, January 6 & Thursday, January 8, 2026
- Where: Hybrid - in-person in Salazar 1061 or via Zoom.
- Who: Open to all Unit 3 faculty members with an active teaching appointment in Spring 2026
- Compensation: $500 stipend for eligible participants who complete the two-day program and deliverables
- Deadline to apply: Monday, December 1, 2025

For more details and to apply, see our detailed program outline. Email us at ctet@sonoma.edu if you have any questions!

Last call for AI and Critical Thinking FLC

Profs. John Sullins and Emily Acosta are recruiting participants for the *Defense Against the Dark Algorithms: Critical Thinking and AI* Faculty Learning Community. This FLC will explore how artificial intelligence intersects with critical thinking pedagogy, and test practical strategies for integrating AI into teaching and learning. Participants are eligible for **a $1000 stipend**. The deadline to apply is **Monday, November 10**. For more information and to apply, see the FLC flyer.

November 13! Exploring the Future of AI in Higher Education: Insights from the Open AI Forum

Join us in unpacking highlights from the recent 2025 OpenAI Higher Education Forum, where Sonoma State joined other global leaders to discuss AI, pedagogy, research, and digital equity. The session will spotlight innovative approaches shared by institutions like Kenyon University, UCLA, and North Carolina Central University, exploring how AI is transforming teaching, research, and campus operations.

In addition to key takeaways from the Forum, we'll report on what's new in the world of AI in higher education from Canvas's Google Gemini/NotebookLM integration, Perplexity's Comet Browser, and ChatGPT's Agent Mode. This workshop aims to be an opportunity for those interested in understanding where higher education is heading, and how Sonoma State can continue to lead in exploring AI to enhance creativity, equity, and learning.

- Thursday, November 13th, 12:00-1pm
- Salazar 1061 Via Zoom: CTET Zoom room
- RSVP for Explore the Future of AI… here..
- Add Explore the Future of AI on Nov. 13 to your Google Calendar.

AI Office Hours

We're hosting weekly AI Office Hours each Thursday, 2–3pm. Drop in to explore opportunities, ask questions, and share ideas about AI in Higher Ed. Whether you're new or already experimenting, it's an open space for conversation and practical guidance. Come for five minutes or stay the full hour! AI consultations are also available anytime on a drop-in basis.

- AI Office Hours
- Date/Time: Thursdays 2-3pm.
- In-Person: Salazar 1061 or Via Zoom: CTET Zoom room

Service Outages

You may have experienced two different online service outages in the past few weeks. On Monday, October 20, Canvas was inaccessible for most of the day as a result of a disruption in Amazon Web Services (AWS), the internet hosting service that powers more than 35% of the internet. If you encountered any issues with Canvas due dates or anything else as a result of this issue, we are happy to help you. Just drop by CTET during our business hours, or follow this guide to adjusting due dates by yourself, as you prefer.

Separately, YuJa finally discontinued our streaming video service during the same window of time. SSU did not renew our YuJa streaming video contract this year and has transitioned to a separate tool, Panopto. Almost all faculty videos were migrated to Panopto, and almost all Canvas links were updated to point to the new videos. However, if you or your students notice a video link in Canvas that was missed, please email us at ctet@sonoma.edu as soon as possible so that we can help you resolve the problem.

Accessibility and Instruction

Making our instructional materials isn't just legally required, it's also increasingly important for *all* of our students. Whether we're teaching people with learning disabilities, second language learners, or working adults (who make up an increasing portion of our student body), accessible course materials make both learning *and* teaching easier.

But you don't need to do it alone! CTET has a student team that can remediate your course materials for you, and all you need to do is ask us! Email us at ctet@sonoma.edu or drop into our Zoom room!

Upcoming Accessibility Events

An important part of ensuring that all students have equitable access to your course materials is ensuring that any digital course materials you have are accessible. UDoIt is our newest tool for digital accessibility in Canvas. Join us to learn how to make both your Canvas pages and any files that you upload to Canvas fully accessible to all of your students!

- November 5, 12:00pm- 1:00pm; Support Equity with Accessibility: Canvas and UDoIt
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- November 18, 2025; 12:00pm- 1:00pm; Support Equity with Accessibility: Canvas and UDoIt
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Neurodiversity and Inclusion: Understanding the Learner Experience.

Explore practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive learning environments for all students. This session introduces neurodiversity, examines the neurodivergent learner experience, and highlights communication and teaching approaches that foster success across diverse classrooms. Emphasis will be on real-world applications and effective strategies for managing complex classroom dynamics.Presented by Christy Giambastiani, DSS Senior Disability Management Advisor

- **Date/Time:** November 12, 12:00p-1:00pm
- **In-Person:** Salazar 1061 or Via Zoom: CTET Zoom room
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Coffee and Connections (C&C)

Join us for Coffee & Connections (C&C)! C&C is an informal space for faculty to connect and discuss challenges and successes in teaching with CTET's faculty fellows. Come join us on the last Thursday of the month from 12:00pm to 1:00pm and troubleshoot problems or get new ideas on the sport. Free coffee and special homemade treats! Mark Your Calendar for the upcoming C&C meetings:

- Coffee and Connections
  - Thursday, November 6, 12:00pm-1:00pm
  - Gathering in person: Salazar 1061
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Other Faculty Facing News & Events

Fall 2025 Spotlight On Scholarship Research Talks

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is excited to announce **the Fall 2025 SSU Spotlight on Scholarship lecture series**! This campus-wide event showcases the innovative research, creative projects, and scholarly work of SSU faculty, providing a platform to celebrate faculty achievements, foster collaboration, and inspire our students.

- **Damien Wilson**
  Hamel Family Faculty Chair of Wine Business
  Predicting Wine Sales Based on Past Behavior
  Date/Time: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ Noon
  In-Person: Stevenson Hall 1101
    - Add Predicting Wine Sales… to your Google Calendar.
- **Sena Clara Creston**
  Assistant Professor
  Art Studio
  Plastescape: An interactive art installation
  Date/Time: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ Noon
  In-Person: Stevenson Hall 1101
    - Add Plastescaper: An Interactive… to your Google Calendar.

Explore the full program and event details on the ORSP website. And if you're interested in *presenting*, contact orsp@sonoma.edu to let them know!

Programs to Foster Dialogue and Connection Across Departments

- **"Get to Know" Restorative Practices & The Center (30-min intro)** - Tues, Oct 14; Tues, Nov 4; Tues, Dec 2
  - Two time options each date: 12:15–12:45 PM or 3:00–3:30 PM
  - Location: International Hall, 2nd Floor, Conference Room
  - RSVP: click on the linked dates above.
- **Restorative Communication Labs (6-month series, Zoom)** - Third Thursdays, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
  - 2025: Nov 20, Dec 18
  - 2026: Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, Apr 23 (reflective session)
  - Format: ongoing community-of-practice to apply techniques to real academic scenarios.
  - RSVP: click on the linked dates above.

More details are available on the OPHD website.

Summary of CTET's Trainings and Events

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- Thursday, December 4, 12pm-1:00pm; **In-Person:** Salazar 1061, Coffee and Connections
    - Add December 4, "Coffee and Connections to your Google calendar today!

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Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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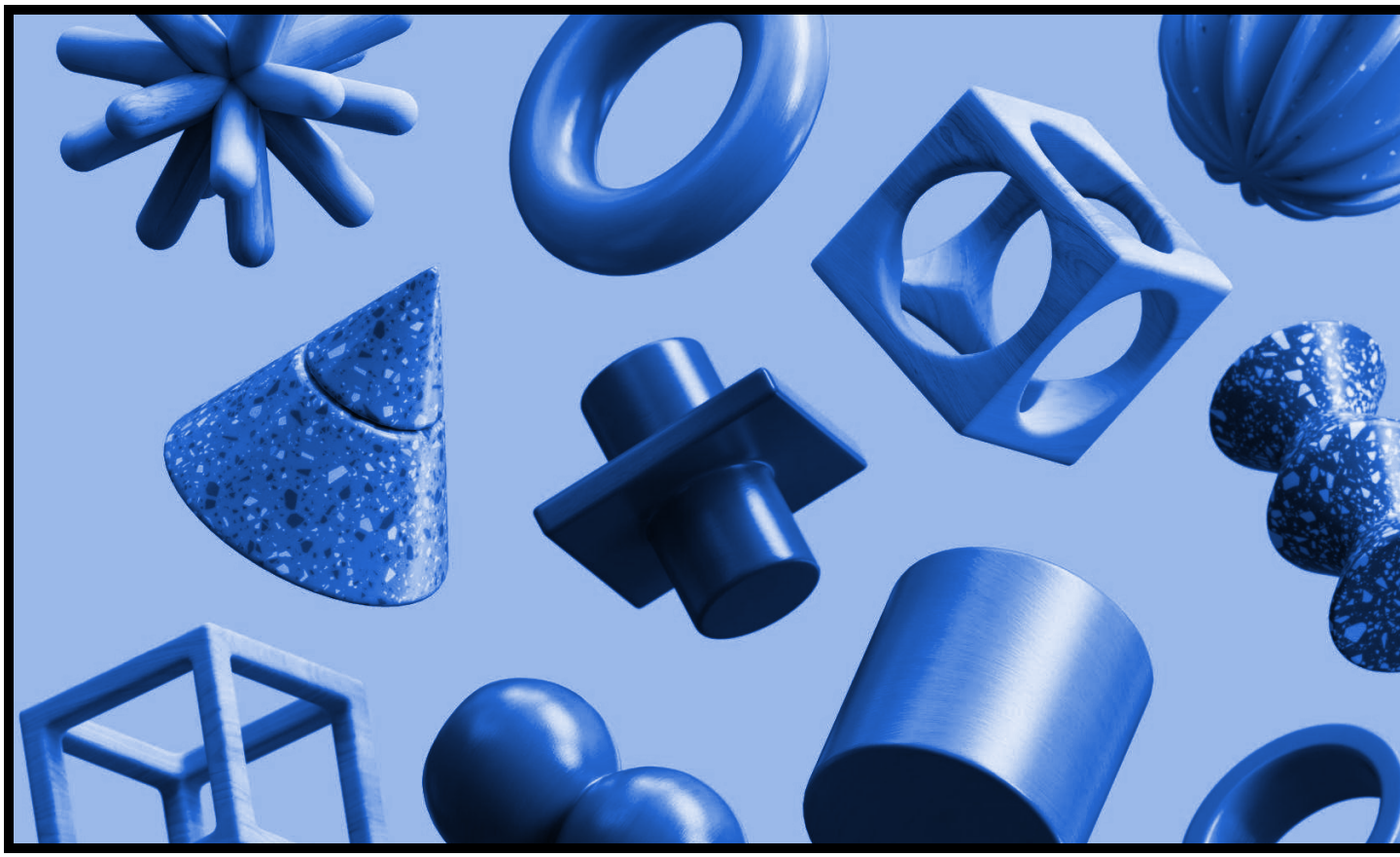
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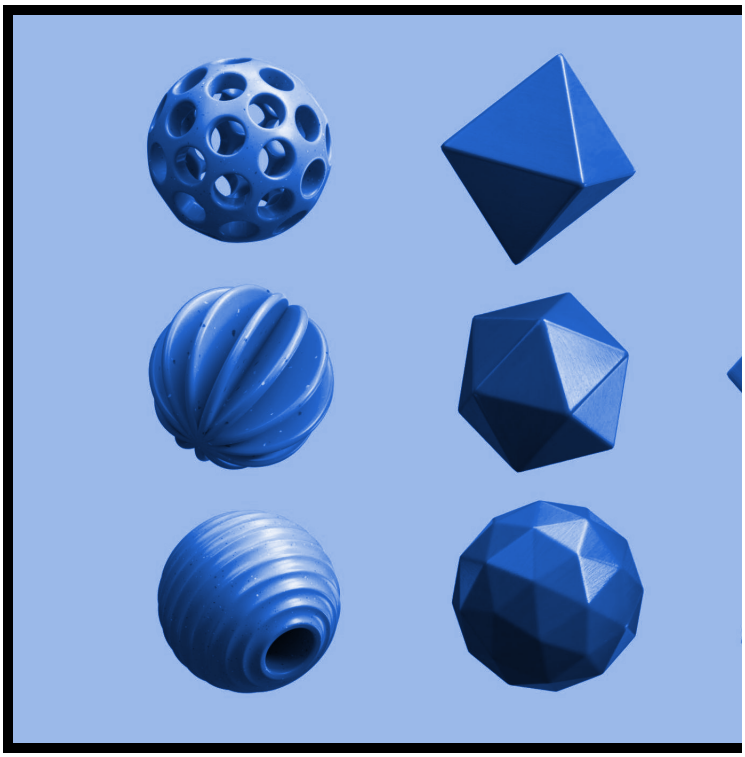
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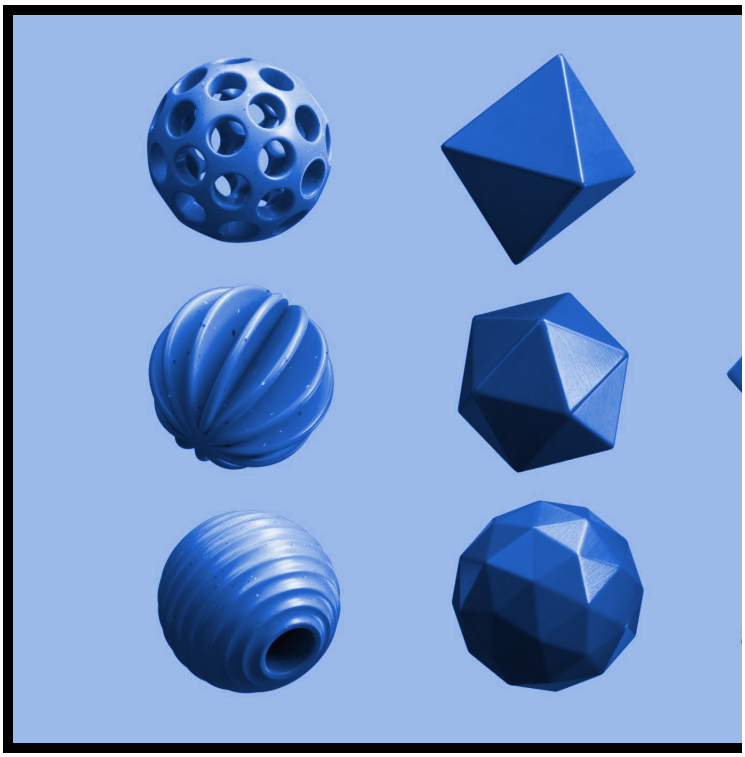
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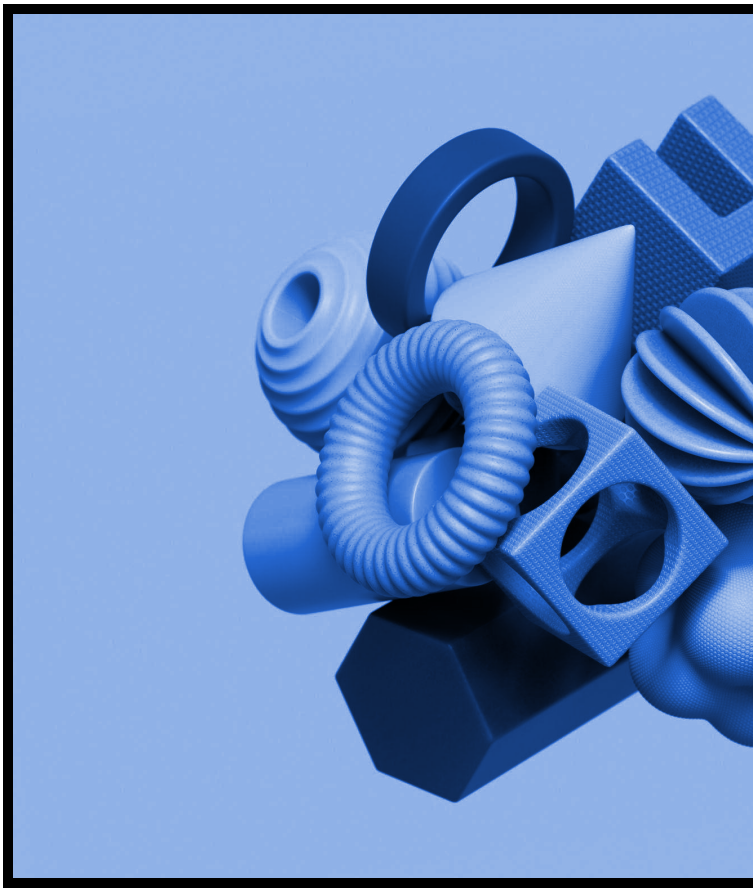
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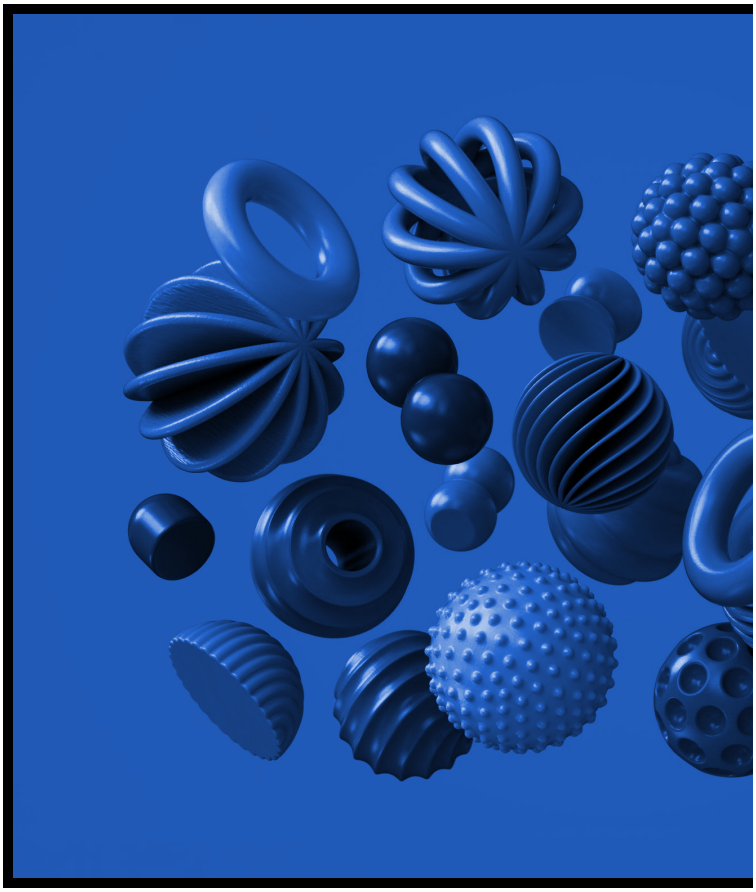
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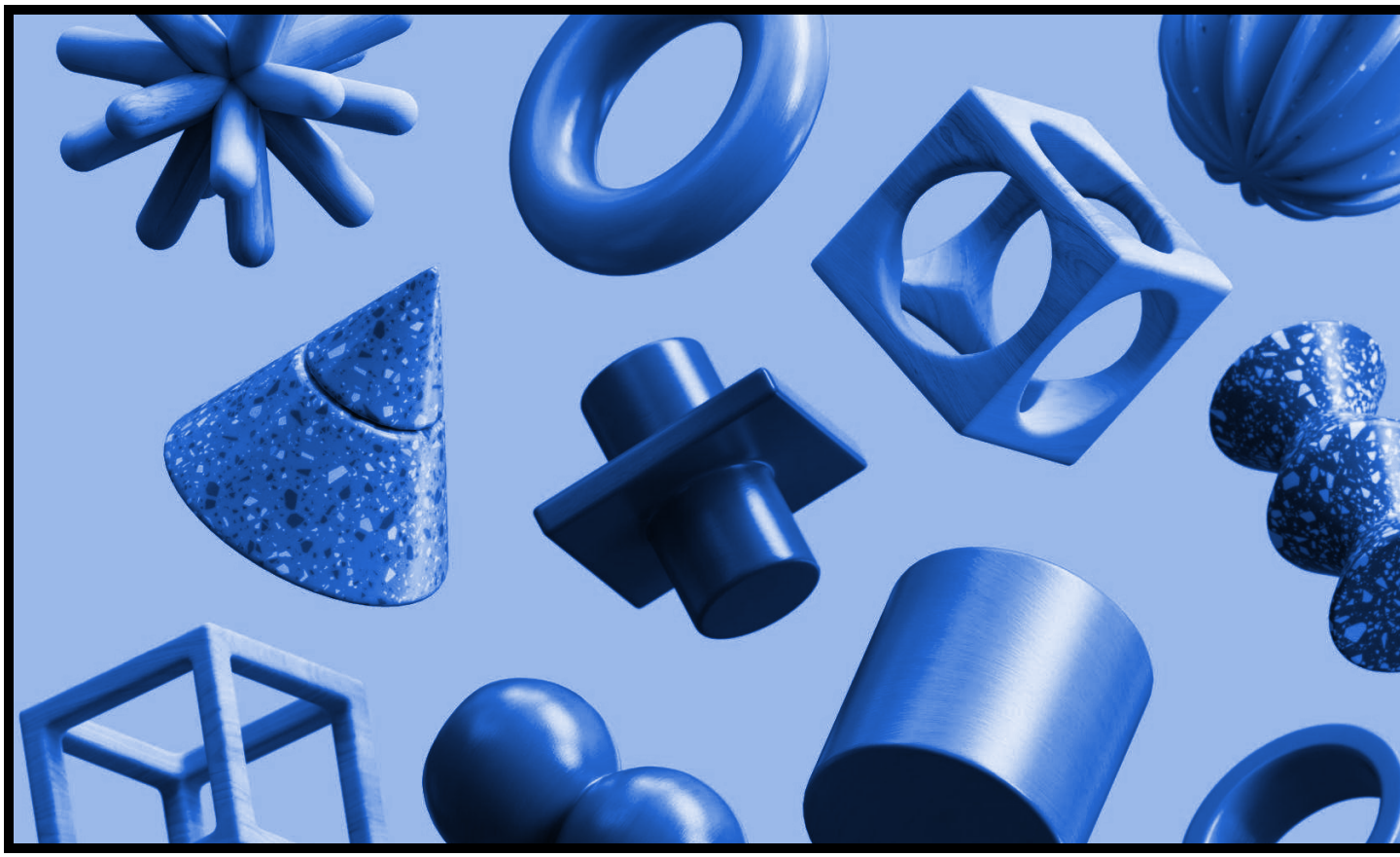
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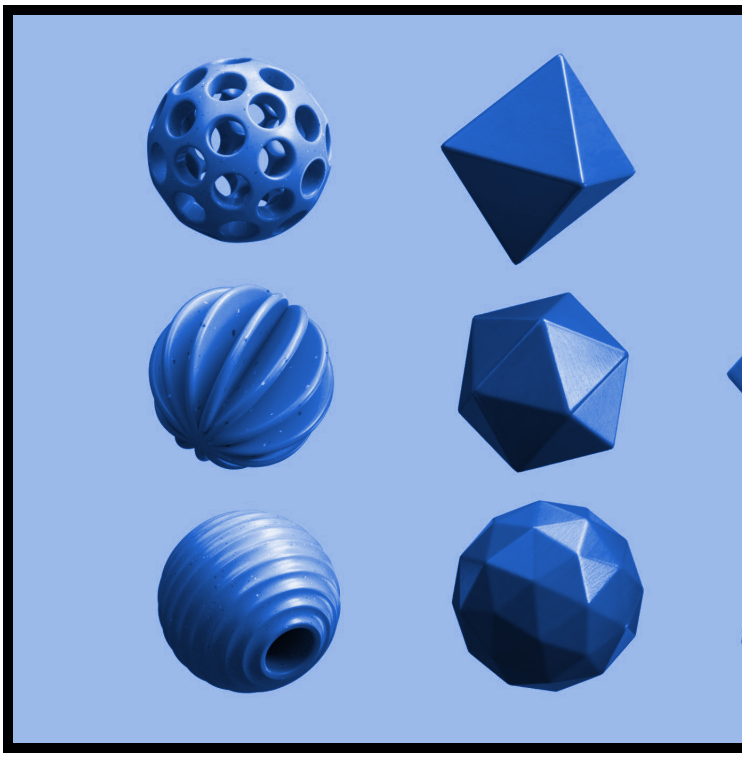
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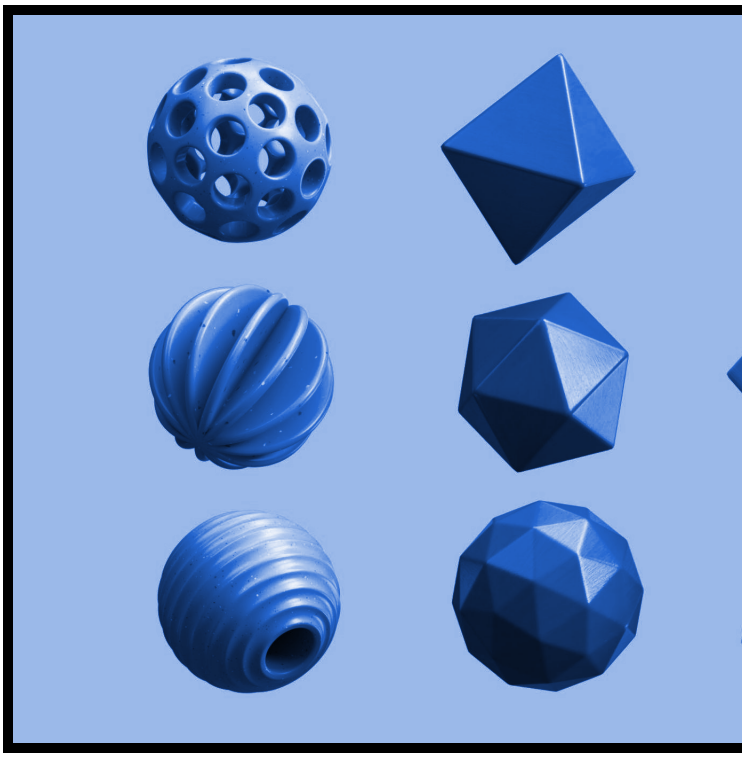
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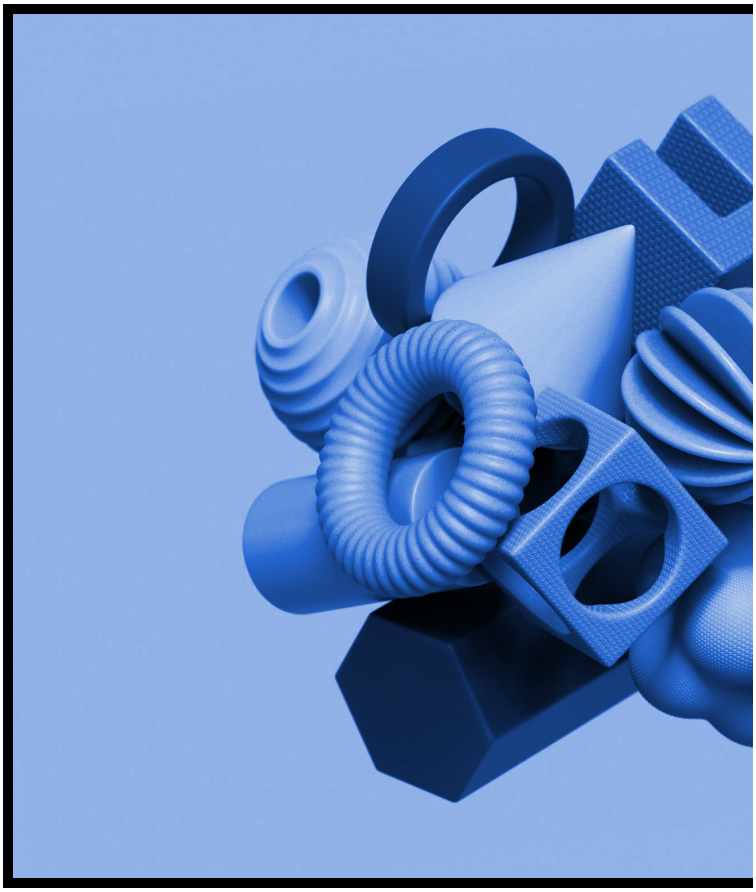
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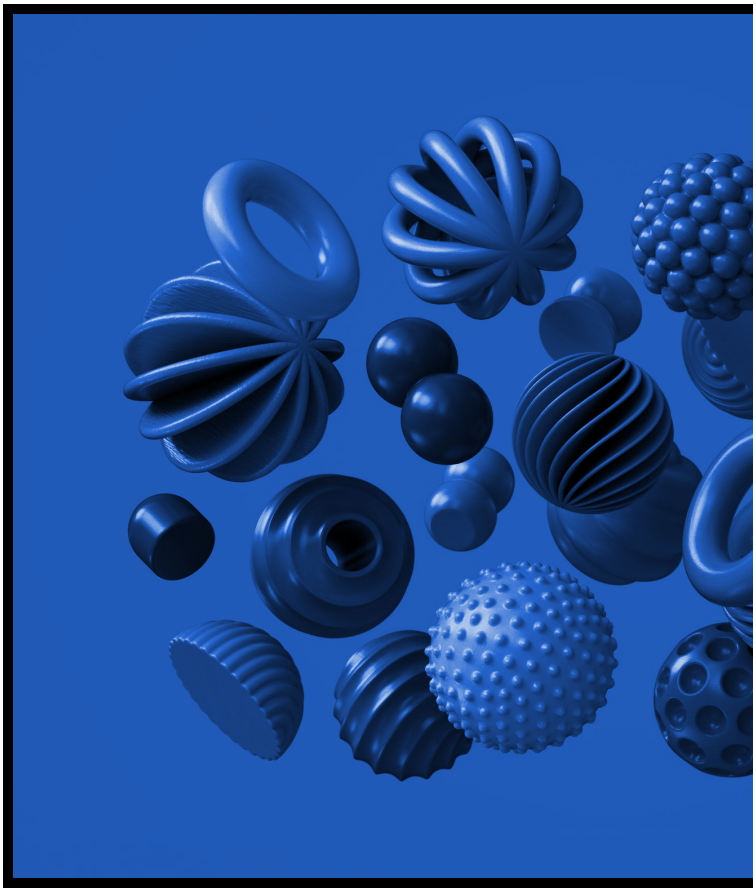
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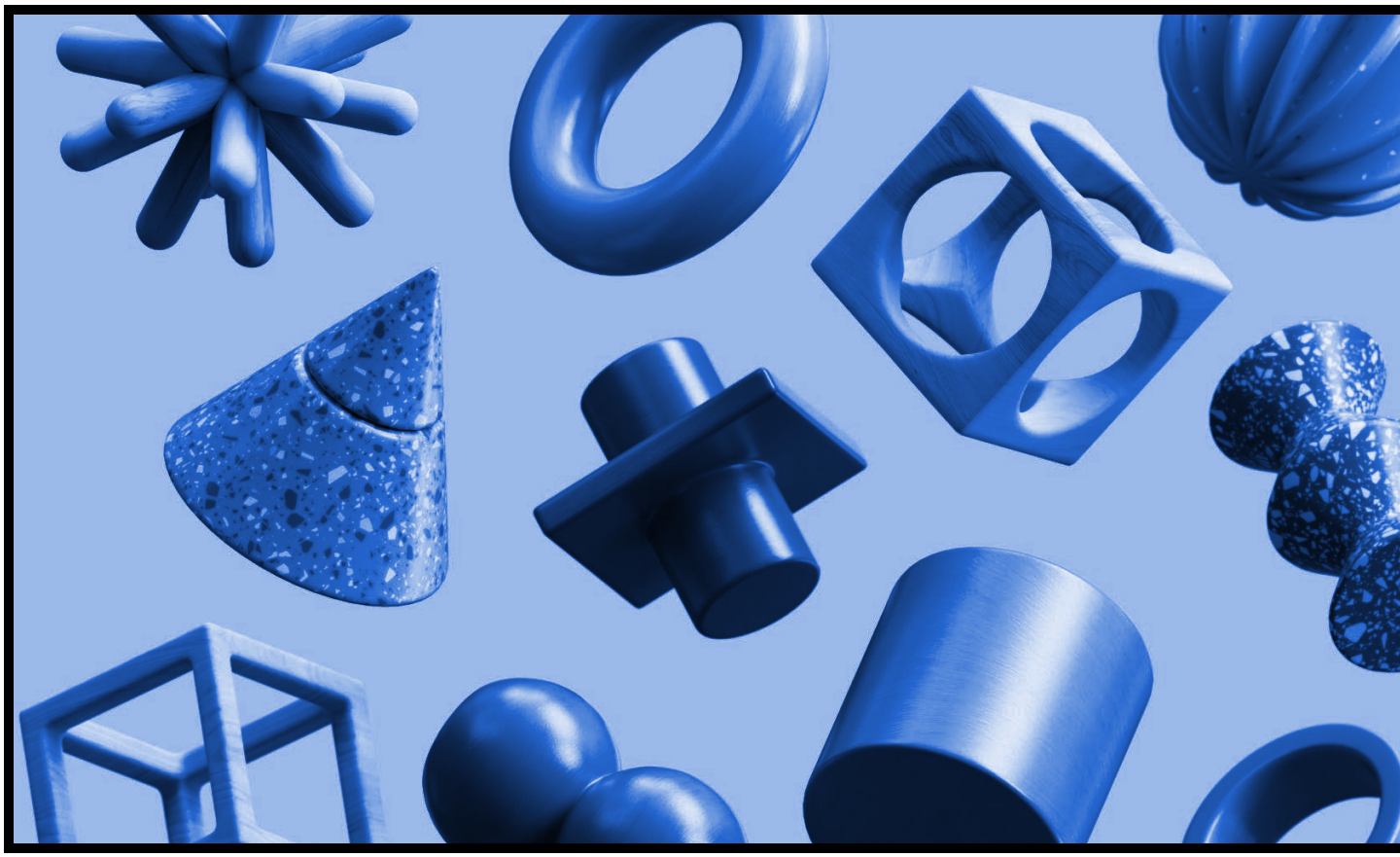
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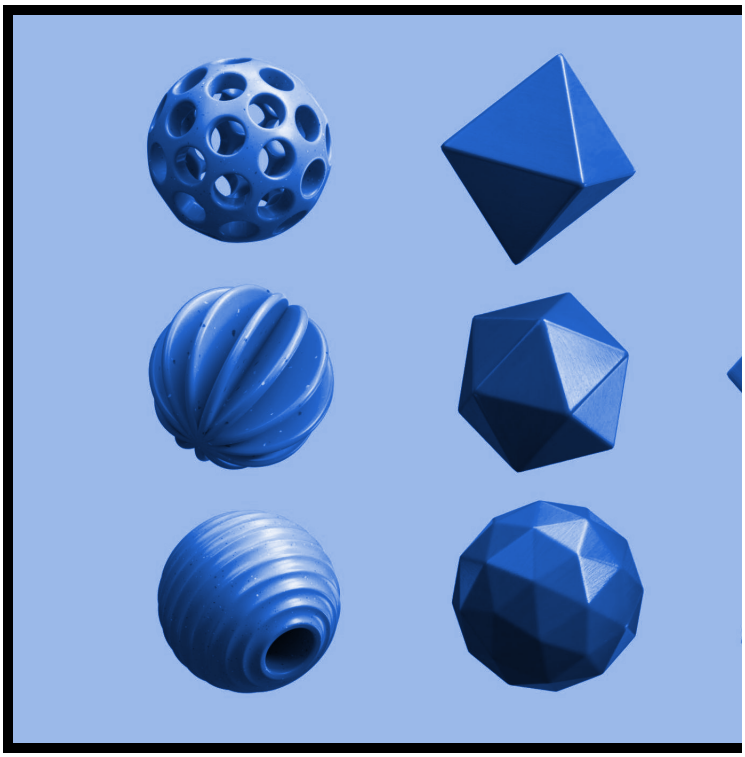
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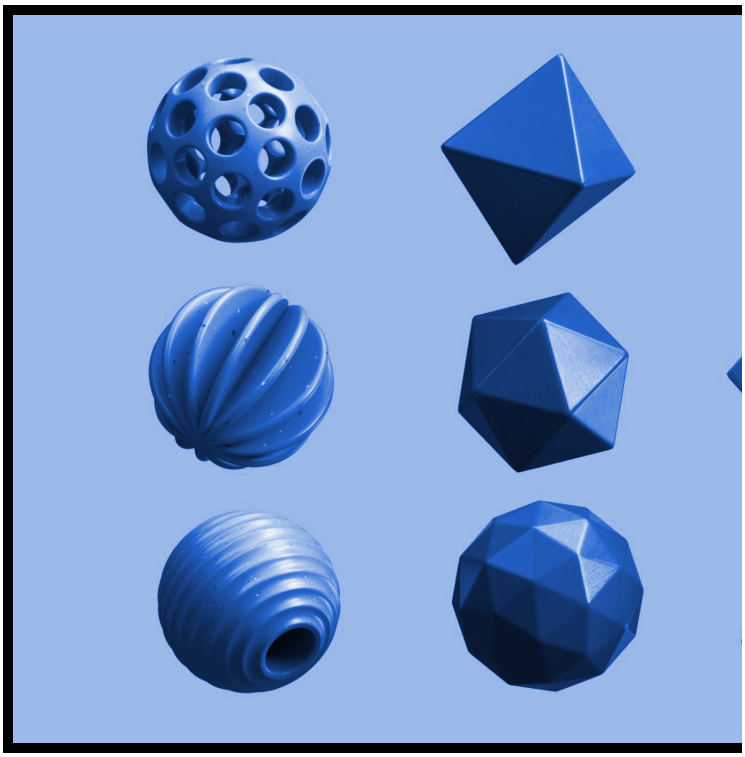
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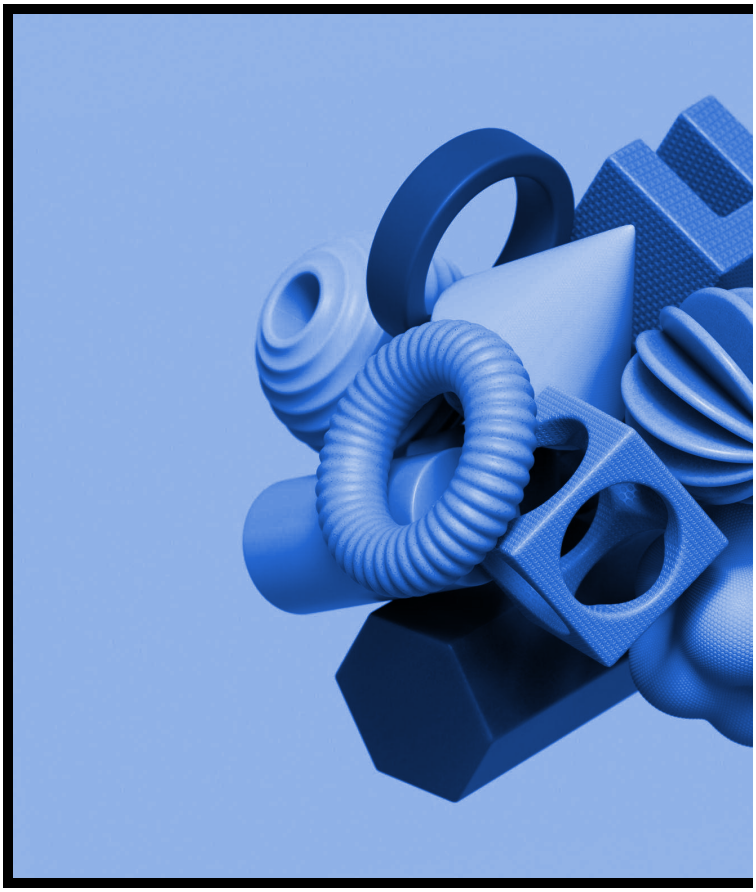
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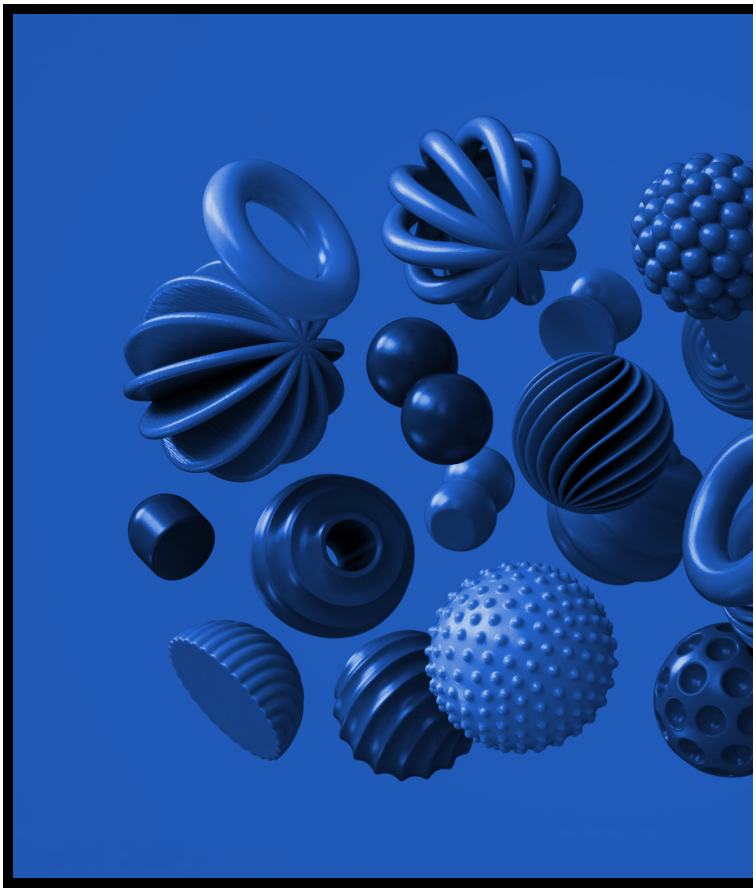
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