Grad Rebel Advantage
Mentors

Congratulations to our incoming 2022-2023 cohort
Academic Bio

Brittany Holmes-Sutton is a graduate student in the Couple and Family Therapy Program. She has a passion for expanding mental health resources to more communities. Brittany’s research focus is recidivism and its impact on Black males and their families. UNLV has always felt like home to Brittany. Go Rebels!

Why did you choose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor?

Brittany chose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor because she wants to connect students with opportunities beyond their undergraduate degree and increase representation within graduate programs. Her hopes for her mentees is that they leave the experience feeling more confident in their abilities as students and as individuals, overall.
Charlene is currently in her 4th year of undergrad majoring in Psychology and minoring in Family Studies. She is the 1st generation in her Filipino family to graduate with a bachelor’s degree. Charlene loves and enjoys being involved on campus and in her community. She enjoys being an executive board member for 1st Generation Club where she serves and provides helpful resources for 1st generation students. She also devotes her time as an intern for a non-profit organization called the Love Yourself Foundation whose mission are to promote mental health and self awareness. Charlene is deeply passionate about mental health and hopes to becomes an advocate for families, women, and children. After college, she plans to attend graduate school and pursue a Master’s Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Why did you choose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor?

As a first generation student, Charlene knows the struggles of finding resources about graduate school. When she joined the Grad Rebel Advantage Program during her junior year, she received many great benefits and resources that helped her prepare for graduate school. Charlene chose to serve as a co-mentor because she wants to help other first generation students and share the great resources and tips she gained from her time of being Grad Rebel Advantage Program Mentee.
Academic Bio

Daniel is an anthropology doctoral candidate, in his final year. His research focuses on anthropological approaches to understanding identity through prehistoric ceramics in the North American Southwest. Daniel chose UNLV because of the strong research emphasis the Department of Anthropology has placed in the prehistory of the Grand Canyon.

Why did you choose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor?

Daniel chose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor to provide guidance to students who have been provided an opportunity previously unavailable to himself. Furthermore, he is interested in providing undergraduate students the insights he has gained in preparing for and succeeding in graduate school.
Gillian Bowden has earned her MFA in Theatre from Penn State and her MEd. in CTE from UNLV. Her research focuses on how multigenerational training groups interact with digital learning tools in the workforce. Gillian chose UNLV to learn from and work with the esteemed CTE faculty members.

Why did you choose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor?

Making decisions regarding graduate school can be confusing and difficult. This can be especially true when considering programs far from home. Gillian wants to be able to use her experience to help others navigate the process.
Godson Ebenezer Adjovu is a Ph.D. student majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

He received his bachelor's and master's degree in Civil Engineering. His research focuses on remote sensing applications in water quality monitoring.

He is the current Vice President of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) and the president of the African Student Alliance here at UNLV.

He is excited to be accepted as Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor for the 2022/2023 year.

Through this program, he hopes to guide and mentor undergraduate students using his experience as a graduate student to aid them in future graduate studies.
Janelle was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She started the MBA Program with a concentration in New Venture Management in Fall 2020. She chose to study at UNLV because of its strong community of student success and support.

Janelle chose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor because she loves to help others reach their goals. She believes that mentorship is a key component in education because it provides students the opportunity to connect with others and it enriches the student experience outside of the classroom.
Academic Bio

Jelard is a first-generation Filipino American entering his third year in the Biological Sciences PhD program with a concentration on Quantitative Biology and Bioinformatics. His research focuses on detecting alternative splicing events in single cells. He chose UNLV because of the high diversity of students and its R1 status.

Why did you choose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor?

Jelard chose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor to share his experiences on his serendipitous path towards his graduate studies. He hopes for his students to gain valuable insights about the occupations they wish to pursue and for them to one day be mentors themselves.
ACADEMIC BIO

Maria Hermosillo's academic interests include social psychology, community, and Latinx issues. Her past work focuses on how communities recreate themselves online. Currently, her research is on how microaggressions influence the identity formation of the Latinx community. Maria chose to attend UNLV as they have great graduate programs and faculty.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE A GRAD REBEL ADVANTAGE MENTOR?

As a first-generation college graduate, Maria struggled with the graduate school application journey and wished she had a mentor. She hopes not only to guide on the process but listen to the mentees’ concerns, offer words of encouragement, open their minds to different ideas, and challenge them to go further.
Academic Bio

Travis is a fourth-year, part-time student at the William S. Boyd School of Law. His research areas include investor protection and bankruptcy law. Travis chose Boyd Law because its legal writing program is ranked #1 and he considers Las Vegas home.

Why did you choose to be a Grad Rebel Advantage Mentor?

Travis wants to help his mentees navigate the challenges of the law school application process. He will also provide insight about what students should expect during their 1L year. Travis is looking forward to showing that law school can be a challenging and fulfilling experience. He wants to encourage the Grad Rebel Mentees to maintain the confidence they need when applying to law school and as law students.