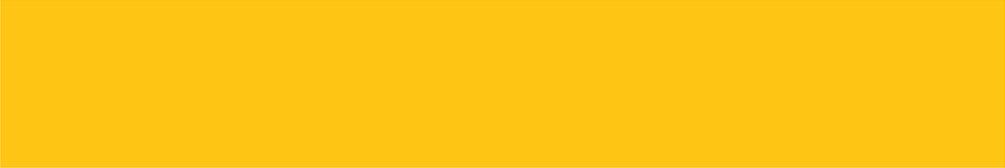




# Grad Rebel Advantage Program

Congratulations to our incoming  
2019-2020 cohort





# College of Education



# Anthony Cano



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: College of Education**

**Major: Secondary Education with  
an emphasis in Social Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Anthony, a Las Vegas Local, is a first-generation college student majoring in secondary education. He is the first in his family to pursue a higher education and currently works as a teacher's aide. Anthony chose his passion for education so he can advocate for all children to pursue their dreams.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Anthony plans to pursue a Master's degree in Higher Education or Multicultural Education with aspirations to further his education with obtaining an educational specialist degree or an EdD/PhD in educational leadership. His dream is to be able to fight the injustices students of all backgrounds face in the education system.

# Christian Bacloa



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: College of  
Education**

**Major: Human Services**

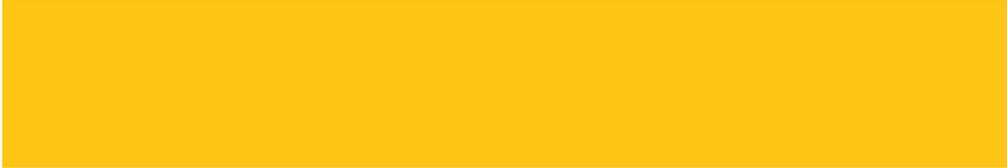


## **Academic Bio**

Christian is a second generation Filipino-American student finishing his degree in Human Services. He is involved in leadership roles in Tau Kappa Epsilon and participates in community service. His hobbies include music, dance, and fitness. He chose Human Services because of his desire to become a therapist in the future.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Christian plans on applying to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at UNLV. He took a few years off after high school in order to explore where his interests and passions lie; he discovered that helping individuals with their mental and emotional problems was his calling.



# College of Fine Arts



# Evelyn Benitez



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: College of Fine Arts**

**Major: Acting**



## **Academic Bio**

Evelyn is a local Las Vegas and transfer student from The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts. She is a first generation college student, and actor. The reason she majors in Acting is flesh out stories, ideas, and current events.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

There are many graduate programs to choose from. Yale School of Drama and Southern Utah University are at top of the list because they both are geographically closer to career opportunities as an actor.

# Rachita Dhakal



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: College of Fine Arts**

**Major: Film**

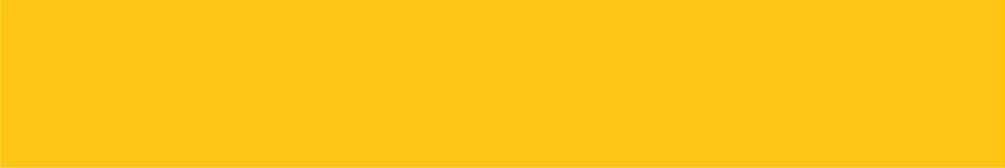


## **Academic Bio**

Rachita Dhakal was born and raised in Kathmandu, Nepal. She moved to the USA in 2014, and has been residing in Las Vegas ever since. She practices photography as a hobby, and is currently working at the UNLV Student Union as a Facility Supervisor. She is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Film because of her ambition to be a compelling visual storyteller.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

She wants to pursue a Master's of Arts in Film and Media Production as she wants to be able to understand every aspect of filmmaking, including producing and directing, as well as shooting and editing the film with proficiency. In addition to that, she also wants to be able to develop and maintain interpersonal relationships with people that have similar ambitions in life.



# College of Liberal Arts



# Alina Lindquist



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts and Fine Arts**

**Majors: Anthropology, Art History, and Art**



## **Academic Bio**

Alina moved from Northern Nevada to attend UNLV. Her majors weave together her interests and passions.

Besides school, Alina is a 500-hour registered yoga teacher. She started yoga her freshman year at UNLV, and now happily teaches where she took her first yoga class.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

She wants to pursue her graduate degree to ultimately become a professor. For now, she is still deciding and looking at what wants to narrow her focus on (in between the realms of anthropology and art history).

# Bibiana Lopez



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: English & Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Bibiana is a first-generation, undergraduate student who works as a Peer Research Coach for the UNLV Libraries. She also volunteers as a CARE Advocate for the Jean Nidetch Women's Center, and is a council member for the Latter-day Saint Student Association.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Bibiana is working towards entering a clinical psychology program. Through her experiences as Peer Coach and Research Assistant, Bibiana has discovered a passion for research, and hopes to add to the conversation surrounding mental health and create more accessible mental health services in Las Vegas.

# Cameron Sepede



## Academic Bio

My name is Cameron Sepede and I was born and raised here in Las Vegas. Both of my parents are UNLV alumni, and my father played soccer here back in the 80's. I played baseball here for two years and am currently finishing up my sociology and economics degrees. I am also currently participating on UNLV's mock trial team.

## What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?

I am interested in law, and my experience on the mock trial team here has really cultivated and peaked that interest. I hope to one day attend Law School.

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal  
Arts/Business**

**Major: Sociology**

**Minor: Economics**

# Dielle Tan Telada



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Political Science**



## **Academic Bio**

Dielle Telada is a second generation Filipino-American. As a local and proud Nevadan, she serves CSUN as the Director of Legislative Affairs, is a member of Alpha Xi Delta fraternity and of the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society. Majoring in political science was an easy choice for Dielle because she believes in the capacity of government as a means to effectively improve lives.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Because of her experience interning in the Nevada State Legislature and on the presidential campaign trail, Dielle seeks a Master of Arts degree in Political Science. She plans to continue advocating for improved standards of living in disadvantaged communities, and looks forward to the opportunity to help reform the criminal justice system.

# Dyanna Burnham



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Sociology**

**Minor: Anthropology**

## **Academic Bio**

Dyanna is a first generation college student who grew up in Las Vegas. She decided to focus on sociology after falling in love with the subject after taking a 101 class. She wishes to go to graduate school to work on research in medical sociology.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Dyanna intends to apply to programs offering a PhD. in sociology, with her area of expertise in medical sociology. More specifically, she wants to study mental illness, as it is a topic that has affected her personally and she feels more research is needed in underserved and unrecognized populations.

# Drewmel Darby



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: U.S. History**

**Minor: African American and  
African Diaspora Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Drewmel is a first generation student from Berkeley, California. His passion for history started from playing WWII videogames as a child. A McNair Scholar and Phi Alpha Theta member, he conducts research on the work place experiences of African Americans in the Nevada Test Site between 1951-1970 under Dr. Todd Robinson.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Drewmel plans to pursue a dual doctoral degree in History and African American and African Diaspora Studies to become a professor in the subject. He also intends to expand into Public History to help disseminate the historical information to the public.

# Deshawn Johnson



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Sociology**



## **Academic Bio**



Deshawn is a first generation out-of-state student from California majoring Sociology and a minor in English. She serves as the Black/African American Program Assistant and Peer Educator for the Student Diversity & Social Justice office as well as, the marketing director for African Student Association.



## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Deshawn plans to pursue a Sociology graduate program that will emphasize studies on social inequality among marginalized communities. She hopes to become an academic and student affairs professional.



# Hazel Alejandro

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Sociology**



## **Academic Bio**

Hazel was born in Virginia and went to high school in Las Vegas. On campus, she is involved in Cohen Scholars, AANAPISI, and Sociology Club. She currently works as a student worker at the UNLV Admissions. She chose her major because she loves learning about the social realities that different communities are facing.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Hazel plans to pursue a Master's in Social Work so she can help marginalized and underprivileged people in the community she loves most.

# Heather Panozzo



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Interdisciplinary-  
Multidisciplinary Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Heather is a first generation college student who began her academic career after switching gears from active duty Navy. She is a member of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and works in the Military and Veteran Services Center on campus. Her major has inspired her to color outside of the lines and take full creative control of her studies through the infusion of addictions treatment, sociology, and social work to complete her Bachelor of Arts.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Heather plans to pursue the Masters of Social Work program. She wants to go into direct practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W) and open her own practice working with entheogenic medicines to help treat trauma and trauma related disorders. She believes that healing is multidimensional and eminently unique to the individual, which demands the need for treatment modalities to be reflective of these diverse human dimensions.

# Hailee Roehm



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Hailee has lived in Las Vegas for 9 years, before that she lived in Japan for another 9 years. She was born on Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. When Hailee first began her college experience, she started off as a Biology major but as soon as she took her first Psychology 101 class, her mind was made up, she was going to change her major to Psychology. Hailee currently works at the Graduate College as a student work.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Hailee would like to pursue the Master of Education – Special Education program at UNLV when she graduates with her bachelors degree. She has an eight-year-old step brother who has autism and it encourages her to learn more about the disorder so that she can help him as he grows up.

# India Starks

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

India Starks is a Las Vegas resident originally from California. She is the first in her family to attend university and works hard, consistently holding a GPA at or above 3.95. She keeps herself busy between classes with her two human sexuality teaching assistant positions and an on-campus library job.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

India plans to join the Couples and Family Therapy graduate program offered here at UNLV. Looking forward to gaining first person experience in the program as a student therapist. She looks forward to learning from the wonderful faculty in the hands on environment the curriculum has cultivated.

# James E. Green



**Class Standing: Sophomore**

**Department: Interdisciplinary,  
Gender and Ethnic Studies**

**Major: Social Science Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

James E. Green is a student of interdisciplinary studies in the College of Liberal Arts with an interest in the intersection of sociology and criminal justice. He hails from Rhode Island but has lived in Las Vegas for a decade. He is a member of the U.S. Army National Guard.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Green hopes to pursue a doctorate in sociology to explore his research interest in the study and prevention of human trafficking.

# Janelle Salcedo



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts, College of Education**

**Major: Psychology, Human Services**

**Minor: Biology, Neuroscience**



## **Academic Bio**

Janelle is a first generation college student. She enjoys working as a research assistant at UNLV and being part of the Outreach Undergraduate Mentoring Program (OUMP) Advisory Board. Janelle works as a tutor for elementary students. She chose Psychology and Human Services as her majors because she enjoys learning about humans and mental health.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Janelle plans on pursuing a graduate program in clinical or counseling psychology. She is interested in understanding mental health experiences among Asian Americans.

# Jordan Tirone

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Jordan is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with minors in 'Neuroscience' and 'Family Studies.' He is a sitting member of the Dean's Student Advisory Council and a member of Psi Chi. Jordan is currently working as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) and as a Research Assistant on campus.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Jordan is seeking a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and wants to join UNLV's doctoral program. He is perusing a career as a clinical psychologist to working with kids and young adults with maladaptive and atypical behaviors. He has a particular interest in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Selective Mutism, and more.

# Katherine Patricia Johnson

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Katherine, a RAMP mentee working on their Honors Thesis, is involved in a number of organizations, including UNLV's Spectrum, Honors Council, and Psi Chi. Psychology was chosen as their major due to their passion for improving the welfare of stigmatized communities, intellectual curiosity, and belief in self-determination.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Katherine plans to attend a doctoral program in clinical psychology to become a clinical psychologist to research improving interventions for underserved populations (e.g. LGBTQ+ and ethnic minorities) and the effects of cultural identification on mental health. Through this research, they hope to make long-standing improvements to the mental health of disenfranchised communities.

# Karla Manzanero



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Interdisciplinary Studies;  
Political Science and Sociology**



## **Academic Bio**

Karla was born in San Diego and raised in Las Vegas. She is a first-generation college student and is pursuing an Interdisciplinary degree that focuses on Political Science and Sociology. Karla's interest in how politics strongly influences the realm of social justice led her to concentrate in these areas.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Karla plans on pursuing a Policy Studies degree program to learn how policy can effectively make a difference in our communities and solve real-world issues.

# Lauren Paljusaj



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: English - Professional Writing**



## **Academic Bio**

Lauren grew up in Las Vegas. After a hiatus, Lauren decided to return to UNLV to complete her bachelor's degree, and currently works at the UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives. She chose her major due to her interest in publishing, editing, and literature.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Lauren plans on pursuing a master's of library and information science, with a concentration in archives. She has a passion for preserving history and wants to work to make documents, photographs, and other items accessible for future generations.

# Lidia Wossen

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Lidia is a Las Vegas native who is currently pursuing a degree in psychology. She has a strong passion for helping others and building meaningful connections. On campus, you can find her volunteering and serving as a Hixson-Lied Scholar. Off campus, you can find Lidia leading her dance fitness classes across the valley.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After completion of her undergraduate studies, Lidia plans to pursue an M.D. and/or a Ph.D. in Psychiatry, with an emphasis on children and adolescents. She has always had a passion for wanting to support and help others by assisting them through their journeys and challenges in life.

# Lucero Pineda-Roman



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: English and Psychology**

## **Academic Bio**

Lucero is a first generation college student. She is actively involved in the Honors College as a peer instructor for the HON 105 first year seminar. She is a student worker at Human Resources and a research assistant at the Human Memory Lab. She is also the founding editor of the SPECTRA Undergraduate Research Journal. She chose her majors because they have greatly impacted her life.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Lucero plans on pursuing a Ph.D in experimental psychology because she intends on being actively involved in research well beyond her years in graduate school.

# Martha Amaya



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts &  
Urban Affairs**

**Major: French, Political Science,  
& Criminal Justice**



## **Academic Bio**

Martha is a Las Vegas native and is pursuing a career in Foreign Service with the Department of State. She is a Princeton University Public Policy & International Affairs fellow. At UNLV, she is a Facility Supervisor at the Student Union and a researcher for the Tourism Safety & Crowd Science lab.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Martha plans to pursue an M.A. at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies using her PPIA fellowship, as it is the top-ranked school for international affairs in the world. She is also considering Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia, as many Foreign Service Officers have completed graduate degrees at these schools.

# Mirella Jasso



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

A Colorado native who moved to Vegas with her sisters to continue her education, Mirella became passionate about her psychology major after taking a philosophy of happiness class that taught her about positive psychology. After learning about happiness and positive psychology she wanted to spread the message to everyone, so she became dedicated in her work as student and community member in Las Vegas to spread happiness and help those in need. She hopes to focus her work with college students mental health issues to help them become their optimum self so they can focus on learning and pursuing their career aspirations.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Mirella plans to pursue a clinical psychology Ph. D. program to become a clinical psychologist focused on helping college students. As a clinical psychologist she hopes to publish her own research in the interest of help college in their mental health issues. With this research she hope to develop an evidence based program to help treat the daily issues college students face.

# Melikabella Shenouda



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**

**Minors: Anthropology & Japanese**



## **Academic Bio**

Born and raised in Las Vegas as the second eldest of four daughters, Melikabella is a proud first generation mix of Egyptian, Italian, Salvadoran, and Spanish descent. She constantly immerses herself in what campus life has to offer and hopes to enrich others' lives by encouraging their involvement in various clubs/programs!

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Melikabella plans on pursuing a PhD program in Clinical Psychology at UNLV. She hopes to eventually open up her own practice, where she will aid patients through individualized care by emphasizing the integral mind-body connection. She is also especially interested in how the culture of stigma impacts when a person decides to seek help, if ever.

# Paula Luna



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Political Science**



## **Academic Bio**

Paula Luna has lived in Las Vegas for over twenty years. Apart from being a full-time student, she is also employed full time. She majored in Political Science not only as a way to expand her opportunities but also to learn how to better contribute to her community.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Paula Luna is pursuing a Masters Degree in Political Science. After a long break from continuing her education, Paula returned with a new sense of determination to finish her undergraduate degree and discovered a passion for academia. She hopes to contribute to the field of Political Science through research and service.

# Rahina Sheikh

Class Standing: Senior

Department: Liberal Arts

Major: Psychology



## Academic Bio

Rahina was born in Panama City, Florida but moved to Las Vegas when she was young. She is involved in various organizations on campus, such as S.O.D.A, S.U.R.J, and CARE Advocates. She is also a Site Leader for Alternative Breaks. Rahina is currently majoring in Psychology. She chose this major because she is fascinated by how the brain works. She's also interested in learning how mental processes impact biases.

## What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?

Rahina plans on getting a masters in Public Health and eventually a PHD in Community or Social Psychology. She is interested in understanding the psychological reasoning behind gender discrimination and other forms of discrimination.

# Saturn Reyes

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Interdisciplinary Studies  
Psychology & Theatre**



## **Academic Bio**

Saturn is a first generation Mexican American college student originally from Texas. She has been immersed in the Vegas entertainment industry since she was 11. She currently helps source and manage talent. She has also been a traveling performer, based in Vegas for over 10 years. Saturn is in the AANAPISI program, studies improv and theatre outside of UNLV, and is also a costume curator, coordinator, & director.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Saturn plans to further pursue a graduate program in Clinical Psychology at UNLV or surrounding colleges. This will help further her studies in her main topics of interest; mental health and the arts. She aims to open up a practice of her own one day.

# Sharon Williams



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Sociology**



## **Academic Bio**

Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, Sharon has lived in Las Vegas for over 43 years. She is a first generation student inspired by her children's college experiences to pursue higher education. She spent 20 years in non profits after a 23 year restaurant management career, and currently works for Apple as a Genius Admin. Sharon is a member of the ADK Sociology Honor Society. She chose Sociology because of her passion for helping others and interest in research.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

I plan on pursuing Medical Sociology, specifically dealing with geriatrics and the elderly population. My mother had Alzheimer's and my goal is to help eliminate the frustration and bureaucracy families face in the healthcare system.

# Tony Green

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Tony Green is a native Las Vegas. He currently works in the mental health field as a Registered Behavior Technician and a Mental Health Behavior at Monte Vista Hospital. Also, volunteers at FOCUS here at UNLV, the Las Vegas Rescue, Three Square, and works as a Care Advocate. Lastly, he is working towards becoming a licensed drug and alcohol counselor when he graduates with his Bachelors.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Tony Green plans on pursuing an MD in Psychiatry program at the University of San Diego or the McGovern school of Medicine at the University. He would like to pursue the Psychiatry at the University of San Diego because of their collaborative effort with San Diego State on projects working around pharmacology and PTSD. The McGovern school also interests Tony because of their research with Autism and gut biome composition.

# TARA WISE



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Psychology**



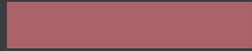
## **Academic Bio**

Tara Wise is a Las Vegas native and member of the UNLV Women's Swim team. She started her undergraduate degree in 2017 and plans on graduating in 2020. She is very passionate about working with kids and is currently working at UNLV's Infant and Child Music Lab.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Tara joined the Rebel Grad Advantage Program because she saw the many benefits in the organization. Having the opportunity to attend workshops and meet with individuals who can help navigate graduate school is important and helpful to one's academic career.

# William Wright



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: Political Science**



## **Academic Bio**

I am from Bethesda, Maryland originally and am a second generation college student. I participate in UNLV Radio KUNV and the Political Science Honor Society Pi Sigma Alpha. I chose my major because I really am interested in the world, how governments work, and coordination with future governments.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

The planned graduate programs to pursue are International Relations or Public Administration. They both seem to be great schools filled with many benefits for the world, which is why they work well in government capacities.

# Yesica Martinez



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Liberal Arts**

**Major: English Literature**

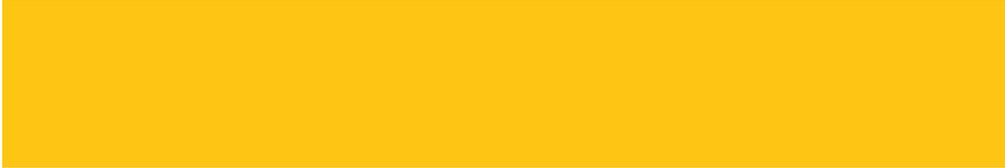


## **Academic Bio**

Yesica has lived in Las Vegas since she moved here when she was nine-month-old. She is first generation to attend college in her family and will be the second person to graduate college, a year after her older brother. She is currently working at the UNLV/CSUN Preschool as a supervisor and loves working with children. Her love of books and children is what motivated her to choose a degree that would allow her to share that passion with a younger generation.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Yesica would like to become a teacher once she graduates and hopes to be accepted into UNLV's ARL master's program. This program will allow her to get a teaching license and her master's degree while also gaining the experience she needs to be the best teacher she can.



# College of Sciences



# Alvaro Carbonero



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Mathematical Sciences**

**Major: Mathematics (B.S.)**



## **Academic Bio**

At the age of 18, Alvaro moved from Lima, Peru to Las Vegas, Nevada to start a new life in the United States and to attend UNLV. He is currently majoring in Mathematics while working as a tutor. He chose his major because of his passion for teaching and mathematics.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Alvaro plans to obtain a doctoral degree in Pure Mathematics with the intention to one day become a mathematics researcher, educator and mentor. He aspires to become a prestigious researcher in his field, with the hope of motivating other minority students like him to pursue a career in academia.

# Aaron Cheng



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: School of Life Sciences**

**Major: Biological Sciences- Cell and Molecular Concentration**

## **Academic Bio**

Aaron is currently a Junior pursuing a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology. He spends a majority of his time researching rare neurogenetic disorders under Dr. Edwin Oh (School of Medicine). Aaron chose to major in biology because he is passionate about understanding the mechanisms that lead to human disease.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After undergrad, Aaron plans on pursuing a dual M.D./Ph.D. program where he plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in Neuroscience or Cell and Molecular Biology to further his education and training in medical research.

# Amber Taylor

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Geoscience**

**Major: Geology**



## **Academic Bio**

Amber Taylor was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is an aspiring planetary scientist who is shooting for the stars, quite literally. Since she was eight, she has been fascinated by space exploration. Her love for the Earth and outer space lead her to the field of geoscience.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Amber Taylor will be pursuing a Masters of Science in geology upon completion of her undergraduate degree. She plans to continue studying the Earth, the terrestrial planets, and their moons throughout graduate school. Once she obtains her Masters of Science, she will then strive for a doctorate in planetary science.

# Christina Obra



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Chemistry and  
Biochemistry**

**Major: Chemistry**



## **Academic Bio**

Christina Obra is a first generation Asian American student majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Earth and Environmental Science. On campus, Christina serves as an officer of NSCS, as well as a mentor/tutor with LSAMP. She hopes to one day pursue a career in biodegradable plastics.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Christina plans to attend a Master's or Ph.D. program in Green Chemistry or Environmental Engineering in order to study water treatment, wastewater treatment, and or sustainable polymers. One day she would like to work with low income societies and find ways to provide clean water and promote sustainability.

# Emarose Ahmed



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Chemistry &  
Biochemistry**

**Major: Chemistry B.S.**



## **Academic Bio**

Emarose is a junior at UNLV working towards their B.S. in Chemistry. They were born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. Emarose is an undergraduate researcher in Dr. Kang's organic synthesis research laboratory. They are an Orientation Leader for the New Student Orientations during the summer as well as an on-call tour guide for the UNLV Office of Admissions. During the semester, they are a Supplemental Instruction leader for chemistry classes. Emarose chose their major because of a deep love for chemistry that they feel helps them understand their world better. After discovering their passion for organic chemistry, Emarose decided they wanted to continue their chemistry education in to graduate school

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Emarose plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry at UNLV after graduating with their B.S. in Chemistry because their love for the subject inspired them to know everything there is to know about it. Emarose would like to use the Ph.D. to continue research or enter the field of Environmental Chemistry.

# Emily Gelbart



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: College of Sciences  
and Life Sciences**

**Major: Earth and Environmental  
Sciences with a minor in Biology**



## **Academic Bio**

Emily is a Las Vegas native. She is part of the Honors College and serves on the national board for Silver Wings through Air Force ROTC. Currently, she is working as a Process Control Intern at the Clark County Water Reclamation District where she is pursuing a Senior Thesis.

### **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Emily is planning to pursue a master's degree in botany or soil sciences. In her Sophomore year, she became involved with research on campus and fell in love. In a graduate program, she will be able to continue research and develop as a young botanist.

# Isabel Kao



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Biological Sciences  
(Pre-professional)**



## **Academic Bio**

Originally born and raised in Taiwan, Isabel moved to Vegas in 2019 Spring. She's currently volunteering as a part-time academic tutor. As a former swimming athlete for over ten years, she works as a swim coach and teaches students of all ages. She chose her major as the starting point of a dream she hopes to achieve.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Isabel is interested in MD programs and plans on pursuing her goal as a doctor. She is passionate about building a path to have the ability to diagnose and treat patients with professional skills in the future.

# Jazmine Victoria Scott

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Microbiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Jazmine was born in San Jose, California, but came to Las Vegas when she was 7 years old. She graduated from Centennial High School with an advanced honors diploma. She is a first generation college student who is involved in many things on campus such as the Pre-Dental Society and ANNAPISI. She is currently participating in research at UNLV Dental School and works part time at the School of Medicine. She chose to study Microbiology because she is interested in bacterial life as it closely relates to dentistry.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Jazmine plans to pursue a career in Dentistry. She has always loved the field and the service it brings to people. Her overall goal in life is to restore confidence in people who are insecure about their appearance, such as their smiles. She believes a great smile can lead to great confidence! She is also interested in giving back to the community and helping minorities who are not able to receive dental care because of finances.

# John Yim



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: School of Life Science, Psychology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Kinesiology and Nutrition Science**

**Major: Biology and Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

John is a military veteran, born and raised in Kansas City. He moved to Vegas from Mississippi and is a first-generation student. He is active in AED, AMSA, APHP, APO, and Healthy Rebels. Majoring in Biology and Kinesiology stems from his interest of the body and how it functions.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Having already explored other professions of interest, John hopes to continue learning about his passion and interest in healthcare while attending medical school. Medicine has helped his mother recover from cancer. Medicine has also helped him recover from a pulmonary embolism and blood clotting issues.

# Kayla Weigel

**Class Standing: Sophomore**

**Department: Geoscience**

**Major: Geology**



## **Academic Bio**

Kayla is a second year Honors College student as well as a local to Las Vegas. She found Geology to be her passion and is working towards her undergraduate in Geoscience. She also volunteers for the City of Henderson and is a youth instructor and mentor for Origin Rock Climbing.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After the completion of her undergraduate, Kayla plans to pursuing a graduate program in Geosciences with an emphasis in planetary geobiology. She hopes to better understand the interactions between life and Earth's environments and to hopefully apply that to other planetary bodies in our solar system.

# Maci Kesler



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Chemistry and  
Biochemistry**

**Major: Chemistry**



## **Academic Bio**

Maci is a first generation college student from a small town in Ohio. She is a mother of two children. She chose her major to make significant advances in science and discover new mathematical formulas.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

She plans to pursue a master's degree in physics and a doctoral degree in mathematics. She hopes to gain a deeper understanding of physics and mathematics. As well as attain a prominent reputation in the science fields.

# Michael R. Schwob



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Mathematical Sciences**

**Major: Mathematics**



## **Academic Bio**

Michael is an undergraduate mathematics major conducting research in hypergraph theory, bioinformatics, and astrophysics. As a result of his diverse research portfolio, Michael was named a 2019 Goldwater Scholar. He plans to pursue a PhD in Biostatistics following graduation.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Michael chose to participate in the Grad Rebel Advantage Program to prepare for graduate school alongside his peers. As an undergraduate student, he has experienced the constructive camaraderie that UNLV has to offer and is confident that he will be a better graduate student as a result of this program.

# Nader Nabeh



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Pre-professional Biology  
and Sociology**



## **Academic Bio**

Nader Nabeh is a first-generation, second-year student who works as a tutor for the America Reads/America Counts Program. He moved from Cairo, Egypt to Las Vegas at the age of 9, unable to speak English. He now volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House as an Engelstad Scholar.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Nader intends to pursue an MD-PhD after graduating with his B.S./B.A. because he is passionate about research and working with people. He wishes to develop diagnostic techniques and effective treatments using patient feedback.

# Paula Cordero



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Chemistry and  
Biochemistry**

**Major: Biochemistry**



## **Academic Bio**

At the age of 7, Paula moved to Las Vegas from New York. Paula graduated from WCTA in 2017 from the biotechnology program. Her exposure to biotechnology and research led her to pursue a biochemistry degree. As of Fall 2018, Paula has been conducting research for Kang Laboratory at UNLV.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Paula plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry or biochemistry at UNLV. She is interested in the growing field of antidepressant and mood stabilizer research. She hopes to one day study the biological effects of these medicines and synthesize/improve medications.

# Priyambda Kumra

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Biological science**



## **Academic Bio**

Priyambda lives in Las Vegas. She moved from India to Vegas for her further studies. She participated in summer research offered by AANAPISI. Additionally, she took part in symposium day and represented her research work. She is very passionate about science and always curious to learn new things that's why she chose Biology as a major.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Priyambda loves research, that is why she wants to go to graduate school. Biology has many fields because of that it is difficult to find the main interest. She is currently figuring out the exact graduate program to enroll in. But her main focus will be in Biology or maybe in public health.

# Ryan Doss

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Biology - Cell and  
Molecular Concentration**



## **Academic Bio**

Ryan was born in Bremerton, Washington but has spent the past 7 years within the Las Vegas valley. He became interested in graduate school after taking the Phage Discovery course offered at UNLV. He is currently volunteering his time in Dr. Tsourkas' research lab.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Ryan is planning on pursuing a Masters degree in Microbiology. He hopes to further his understanding of viruses so he can reach his eventual goal of being a researcher for the Center for Infectious Diseases.

# Scott Billings



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Biology (Microbiology)**



## **Academic Bio**

Scott is a native Midwesterner who was transplanted to Las Vegas in 2004. He discovered his passion for biology and has never looked back. He has participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates as well as the McNair scholarship.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

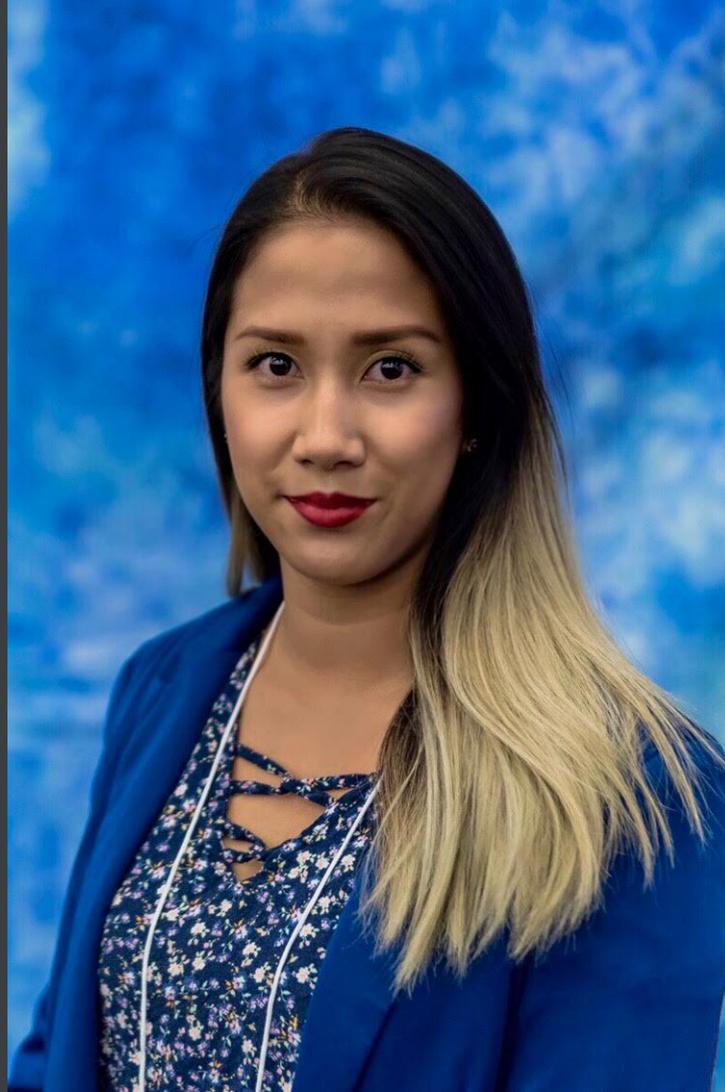
Scott intends to pursue a PhD program and ultimately do research on pathogens; his interest in infectious agents was sparked in 2017 while participating in the NSF-REU. That incredible experience has set the course for his future.

# Sirima Lavangnananda

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Life Sciences**

**Major: Biology**



## **Academic Bio**

Sirima was born in Bangkok, Thailand. She loves learning about animals and their evolutionary history, which sparked her interest in graduate school for biology. She is currently a member of a NSF-funded program, Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP), and a member of The Ecology, Conservation, and Evolution Club.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After discovering her love for conservation biology, Sirima plans to continue her education here at UNLV. She wants to work on her master's degree in biology first, then gain experience by working in the field. Ultimately, she wants to obtain a doctorate degree and work in academia.



# Greenspun College of Urban Affairs



# Alexandria Hollingsworth

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Communication Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Alexandria is a native Las Vegas. Currently, she is pursuing an BA in Communication studies. She serves as a Black/African American Program Assistant for the SDSJ. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. She chose Communication Studies because communication is essential in every field of work.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Alexandria would like to pursue a Master's degree in Business administration with an emphasis in Marketing. She wants to learn the skills to be able to start her own business one day. She wants her business to be able to help people and to bring the community together.

# Angelica McGee



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Communication Studies  
and Gender and Sexuality  
Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Angelica's academic mission is to support underrepresented communities and strengthen her skills as a leader and public speaker. Angelica is an Associate Justice in the Judicial Council for CSUN and a CARE Advocate. She plans to obtain a Masters Degree to become a therapist.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Angelica plans on pursuing a MA in Couples and Family Therapy in order to help people on the journey of healing themselves and their relationships.

# Elia Del Carmen Solano-Patricio



## Academic Bio

Carmen is a local Las Vegas and first generation college student. She majors in Urban Studies because of its interdisciplinary nature. Carmen spends her summers interning at a think tank or as a research assistant for the Criminal Justice department. Outside of UNLV, she is an experienced paralegal and runs a multifaceted law practice.

## What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?

Carmen's goal is to complete a master's degree in Criminal Justice as a stepping stone to a Ph.D. Armed with the passion to bridge racial, gender, and economic gaps in society, Carmen hopes to be a policymaker in the public sector, at a university, or for a non-profit.

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: School of Public Policy and Leadership**

**Major: Urban Studies**

**Minor(s): Public Policy and Economics**

# Gabrielle Broeker



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Journalism, Minor in  
Business Marketing**



## **Academic Bio**

Gabrielle is pursuing a B.A. in Journalism and a minor in Business Marketing at UNLV; her studies are focused on Integrated Marketing Communications. She is originally from New York, but she grew up in Colorado. She moved to Las Vegas three years ago and is happy to be pursuing her academic and professional careers at UNLV. She is hardworking, motivated, and excited to continue her journey towards a public relations, advertising, and/or social media career.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Gabrielle is planning to pursue a graduate program for Journalism. She wants to focus her studies on Integrated Marketing Communications, specifically Public Relations, so that she can work for an affluent PR organization in a big city someday. Attending graduate school will provide Gabrielle greater networking opportunities and a better understanding of today's PR landscape.

# Haven Neiman



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Communication Studies  
Minor: Journalism and Media  
Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Haven is a Senior majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in Journalism and Media Studies. Haven is originally from Kenosha, WI, but moved to Henderson, NV when she was sixteen. She is a member of the Communication Studies club and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Haven currently works in UNLV's Office of Media Relations as an intern.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

She plans on pursuing a master's degree in Public Policy to better understand the inner workings of public policy, higher education, and government in order to learn how to make long-lasting policies that have large and positive impacts.

# Leandro Castillo



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Criminal Justice**

**Minor: Psychology**



## **Academic Bio**

Leandro Castillo is a local Las Vegas and a first generation college student. He is involved with the APS Criminal Justice Honor Society at UNLV, serving as their treasurer. He chose to major in criminal justice because of his desire to help individuals that deal with crime in their lives.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Leandro plans on pursuing a M.A. degree in the field of criminal justice. He wants to further his education in the criminal justice field to one day work for a federal law enforcement agency.

# Lucio Ortiz Esparza



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Criminal Justice**



## **Academic Bio**

Lucio Ortiz was born in Long Beach, California and partially raised in Las Vegas. Throughout his life he found federal agencies fascinating as well as tv shows that focused around them. He wants to pursue his dream job of working with either the FBI or DEA.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

The Graduate program Lucio plans on pursuing is a Masters in the Criminal Justice area. He plans on pursuing this graduate program because he feels it expands his knowledge involving the field he wants to pursue a career in.

# Paola Berrios



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Criminal Justice**



## Academic Bio

Paola Berrios is a proud first generation college student, along with her older brother Alexis. She was raised in Las Vegas by her Salvadoran parents, Sandra and Carlos. She is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and hopes to work in the private sector.

## What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?

Paola Berrios plans to pursue UNLV's traditional master's degree in criminal justice. She seeks an extensive comprehension of the private sector's involvement in criminal justice services.

# Rayshawn Williams

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Urban Affairs**

**Major: Criminal Justice /Social Work**



## **Academic Bio**

As a Las Vegas native, Rayshawn has transferred to UNLV by way of CSN and is in his second academic semester here at UNLV. This is after completing all three summer sessions. As a full time Student Rayshawn has made the Deans list with a 3.57 gpa (Spring 2019). Rayshawn is also prior service Marine, and also a Rebel VET.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

The Graduate program in which Rayshawn plans to pursue is the advance standing one year Master of Social Work (MSW). With this degree Rayshawn has aspirations to be involved within the correctional system to assist with combinations of veterans and offenders affected by the correctional system or military separation with structuring, planning and acquiring the resources needed to successfully reintegrate within society

# Stacey G Williams



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Communication Studies**



## **Academic Bio**

Stacey is a nontraditional student who returned to school to complete his college degree. Although he moved to Las Vegas from Houston Tx, he is very happy to call this community home. Communication Studies was Stacey's choice for a major because he believed that the curriculum would provide him with the skill set and academic foundation to acquire, share, and create knowledge.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

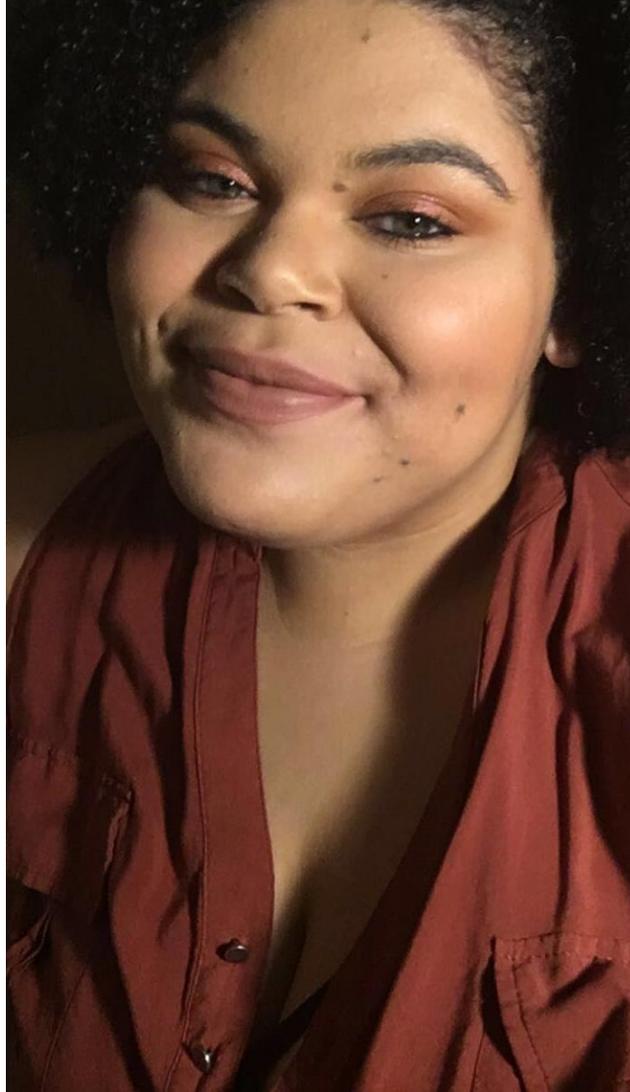
Stacey is pursuing a PhD in Public Affairs to help bridge the gap between the academic, private, non-profit, and government sectors in regard to community development.

# Theresa Butler

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Greenspun College  
of Urban Affairs**

**Major: Urban Studies**

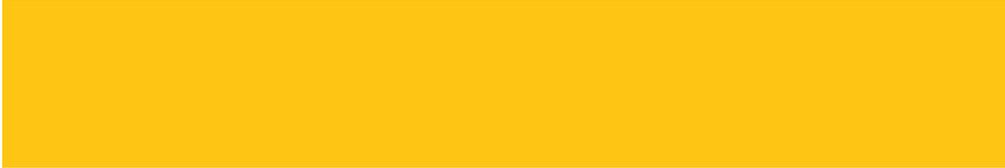


## **Academic Bio**

Theresa is a first-generation college student born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada on track to graduate Fall of 2020 with a degree in Urban Studies. Theresa chose this degree so she can protect and make a change in the lives of youth experiencing homelessness.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After graduating from UNLV Theresa plans to obtain a Masters in Public Administration. She is interested in being on the implementation side of policy to ensure resources are being used efficiently and to act as a liaison between the community and policy makers.



# Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering



# Idunnu Victor Adeniyi

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Engineering**

**Major: Computer Engineering**



## **Academic Bio**

Idunnu was originally born in Nigeria but moved to the United States in 2009. Idunnu lived in Louisiana for 8 years before moving to Las Vegas and transferring to UNLV. Idunnu has an avid desire to design, build, and work on computer systems thus leading him to study Computer Engineering.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Idunnu plans to pursue his Masters and or PhD degree at UNLV in the Computer Science field because he enjoys reading and research-intensive environments. A graduate degree in computer science will equip Idunnu with the appropriate skills and character needed to make the world around him a better place.

# Jacob Dowd

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Engineering**

**Major: Mechanical Engineering**



## **Academic Bio**

Jacob Dowd was born in Fort Myers, FL, and he moved to Las Vegas after high school graduation. He is second in his family to attend college and will be the first to attend graduate college. He chose to pursue mechanical engineering due to its interdisciplinary methodology in understanding the physical world.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Jacob plans on attending a Mechanical Engineering graduate program with a focus on dynamics and control. There is a great need for passionate people who understand complex systems to solve problems that have not been solved before.

# Leslie Corral

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Engineering**

**Major: Mechanical Engineering**



## **Academic Bio**

Leslie is a first generation college student, Las Vegas local, and a member of student organizations such as SWE, ASME, and Engineering Ambassadors. She enjoys the unique and diverse experience that UNLV has offered. With SWE and Engineering Ambassadors she has had the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences as well as advocate for women in STEM fields. She wants to make a difference in the world using her skills within mechanical engineering.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Leslie plans to pursue a masters and Ph.D. in aerospace engineering or nuclear engineering. She wants to work on aerospace, dynamic systems and nuclear engineering to improve upon the current designs to prepare for the future and advancing space exploration. Through her studies, Leslie hopes to learn more about designing aerodynamic systems in order to ensure sustainability and efficiency for future generations.

# Mariana Rodriguez



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Engineering**

**Major: Mechanical Engineering**



## **Academic Bio**

Born in Mexico and raised in Las Vegas, Mariana is a first-generation student studying mechanical engineering. She currently interns at a biomechanical engineering company. During her time at UNLV, she has started and led a rocketry team and subsequently co-founded SEDS UNLV, a student organization focused on enabling students to pursue careers in space exploration through projects and competitions. As an undocumented Latina in engineering, she aspires to help grow the notion that space is for everyone.

### **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Mariana plans on pursuing a graduate degree in aerospace engineering with a focus in spacecraft propulsion, following her passion for space exploration and rocketry.

# Paulyna Garcia

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Engineering**

**Major: Civil Engineering**



## **Academic Bio**

Paulyna is a local Las Vegas first-generation college student who is majoring in Civil Engineering at UNLV. She currently works at a law firm with the intention of someday becoming a lawyer. She has been a part of Rebel Venture Fund since her sophomore year at UNLV in order to have a little bit of a business background in addition to the engineering and law background that she continues to obtain.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Although complete opposites, majoring in Civil Engineering with the goal of one day attending law school, will ultimately prove to be beneficial in Paulyna's plan to someday become a patent lawyer. She has debated between pursuing engineering or law numerous times, but has ultimately chosen law due to her love of debate.

# Yesika Otano-Alonso



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Engineering**

**Major: Civil and Environmental Engineering**

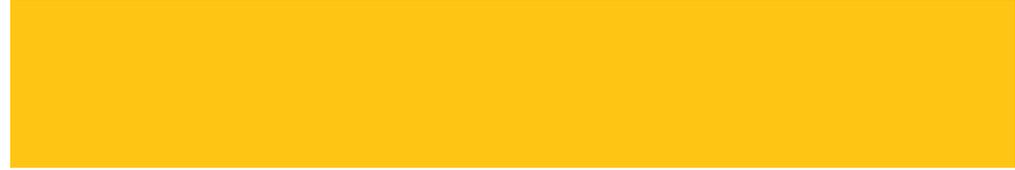


## **Academic Bio**

Yesika is a first generation college student, a Las Vegas local, and a member of student organizations such as ASCE, AWWA, and Engineers Without Borders. She enjoys to be a participant of the innovative academic programs and expanded research opportunities UNLV offers for both undergraduates and graduates. With ASCE, she has had the opportunity to participate in experimental engineering projects. She wants to make a difference in the world by using her civil and environmental engineering skills.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Yesika plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering. As an Environmental Engineer she would love to help build a sustainable world by continuing her research in water and wastewater treatment. She wants to focus her research work on the bioremediation of chromium and perchlorate in groundwater.



# Lee Business School



# Adriana Batiz



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Management,  
Entrepreneurship & Technology**

**Major: Information Management**



## **Academic Bio**

Born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Adriana moved to Las Vegas at 17 years old. Currently, she is Collegiate DECA VP of Technology, MIS Society member, and works for Veteran Services and the Office of Admissions. Her major pushes her to discover more about technology and data analytics.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Adriana plans to pursue a Master's in Curriculum Design. She wants to work for the school district to support learners in route to academic goals. It is important to understand and gain knowledge about children as creative thinkers and innovative makers in order to provide the support in their education.

# Annie Lu



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Accounting**

**Minor: Global Entrepreneurship**



## **Academic Bio**

Annie is a Las Vegas Native who is majoring in Accounting and minoring in Global Entrepreneurship, with hopes of helping her community by starting her own business one day. She is an active member of UNLV DECA and RVF, and currently serves as Treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi, Lee Business School International Ambassador, and Director of Finance of the GEE Club.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Annie plans to pursue a graduate degree with UNLV's M.S. Accounting program, while simultaneously testing for the CPA. She hopes to start a career in public accounting, to help further develop her skills in aiding small businesses and nonprofit organizations across the valley.

# Amber Yun



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Accounting**



## **Academic Bio**

Amber was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada and has been a local Las Vegan for 22 years. She works as a Program Assistant at the Dream to Achieve Foundation and is a proud first-generation student. She chose to study accounting because numbers are a universal language of business.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Amber plans to pursue a J.D. program at a Law School and is interested in the fields of corporate, tax, social justice, and human rights law. She wants to help give underrepresented people a voice in the community.

# Ben Brikman



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Economics**

**Minor: Global Entrepreneurship**



## **Academic Bio**

Ben is a Vegas-bred first generation college student. In addition to his studies at UNLV, he has studied Economics at Maastricht University (UM) in the Netherlands. He is a part of the Rebel Venture Fund (UNLV), the GEE Program (UNLV), and is a CES Ambassador (UM). Ben is currently working as a researcher for Walmart's Innovation Team.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Ben is planning to pursue either a Masters in Economics, Masters in Statistics or a Masters in Public Affairs. Although the degrees vary, Ben hopes to make a positive impact in his community by either initiating change related to renewable resources in the private sector or impacting economic policy in the public sector.

# Christine Villarin



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Economics**



## **Academic Bio**

Christine is currently majoring in Economics. She works on-campus as a Business Assistant at the Student Union. She has held various positions, such as Vice President of Marketing for UNLV Collegiate DECA and Student Board Member for the Scarlet & Gray Free Press. She currently serves as the Co-Chair for ROAR (Raising Our Asian Rights).

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Christine plans on pursuing a Master's degree in Information Systems because she is fascinated with the world of data science. She hopes to utilize the skills obtained from the program to prepare her for the industry.

# Christina Yalenkatian



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Finance**



## **Academic Bio**

Born in California raised in Las Vegas, Christina Yalenkatian pursues a college education as a first-generation college student. Christina dedicates her time to being a student of the Honors College and an intern for CSUN. She's pursuing a degree in Finance, to become more financially literate for a career in the financial sector, but also for everyday tasks.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Christina plans on pursuing Law School. A career in Law is financially rewarding, intellectually challenging, and personally fulfilling for her. She has always wanted to pursue a career where she can stand for the rights of others' & her self.

# Ember Smith



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Economics**

## **Academic Bio**

Growing up in Las Vegas, Ember developed an interest in public policy, economics, and environmental issues. To combine her interests she chose to study Economics at UNLV.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After graduating from UNLV, Ember plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics or Public Policy to continue her research and hopefully contribute to a meaningful shift in U.S. environmental policy.

# Judith Fuentes Retolaza



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Finance**



## **Academic Bio**

Judith is a first generation student, currently majoring in Finance with minors in Global Entrepreneurship and Spanish. She is involved with various organizations on campus, some include Rebel Venture Fund, CSUN Senator, Honors College Mentor, and International Ambassador for the Lee Business School.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Judith wishes to pursue an MBA or attend Law School after her undergraduate years. To further her education and help her local community.

# Kyra Dias Audino



**Class Standing: Sophomore**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Pre-Business**



## **Academic Bio**

Kyra knew that if she wanted a better life for her family, she had to go further. She is originally from Brazil, a country where education is undervalued. Coming to UNLV and getting involved has been life changing to her. She currently works as a Registrar Assistant at UNLV's Office of the Registrar. Kyra chose Business because of her belief that if you major in something that you enjoy doing, success comes faster through the hard work.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Kyra wants to continue her education at UNLV by acquiring a M.S. MIS in Management Information Systems or a M.S. in Data Analytics. To her, continuing her education is part of living in an ever-changing world.

# Madeline Aviles



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Department of Marketing & International Business**

**Major: International Business**



## **Academic Bio**

After graduating CSN High School with 42 college credits, Madeline entered UNLV as a sophomore. As an International Business student, she hopes to create a career that combines her love for service and travel. As of Fall 2019, she is a Lee Ambassador and a lean start-up experimenter for Walmart e-Commerce. She also taught English to Blind students during her study abroad program in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Madeline plans to pursue a Masters of Social Work degree. She has always envisioned herself working on humanitarian projects across the globe. With this UNLV Graduate program, she will have the ability to work, volunteer, and pursue her dream.

# Marcelle Cruzado



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Lee Business School**

**Major: International Business with a focus in Marketing**



## **Academic Bio**

Marcelle Cruzado is a senior in the Lee Business School and the Honors College. She is pursuing a degree in International Business as well as a minor in the Global Entrepreneurship and Information Management. She aspires to pursue a career in international marketing, working with consumer behavior and data analytics.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Since Marcelle is currently pursuing a minor in Information Management, she would like to further her knowledge in this area by pursuing the UNLV MS MIS Program. With the rising influence of technology, she is interested in learning how to use this information to create solutions in the business world.

# Melissa Medina



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Marketing &  
Entrepreneurship**



## **Academic Bio**

A local Las Vegan combining interests of science and business to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry. Staying in touch with science and healthcare enthusiasm through active hospital volunteering and working on completing a biology minor. A proud first generation student. The marketing major resonates with the people-oriented and analytical skills that she holds.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After completing undergrad career, is planning to continue studies by working towards a masters in marketing science to better prepare for a pharmaceutical marketing manager career.

# Victoria Garcia



**Class standing: Junior**

**Department: Business**

**Major: Marketing**

## **Academic Bio**

Victoria Garcia is originally from California but was raised in Las Vegas, NV. She is 20 years old, a first-generation college student, and is involved in various academic associations. Victoria chose to major in business marketing because she hopes to carry that knowledge and experience into her own business ventures.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Victoria plans on pursuing a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in marketing at UNLV. Her goal is to take everything she learns through her experience and create her own business and non-profit.

# Zantana Ephrem



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Economics/Political  
Science/Philosophy and Honors  
College**

**Major: Economics with minors in  
Political Science and Philosophy:  
Law & Justice**

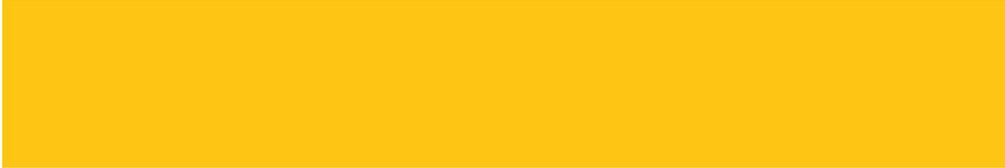


## **Academic Bio**

Zantana is working towards a BA in Economics with double minors in Political Science and Philosophy: Law and Justice. She spent the past year studying abroad in Haifa, Israel with the Boren Scholarship through the Department of Defense. She studied Arabic Language, Culture, and Civilization, along with Peace and Conflict Studies, and various Middle East politics topics. She is also a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and has written two published papers on subjects regarding ethical and political philosophy and international law. She is in the Honors College and currently writing her thesis on democratization in the MENA region after the Arab Spring.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Zantana plans on pursuing a graduate program in the field of global politics and international law. She will likely get her Master's degree abroad in either the Middle East or Europe in order to get direct experience in the fields she intends to study, then intends to return to the U.S. to attend a Tier 1 law school. Her long-term goals are to work at the United Nations, or perhaps in some capacity at The Hague.



# School of Integrated Health Sciences



# Alicia Letkiewicz

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Alicia Letkiewicz was born and raised in Las Vegas. She was homeschooled until she was accepted into UNLV. She works as a physical therapy technician and a math tutor to pay her way through college. She is currently pursuing a degree in Kinesiology to allow her to enter PT school.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After her undergrad, Alicia plans on entering a physical therapy program. Physical therapy is a branch of healthcare that can heal without prescription drugs. After PT school she would eventually like to work in a VA hospital to help veterans and other individuals who sacrifice for their country.

# Alyssa Soliven



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Alyssa moved to Las Vegas from Wahiawa, Hawai'i. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Not only is she a full time student she is also a full time mother. She is majoring in Kinesiology because of how amazing the human body is.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Alyssa finds the human body very fascinating and plans to pursue her Master's in Kinesiology with a focus in Exercise Physiology.

# Caitlin Darr

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**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Caitlin is originally from Southern California and moved to Las Vegas a little over a year ago. She served 4 years in the US Navy and is now pursuing a degree in Kinesiology. She chose this degree to be a step closer in becoming an Occupational Therapist. In her spare time, she works full time, volunteers at Spring Valley Hospital, and she is a part of the Outdoor Adventures club.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Caitlin is hoping to apply to the first cohort of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program in the summer of 2020. She is passionate about helping others and loves the medical field and occupational therapy found her and peaked her interest.

# Caitlin Reynolds

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Nutrition**



## **Academic Bio**

Caitlin was raised in Hawaii. She found community in Vegas through academics at UNLV. Caitlin is a Sports Nutrition Intern for the UNLV athletics, and a research assistant in an exercise physiology lab. Caitlin became interested in nutrition after visiting Africa, and discovering her passion to heal others through food.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Caitlin plans on pursuing the Nutrition Science Master's program at UNLV. This program would support her ultimate goal of becoming a Pediatric Dietician, and pave the way for furthering her education.

# Katherine Metzger



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Katherine is a 21-year-old Honors college student who was born and raised in Las Vegas. Besides her Kinesiology major, she has a minor in Spanish language and studied abroad in Spain for one semester, and Sweden for a summer term. She chose Kinesiology because she loves anatomy.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Katherine plans to pursue a PhD in Physical Therapy. Her experience of working in a local brain injury rehabilitation center has influenced this decision. She has a passion for anatomy and physiology and wants to help people regain their strength and return to the activities they love.

# Michaela Massa



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology and Pre-  
Athletic Training**

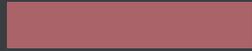
## **Academic Bio**

Michaela was born and raised in Reno, Nevada and chose to transfer to UNLV for the athletic training program. She is pursuing a BS in Athletic training because of her love of sports and anatomy. Michaela is the President of the Sports Club Council and the Women's Rugby team here at UNLV.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Michaela plans to pursue a doctorate in Physical therapy and a masters in Athletic training after graduating. Michaela has been an athlete from the age of three and wants to pursue a career that will keep her involved in athletics and the science behind it.

# Raisa Kabir



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Raisa is a first-generation immigrant, born and raised in Dhaka, Bangladesh. She is currently attending UNLV with the hopes of applying to professional graduate schools in the future. She is currently researching under the Graduate College Rebel Research and Mentorship Program and the UMC Research Assistant Programs. Additionally, she holds the Professional Development Chair for the Association of Pre-Health Professionals at UNLV.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Raisa hopes to apply to UNLV's Medical School with the hopes of becoming a physician in the future. She has always been drawn to the medical field due to her passion for helping others.

# Rea Francisco Sayas

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiological Sciences**



## **Academic Bio**

Rea is a first generation student who is born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in kinesiology in preparation for physical therapy school. Rea is a member of Alpha Phi Omega and Lambda Kappa Delta: Pre-Physical Therapy Honor Society. In addition, she works as a hospice volunteer coordinator and is a physical therapy technician.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Rea plans on pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy. With prior experience in health care and a strong passion for helping individuals, she is eager to use her learned skills and see patients improve in health.

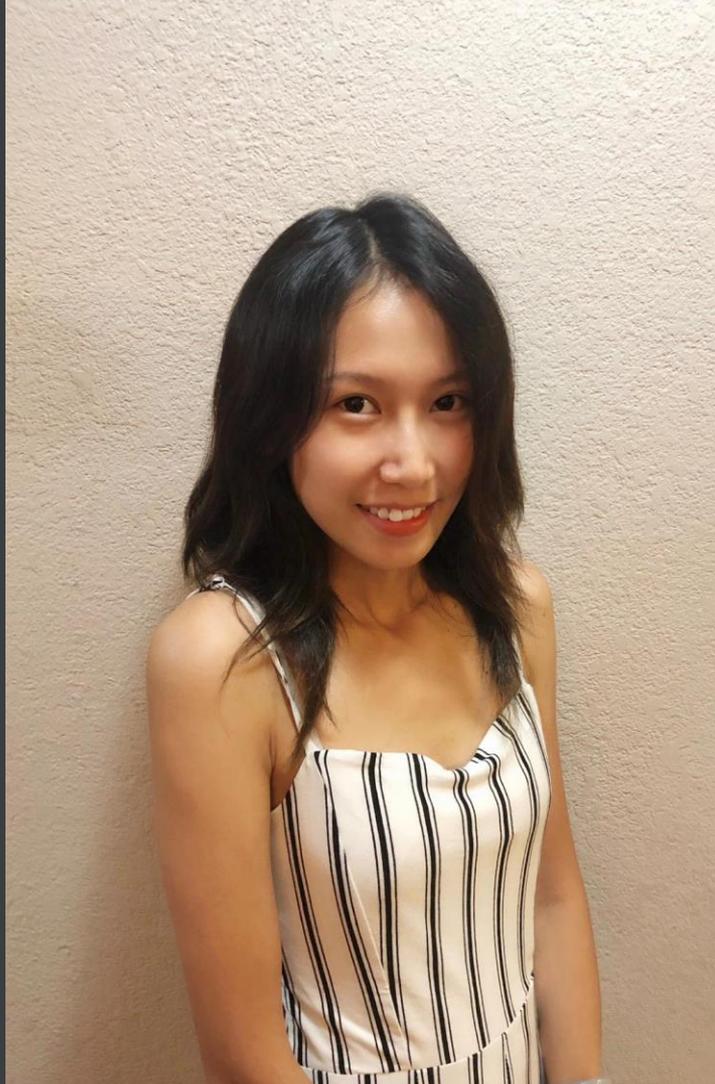
# SinYing Hui (Siny)



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Siny came to Vegas from Hong Kong at the age of 17 on her own. She is pursuing a degree in Kinesiology, a minor in Spanish. She is involved in different organizations on campus, such as AED. She volunteers at UMC and VMSN.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

She plans on enrolling into PA school after 2-3 years of working. She wants to be in medical field because her mother was well taken care of in the hospital during chemotherapy. She wants to be there for other patients to support and help them to win the battle. She chose PA because it is a very rewarding job, also PA has flexible careers.

# Tatiana Gilbert



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**



## **Academic Bio**

Tatiana Gilbert is a first generation student from San Diego, California. She loves to travel. She is a Resident Assistant (RA) for UNLV. When available, she likes to volunteer at hospitals and participate in clubs on campus. Her major is Kinesiology because it will help her become a PA.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Tatiana plans on pursuing a graduate program in Physician Assistant studies. Tatiana has wanted to be in the medical field since she was little. Shows like Scrubs and House highly influenced Tatiana's motivation.

# Nayeli Chavez

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Nutrition Sciences**



## **Academic Bio**

Nayeli was born and raised in Mexico. She moved to the United States in 2010 to complete her higher education. She is a first-generation student. She is a Biology tutor at the College of Southern Nevada. Nayeli is an active member of SNDA at UNLV, and her passion for human Anatomy and Physiology was what made her choose her major.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Nayeli plans on pursuing a Master of Nutrition Sciences with the purpose of becoming an Anatomy and Physiology instructor and do research. She plans on focusing on metabolic disorders, food sustainability, unequal food distribution, and exercise physiology.

# Nicholas Tower



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Health Sciences**

**Major: Kinesiology**

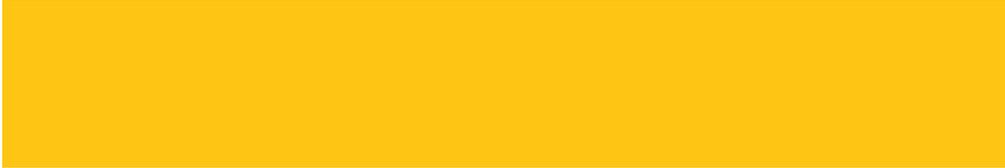


## **Academic Bio**

Nicholas is originally from Reno, Nevada where he was born, raised and completed high school. He now attends UNLV where he participates in the Honors College music club, and a local running group. He decided on Kinesiology because of his interest in the human body's movement and its ability to overcome obstacles.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Nicholas plans on pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T) program post undergraduate education. This is due to his time spent in PT offices over the years, and his interest in the recovery of the human body.



# School of Public Health



# Brianna Rivera



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Community Health  
Sciences | School of Public  
Health**

**Major: Public Health**



## **Academic Bio**

Brianna is a first-generation college student who was born and raised in Las Vegas. She has chosen to pursue a degree in Public Health to bring awareness to communities and help address key issues in the built environment. She is actively involved in research through the School of Public Health and has been selected to present 2 of her abstracts at the NPHA Conference and 1 abstract at the APHA Conference this year.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Brianna plans on pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health with an emphasis in Epidemiology/Biostatistics. She has great interest in both epidemiology and the built environment. Her goal is to become an epidemiologist then go back to school to earn her Doctorate in Social/Behavioral Public Health and teach at the university level.

# Cassandra Serna



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Public Health**



## **Academic Bio**

Cassandra was born in Southern California, raised in Las Vegas, and has a passion for educating and improving the health of underserved communities. She serves as an officer for the Public Health Student Association, volunteers with Immunize Nevada, and works on campus.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Cassandra Serna plans on pursuing a masters degree in Public Health in Biostatistics and Epidemiology. Her goal is to conduct research and working alongside community members to address health disparities.

# Davenia Boothe



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Public Health/ Pre-professional concentration**



## **Academic Bio**

Davenia grew up in South Florida and moved to Las Vegas in 2012. She comes from a family of businessmen/women and is the first to decide to pursue science and public health in preparation for medical school.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Davenia plans to attend medical school after obtaining her masters in public health. She hopes to use her knowledge to provide better treatment for lupus patients while also conducting research to help the public better understand the autoimmune disease altogether.

# Dhon Urg



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Public Health**



## **Academic Bio**

Originally from the Bay Area, Dhon moved to Las Vegas to earn a bachelor's in public health. He has been working in public health for over 7 years, a majority of which was at a regional hospital in Contra Costa County. His time working with community health centers has been extremely rewarding and a major reason why he wants to pursue a career in public health. In his free time he is either at the SRWC building playing basketball or traveling around the world.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Dhon would like to gain a master's in public health specializing in environmental and occupational health. He believes that a healthy workforce is incredibly important for any organization to succeed. Dhon would like to eventually improve companies by creating policies and procedures that promote health. He believes a master's in public health will help achieve this.

# Jesus A. Castillo



**Class Standing: SENIOR**

**Department: COLLEGE OF  
HEALTH SCIENCE AND COLLEGE  
OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**Major: PUBLIC HEALTH &  
PSYCHOLOGY**



## **Academic Bio**

Jesus is a First Generation Hispanic College student double majoring in Public Health and Psychology. Originally from Los Angeles, California. He is an active member of OUMP as well as a future McNair Scholar. He currently serves as President of Golden Key Honor Society and was former Treasurer for The National Society of Leadership & Success two organizations based on high academic achievement. He is a Medical Laboratory Tech for Quest Diagnostics. Has volunteered in the Las Vegas Community with 4000 hours, of service within immigration agencies & clinics.

### **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Jesus decided to pursue both majors in Public Health and Psychology to better understand human behavior and the health aspect. Jesus plans to pursue a dual graduate professional J.D and M.D program. He is passionate about bridging the gap between Law & Medicine. Aims to further understand standard of care and medical malpractice. In the future he hopes to set up his own practice in the Las Vegas, community which he calls home to better serve his people.

# Jerson Zarate



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Healthcare Administration and Policy**



## **Academic Bio**

Jerson Zarate was born and raised in Las Vegas, NV. After graduating from Rancho HS, he chose to attend UNLV. Jerson is a first-generation college student who is involved with the SDSJ and Greek Life. He chose his major because he wanted to change the lives of his community.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Jerson plans on pursuing his Master's in Public Health following the Healthcare Administration and Policy track offered at UNLV. He decided upon this graduate program because of his love for his community at UNLV and wanting to work with community members to improve the health of Southern Nevadans.

# Micajah Daniels

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**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Public Health**



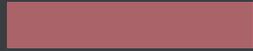
## **Academic Bio**

Micajah Daniels is a first generation college student and single mom to 4 year old Judah. She identifies as a Black feminist, Afrolatinx, queer, and cis womxn. During her time in the McNair Scholar Institute, she has researched greenlining in alternative food systems. Micajah has remained involved as a student activist, student government representative, and community organizer, while maintaining multiple jobs. As a public health major, Micajah is determined to use interdisciplinary approaches to achieve health and green equity.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in Science, Micajah has plans to pursue volunteering in Guatemala through Peace Corps. Micajah is also passionate about pursuing her Master's and Doctorate in Public Health with a concentration on Built Environments.

# Nelsha Athauda



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Public Health**



## **Academic Bio**

Nelsha is a Las Vegas local serving as the President of the Public Health Student Association and the School of Public Health Undergraduate Representative. She works as a Student Worker in the Dean's Office of the School of Public Health and as an intern for the Clark County Department of Air Quality.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Nelsha plans on pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in Environmental Health Science Data Analytics. After graduating with her Master's degree, she plans on working as an Environmental Health Officer for the United States Public Health Service.

# Nancy Sor

**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Health Care Administration and Policy**



## **Academic Bio**

First and foremost, Nancy is a family-oriented individual. She is a proud wife and mother of two children, Nolan and Nori, 6 and 1.5-year-old. Ten years ago, she moved to Las Vegas from central California. She is also a full-time student and employee at a post rehab facility. When she does have free time, she likes to work on home projects such as decorating or reorganizing the home, as well as spending quality time with her family. Nancy is not the typical undergraduate student; attempting college for the third time since 2005 and a lot older than other students on campus, she is closer than ever to completing her Bachelors in Healthcare Administration, projecting to graduate in Spring 2020. Academically, Nancy would be the first in her generation to achieve thus far.

### **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Nancy will continue her education to pursue a Masters in Health Care Administration and Policy. Since her decision to go back to school a few years ago, it became her academic goal to earn a graduate degree. With tremendous support from her family, friends, and especially her husband, she is able to dedicate time to pursuing her dream.

# Stephanie Chung



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: School of Public Health**

**Major: Public Health**

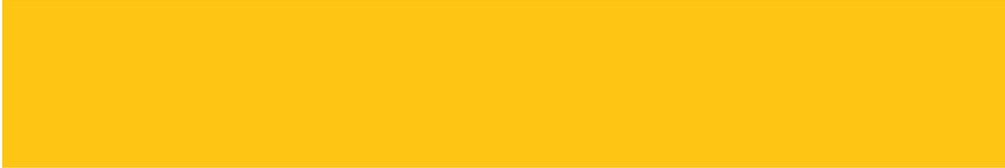


## **Academic Bio**

Stephanie moved from Honolulu, Hawaii to Las Vegas, Nevada to continue her education at UNLV. She is interested in public health problems and concerns such as, Heart Disease and Stroke, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Health Policy. She discovered her interest through interning at the American Heart Association.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Stephanie is interested in pursuing her Master of Public Health. She is fascinated by research and is in hopes of finding a concentration by the end of this program. She wants to continue helping others and wants to create a positive impact to the community around her.



# School of Nursing



# Jordanli Pahuriray

**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: School of Nursing**

**Major: Bachelor of Science,  
Nursing**

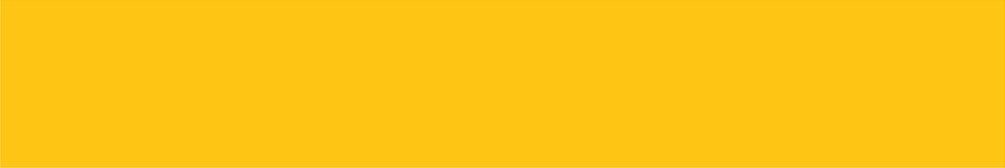


## **Academic Bio**

Born and raised in Vegas, Jordanli is a second-generation UNLV School of Nursing student, following her mother in her pursuit of the profession. Having been exposed to medicine throughout her life, Jordanli discovered nursing as her dream job. Becoming a nurse means that she is one step closer to providing the care and comfort for a patient when they need it. Apart from her studies, she is a part of UNLV's Student Nurses Association by giving back to her community through volunteer opportunities.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

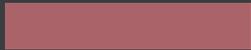
Jordanli plans on pursuing a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) program leading into her doctorate in nurse practice. Procedures can be necessary in the continuity of life; she wishes to be a part of that process and to see their success come to fruition.



# William F. Harrah College of Hospitality



# Jason Thomson



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: Hospitality**

**Major: Bachelors of Science  
Hospitality Management**



## **Academic Bio**

My name is Jason Thomson. I have various experience in food service as a server, bartender, and manager of corporate restaurants, country clubs, and small family owned operations.

Currently, I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management at UNLV to enrich my experience and knowledge in the field.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

My goal is to pursue a professional and rewarding career in the Hospitality field.

# Sydney Roberson



**Class Standing: Senior**

**Department: Hospitality**

**Major: Hospitality Management -  
Restaurant Management  
Concentration**



## **Academic Bio**

Sydney Roberson is a Las Vegas native who graduated from Johnson and Wales University in Pastry Arts. She began her journey at Northwest Career and Technical Academy in culinary arts. Sydney is currently a team lead at a local ramen joint and spends her free time working at Sur La Table.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

Sydney is looking to expand her knowledge in Hospitality Management and fulfill her dream of becoming VP of Food & Beverage. Potential schools are UNLV, Johnson & Wales University, and Cornell University.

# Yazzeli Ayala Hernandez



**Class Standing: Junior**

**Department: William F. Harrah  
College of Hospitality**

**Major: Hospitality Management**



## **Academic Bio**

Yazzeli is a local Las Vegas and a first generation college student. While being a full-time student, Yazzeli also works at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. She has a passion for food and helping others. With her degree, Yazzeli hopes to become a food and beverage director for a large hotel company.

## **What graduate program do you plan on pursuing and why?**

After completing her undergraduate degree, Yazzeli plans on pursuing her masters. She is interested in the business administration and hotel administration dual degree.