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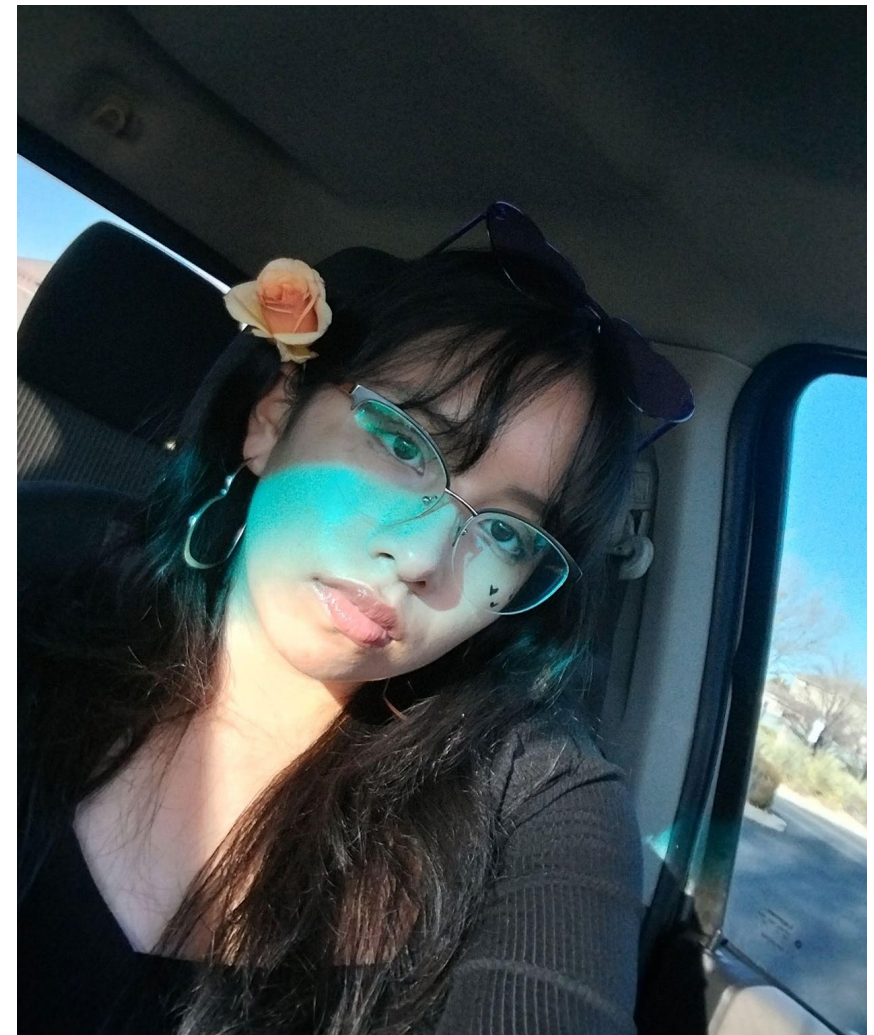


Naomi Garcia Suastegui

Major : Finance

Hi, my name is Naomi and I'm majoring in finance and minoring in economics. In my free time I love to play tennis and read books.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to get more involved at UNLV and take advantage of any resources available to me. I hope to meet new people also navigating college life like me!



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Alyssa Neal

My major is currently Business Management!

I am originally from Ohio and wanted to seek a degree here in Las Vegas as a first generation student. I am also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated!

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I want to take advantage of every opportunity to grow academically and professionally. I also want to use my experiences to mentor and support other students, helping them succeed and feel empowered in their own journeys.



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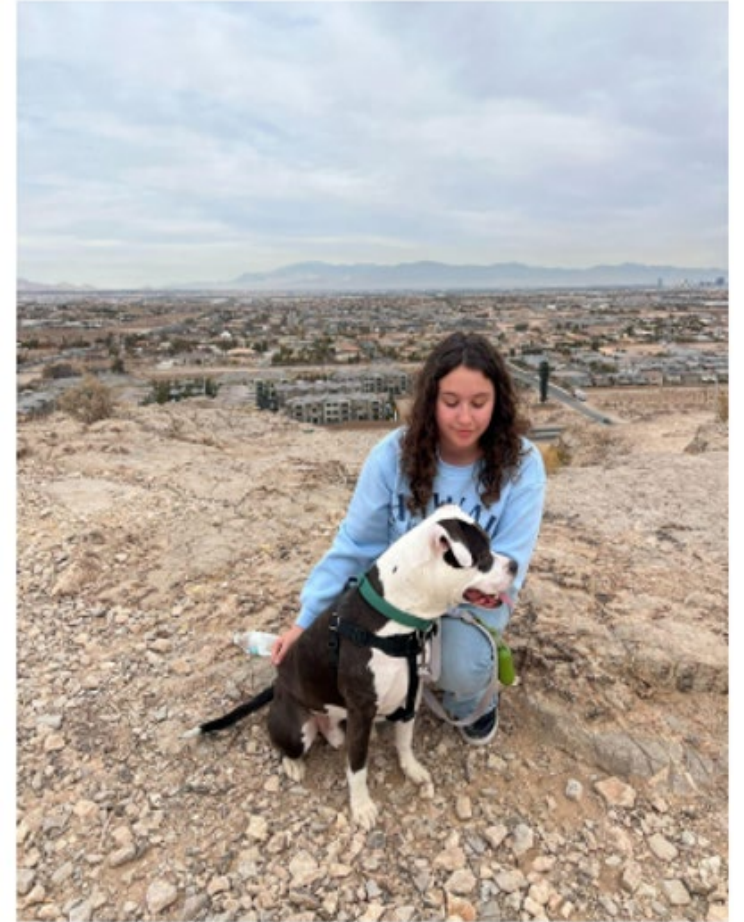


Riley Adams

International Business major minoring in Japanese

Hi everyone! I'm a second year student here at UNLV. I work 2 on campus jobs and in my freetime I enjoy reading, writing, and spending time with my family and friends.

I applied to the Rebel R.I.S.E program to increase my campus involvement and learn something new!



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Braydon Bond

Applied Health Science with a Pre-Medicine Concentration

Hello everyone! My name is Braydon Bond and I am a second year student here at UNLV. I have aspirations of going to medical school to become a Sports Medicine Physician. In my free time I like to play basketball, chess, and listen to music.

As someone who was born and raised in Las Vegas, I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to find additional ways to give back to my community as well as to meet more UNLV peers.



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Ashlyn Sins

Major: BFA in Dance Performance and Choreography

Hi! I'm Ashlyn Sins and I'm from New Orleans, Louisiana. I am on the Scarlet Dance Line for the Star of Nevada Marching Band as well as a sister of Alpha Delta Pi! I love to go shopping with my friends, try new restaurants, and discover new music. I hope to attend law school after completing my undergraduate degree from UNLV.

I joined the Rebels R.I.S.E program to find more ways to be involved on campus and in the community. I also want to learn about other programs offered at UNLV as well as scholarship opportunities.



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Aja Evans

Major: Business Management

I'm a dedicated Business Management major at UNLV with aspirations of launching a successful clothing and beauty brand. As a first-generation college student and active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., I am passionate about leadership, entrepreneurship, and community engagement.

I applied to the R.I.S.E Scholar Program to expand my involvement on campus beyond Greek life and deepen my connections within my major. This program will provide me with the support, resources, and networking opportunities needed to grow both academically and professionally.



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Azja Lee

Major: Biology and Psychology

Hi everyone my name is Azja (pronounced Asia) Lee, and I am a second year on the pre-med track hoping to become a Pediatrician. On my free time I love watching anime, reading, or trying new food/dessert places!

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Program as a first generation student because till this day I find college a very confusing place, and feel many times I am as not connected or have taken advantage of all UNLV has to offer as a college. Therefore I am really hoping to put myself more out there learning more about my college, gain valuable skills through new opportunities and meet fellow students!



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Khadydja Samb

Major : Pre Nursing

Hello, My name is Khadydja and I am currently a second year student.

In my free time I enjoy ceramics, reading, and doing yoga, but most importantly drinking matcha.

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E scholar program because I want to network and build new relations out of my second year and get the most out of my college experience.

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Christina Urias

Major: Mechanical Engineering with a Minor in Computer Science

I am a hard-working student, who aims to achieve academic excellence, and loves to encounter new experiences. . It has been a challenge to stay on top of everything that it feels like eating soup with a fork.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I hope to discover ways to obtain networking and future opportunities that would support my academic and professional growth.



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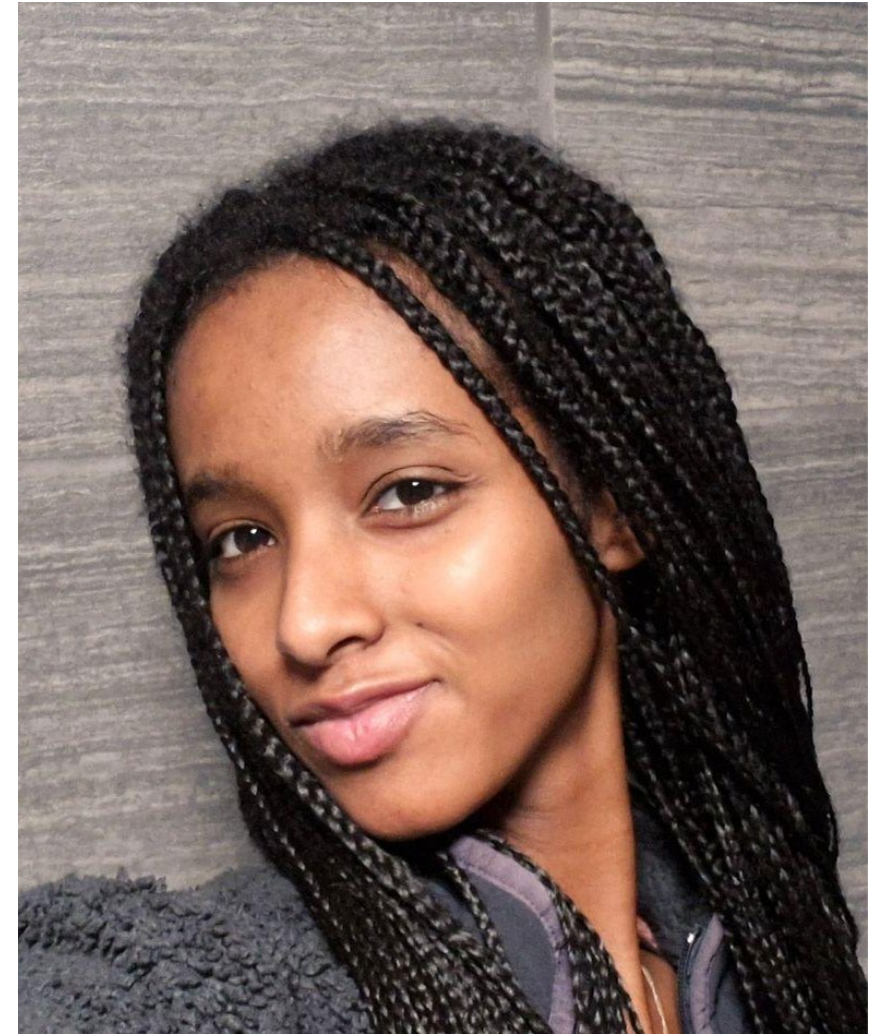


Bethel Kifle

Major: Mechanical Engineering

I am passionate about continuous learning, nature, and making a positive impact in my community. I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to gain valuable mentorship and develop the skills needed to thrive academically and professionally.

I enjoy spending time in nature, traveling to new places, and trying new activities like kayaking. I also have a strong interest in problem-solving, learning new skills, and exploring different perspectives. In my free time I like to listen to music, learn something new, and find adventures to take.



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Ashley Gamez

Major: Criminal justice / potentially a minor in chemistry.

My name is Ashley but anyone can call me Ash (Just like the main character from pokémon that's how I got my nickname lol), my pronouns are she/her.

My hobbies would be playing video games, watching one of my favorite youtubers named Dashiee, I like watching Star Wars I binged the whole series in a week and I will say my favorites would be The Mandalorian and Obi-wan, I also play pokémon tcg and I enjoy listening to a good podcast whether political or religion based anything that catches my interest I love expanding my knowledge on different views.



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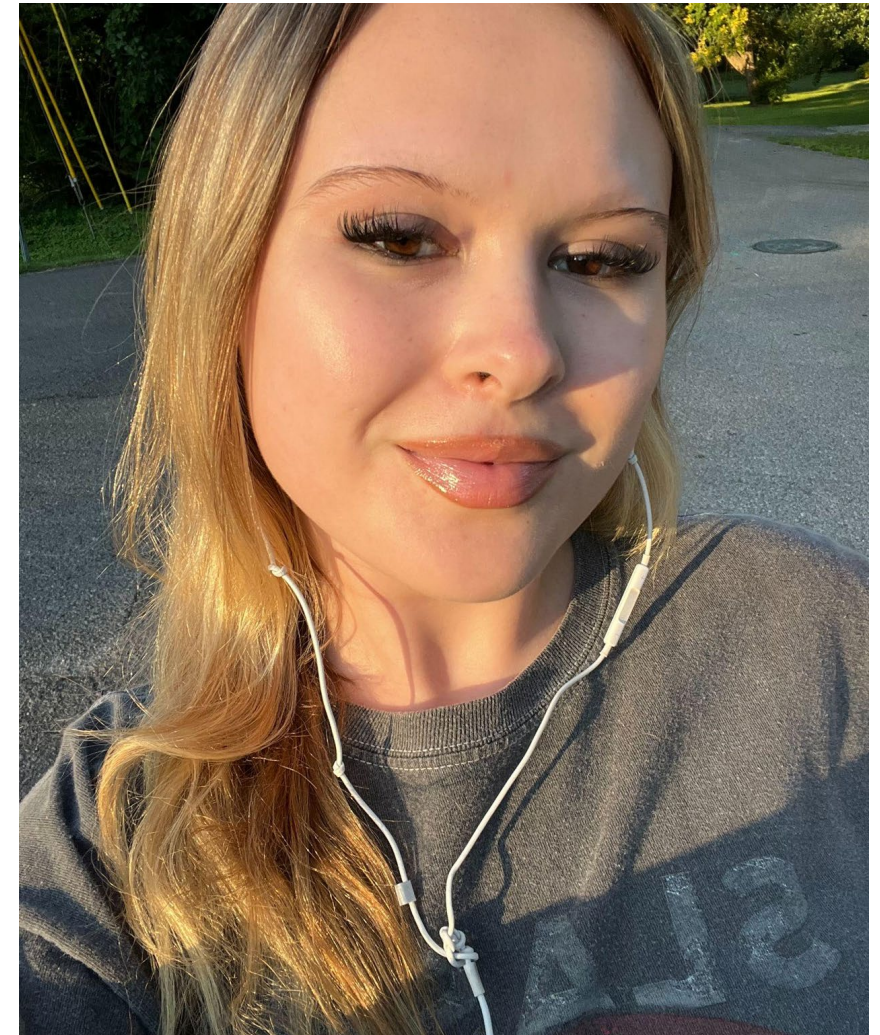


Hannah Adams

Major: Hospitality Management

I'm originally from Nashville, but moved to Las Vegas for UNLV's renowned Hospitality program. For my career, I want to travel the world, while incorporating fashion, events, and social media outreach.

Not only do I want to gain advice on career, scholarships, etc. but I want new opportunities to build my community at UNLV. I also applied to overall strengthen my commitment to academics!



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Andrea Marban

Major: Criminal Justice

Hi everyone!! My name is Andrea and I am currently in my second year at UNLV. My major is in criminal justice and I am minoring in communications.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program in hopes to feel more prepared for life and future career after graduating. I also applied to this program in hopes of building connections socially and professionally.



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Lasharina Toler

Hello Everyone! 🙋 I am super excited to be taking part in this experience with all of you.

Since my full name is a mouth full, I am absolutely okay with being called "Shar." My preferred pronouns are she/her.

Major : Urban Studies with a minor in African-American and African Diaspora Studies

Hobbies/Likes : I am currently obsessed with online gaming at the moment. My children and I like to play Fortnite, Roblox, and a variety of other console video games as well as watching play throughs on Twitch and YouTube. If it's something you're into as well, feel free to drop your gamer tag(s) in the comments, and I'll connect with you. 😊

I had this picture taken in Paris, France on the bridge nearest the Musée d'Orsay. I am pretty proud of it and what it represented at that time in my life



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Maya Zvada

Major: Pre-Social Work major with a minor in Psychology (which was previously my major).

Some of my favorite hobbies are crafting, baking, and listening to music. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and taking part in this program!



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Aaron Menefee

Majors: Psychology & Sociology

Hi everyone! My name is Aaron Menefee, and I enjoy reading and going to the gym with friends in my free time. I'm passionate about understanding human behavior and social structures and love engaging in discussions that challenge my perspective.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to connect with like-minded peers, develop my leadership skills, and gain valuable academic and professional growth opportunities. I'm excited to be part of a supportive community that fosters success both inside and outside the classroom.



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Nicol Palacios

Major: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting

Hello, my name is Nicol Palacios and I am a first-generation Mexican-American student born in Las Vegas. In my free time, I enjoy exploring on my bike and constructing LEGO models.

Joining the Rebels R.I.S.E program allows me to access opportunities for both academic and professional growth. I applied with the hope of fostering a sense of belonging, expanding my network, and receiving support as I navigate my second year at UNLV.



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Joseph Sequeira

Psychology w/neuroscience minor

Hello! I am a second year student on the pre-med track. I am currently training for the tough mudder with the honors rebellion. I also like to play soccer, chess, and games on my ps5 on my free time.

I applied to be apart of the R.I.S.E Scholar Program since I wanted to be more engaged with UNLV since I want to have more involvement on campus and engage with the community.



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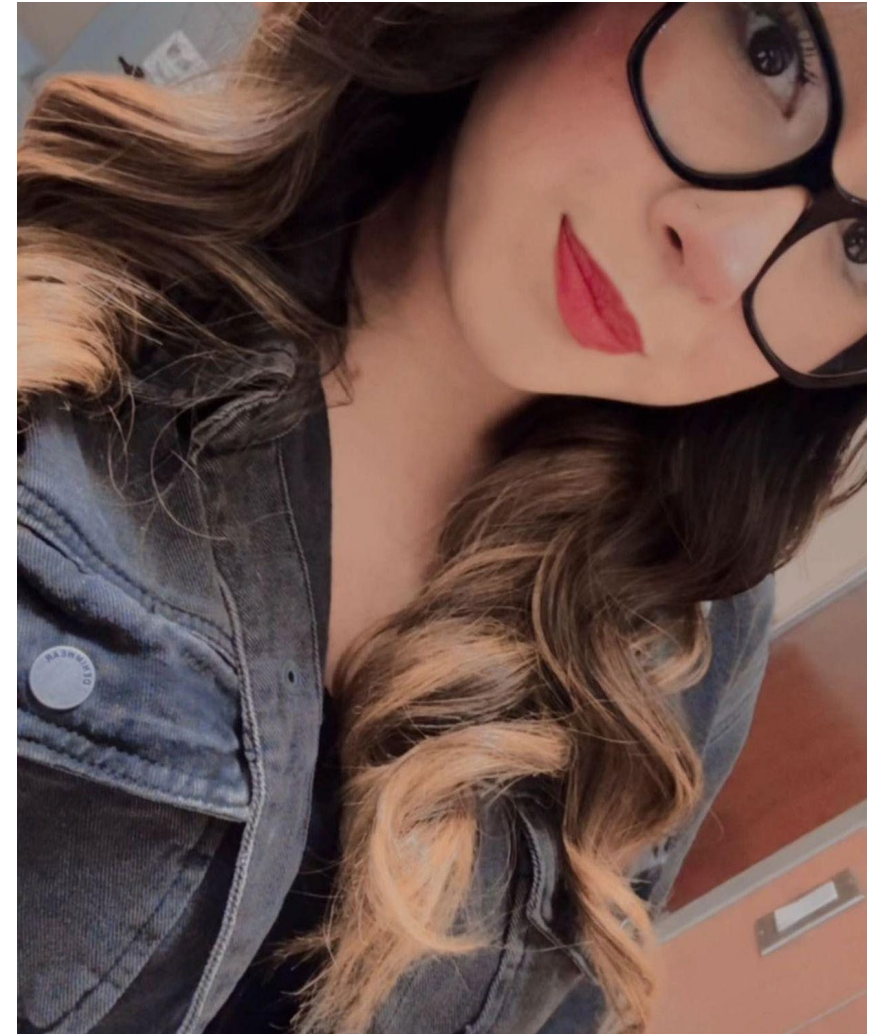


Abby Juarez

Major: Urban Studies (Public Administration)

Hello Everyone! My name is Abigail Juarez. I am pursuing a Public Administration Bachelor's Degree here at UNLV. I aspire to become a Homicide Detective in the future. During my free time, I take pleasure spending time with my baby niece and my family. I also enjoy going to Church as I hold a very profound love for Jesus!

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I would like to become much more involved with different activities on campus. I also would like to gain valuable skills that'll help me grow as a person.



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Pedro Andrade

Major: Public Health

I'm currently a sophomore in my second semester. I'm a local from Vegas and a first-generation student.

I applied to this program because it seemed like a great opportunity. I still feel there is much more to learn about being involved and the university itself.



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Phaedra Pangelinan

Major: Accounting

Hi everyone! My name is Phaedra and I'm currently a second-year student at UNLV. I'm also an out-of-state student as well as a first generation college student. Some of my favorite things to do include reading, listening to music, and spending time with my friends and family.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program for a few different reasons. The main reason I applied was because I've been wanting to get more involved on campus, and after being recommended to join this program I decided to go for it. A couple of other reasons why I applied was to gain more knowledge of campus resources as well as to connect with some of my peers.



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CJ ANDREWS

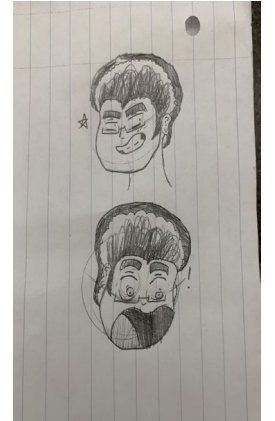


Major: *Entertainment Engineering & Design*

Hello! Don't be afraid to say hi to me; I may be a little energetic (and as my parents say... *dramatic*) but I won't bite.

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E because I want to deepen and further my potential to make connections at UNLV, both those I already have and those I have yet to make.

-CJ 



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Esmeralda Hernandez

Major: Accounting

Hello! My name is Esmeralda, and I am a first-generation college student who is an accounting major. Some of my hobbies include reading and crocheting.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I wanted to learn how to be more involved on campus and learn more about the resources that UNLV offers.



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