

**The Rebel Voice Commission** was established in 2006. It was founded by a group of academic advisors to bring the students' "voice" to academic advising. These advisors collect data from students regarding their attitudes toward academic advising and the experiences they have had within advising. They study this data and present it to the other academic advisors across campus in hopes to improve the academic advising experience. Some accomplishments and events created by this commission include:

Awarded "Outstanding Commission of the Year"  
Student Confessionals  
News article in the Review Journal  
Academic Advising Poster Contest  
Academic Advising Student of the Year  
Presentations at National, Regional and State Conferences  
Student Newsletter

### **Rebel Voice Commission**

#### **Valarie Morgan (Chair/Academic Advisor -Liberal Arts)**

Valarie is originally from Larchmont, NY and relocated to Las Vegas in 2002. She began her studies at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in 2004. In 2009, Valarie obtained her Master's degree in Educational Leadership at UNLV and is now currently pursuing a PhD in Sociology. She has been an Academic Advisor for the College of Liberal Arts since 2006.

#### **Janet Hollinger (Academic Advisor- Sciences)**

Janet has been with the College of Sciences for 7 years, advising for 5. She has a Bachelor's degree in Integrative and Organismal Biology from UNLV! She works with the Nevada Regional Science Bowl, both the middle school and the high school events, as well as Southern Nevada Regional Science Fair. Janet has a daughter who attends CSN and UNLV at the moment studying Biology, and another daughter who just started Pre-Law at Hamline in Minnesota, who also is on their soccer team.

#### **Christina Zboril (Academic Advisor-Sciences)**

Christina earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies in 2007 and her Master's degree in Educational Leadership: Higher Education Administration in 2008, both from UNLV. She has experience with financial aid and had worked in the Office of Student Advising for the Hotel College as an intern/graduate assistant before she started advising for the College of Sciences, where she has worked since January 2009.

## **Student Academic Advisory Board**

### **Crystina Blaze**

Crystina Blaze is a Junior in her Meeting and Event Management Degree through the Hotel College. Her graduation date is set for May 2013 but she hopes to continue her education going for a Masters in Hospitality Management. She is active on campus through the Resident Hall Association and Student Conduct Code Board. She is actively involved in planning events and is known as the go to girl for questions regarding students. She moved to UNLV from a community college in Oregon where she was in charge of Student Leadership on Campus.

### **Ashley Celis**

Ashley Celis is currently a Psychology major and Italian Studies minor now in her senior year. She is an avid fan of Developmental Psychology and plans on pursuing a PhD in said field after graduating. Until then, Ashley is active in several organizations on campus and dedicates her time to the UNLV community as a Research Assistant in the Infant and Child Lab, and as a newly elected CSUN Senator for the College of Liberal Arts.

### **Samantha Hilton**

Samantha Hilton is a senior who will be graduating in Spring 2012 with a BSBA in Accounting. Academic advising is a passion of hers, and upon graduation she hopes to either get a job in advising or enter into the Higher Education Master's program. She is also a member of the honor society Beta Alpha Psi. In her free time she likes to play video games and spend time with her fiancé.

### **David Lopez**

David Lopez is entering his second year at UNLV. He is majoring in Political Science and plans to obtain the tools needed to better serve others. David has immersed himself in the idea of representing others and not just himself. He is proud of what he has done, however much of it can be attributed to those around him including fellow peers and family. David plans to assist in any way that he can to ensure a better outlook for the student body. He will always make the students' concerns his top priority.