

President's Scholars Senior Celebrations

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Aaron Aguilar

B.A. Psychology

Minor: Cinema and Television Arts

I will graduate *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Cinema and Television Arts. I am a President's Scholar who has had the opportunity to be involved as a Resident Advisor, Titan Ambassador, and ASI President throughout the past four years; all thanks to the loving support of both my family in Fullerton and my family back home. For my senior honors project, I produced a documentary in collaboration with my mentor, Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, to showcase the beautifully bright and brilliant future Cal State Fullerton has to offer all future potential Titans. Upon graduating, I hope to begin a career in teaching and non-profit work and work towards further education in the field of psychology and cinema.

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Gwen Atherton

B.A. History

Minor: Natural Sciences

I will graduate *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Natural Sciences. During my time as a President's Scholar, I served as secretary, peer mentor, and peer coach. I am also a member of the University Honors Program, as well as the Phi Alpha Theta history honors society. My two senior projects consist of an oral history on the effects of drought in California's Central Valley and an environmental history on dairy dating back over 10,000 years. My academic awards include being on the Dean's List with a 4.0 every semester. After graduation, I will attend the Fowler School of Law at Chapman University as a Distinguished Student Fellow studying environmental law.

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Morgan Bibee
B.S. Nursing

I will graduate *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I am a President's Scholar and a University Honors student. I conducted research regarding the vaccine hesitancy movement and its impact on infant health. I am a board member for Chat with a Nurse, a campus organization which provides health education to underserved families. Over summers, I worked with the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) as an instructor for an extracurricular pre-medical class. I currently work as a private caregiver to a client with intractable epilepsy, visual impairment, and developmental disabilities. After graduation, I will be taking a national licensing examination to become a registered nurse. I aspire to become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

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Juan Pablo De La Cruz
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

During my time at CSUF, I have been a President's Scholar and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. I will be the first four-year Mechanical Engineering student to graduate from the CSUF University Honors program. I served as a Mechanical Engineering Peer Mentor and Supplemental Instruction Leader in the Engineering pilot program. For my senior honors project, I created a handbook to document my design and leadership role in my engineering senior design project. I have been the team captain of CSUF's internationally competitive aerospace team, Titan Aero, in which I led the design and manufacture of a large-scale unmanned aircraft. I plan to gain engineering field experience before pursuing a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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Lina Elasmr

B.S. Nursing

I will be graduating *Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Throughout my time as a President's Scholar, I had the amazing opportunity to serve as a Peer Mentor, Orientation Leader, and Titan Ambassador. I was also able to serve as the Conference Chair and Inter-Club Council representative for the Nursing Student's Association and completed over 1000 hours in the nursing field. Through these experiences, I discovered my passion for pediatric and maternal health nursing. After graduation, I hope to gain experience as a nurse and eventually become a Nurse Practitioner. I am grateful for the love and support this program surrounded me with, and I look forward to making more scholar memories in the years to come.

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Shawn Grinnell

B.S. Nursing

I will graduate *Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I am a President's Scholar and a member of the University Honors Program, through which I completed a research project alongside Nursing faculty Dr. Maria Matza studying the prevalence of anxiety and depression in CSUF Traditional BSN students. I have served the campus community as a Resident Advisor, Orientation Leader, and as the Scholarship Chair for the Nursing Student Association. I rushed the Sigma Pi Fraternity, and have worked with Greek Intervarsity to establish a bible study among my brothers as a Chapter Ministry Leader. After graduation, I plan to enter into a New Graduate Nurse Residency Program in an Intensive Care Unit specializing in traumatic injuries.



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Antonio Guzman
B.S. Computer Science



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Haley Hunt

*B.A. Business Administration
Joint Concentration in Marketing &
Information Systems*

I will graduate *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a joint concentration in Marketing and Information Systems. My memberships include President's Scholars, Business Honors, the Women's Leadership Program, and Beta Gamma Sigma - a business honor society. I have made the Dean's Honor List every semester. I served twice as Executive Director of Community Service for Business Honors and received the Award of Excellence in Leadership both years. In addition, I served as Vice President and President for the President's Scholars Student Association. Additionally, I worked as the Events Student Assistant in Mihaylo College. I will be entering the workforce with the company I interned for my senior year as a Product Marketing Manager.

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Jessica Kanarek

B.S. Civil Engineering

During my four years at Cal State Fullerton, I was a President's Scholar and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. I have served as mentor, orientation leader, social chair for the President's Scholars, and fundraising chair for the American Society of Civil Engineers. I have been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Institute of Transportation Engineers and have participated at multiple conferences and competitions. During college, I interned at a transportation company where I contributed to the design of highways and roadways. After graduation, I will be working full-time at a civil engineering firm designing more efficient and sustainable transportation solutions.

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Susana Liu

B.S. Nursing

I will graduate *Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I am a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Dean's Titan Academy, and the Nursing Students' Association. During my senior year, I researched handwashing compliance rates at St. Joseph Hospital and presented evidence-based solutions to the Emergency Department director as part of a performance improvement project. I also served as president of Chat with a Nurse, which allowed me to empower hundreds of underserved families and children in the community by educating them regarding various relevant health topics. Following graduation, I plan to gain more bedside experience working at a Medical-Surgical unit as a registered nurse before pursuing a master's degree.

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Cristina Narvasa

B.S. Biological Sciences

(Cell and Developmental Biology)

I will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Developmental Biology. I was involved in the CSUF President's Scholars Program and the University Honors Program. I have served as the president of Best Buddies CSUF, the vice president of external affairs for the professional biology fraternity Beta Psi Omega, and participated in several Inter-Club Councils. For research, I studied *Drosophila melanogaster* immunity and my senior honors project focuses on effective acne vulgaris treatments. I am fortunate to have co-authored a children's storybook, co-founded a medical beauty services business, worked as a medical assistant, and be given awards and scholarships for my biotechnology research and clinical internships. I wish to apply to medical school after graduation.

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Alina Nguyen

B.S. Child and Adolescent Development

I am graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Child and Adolescent Development. During my time at CSUF, I have been active in commitments that helped me discover my passion in working with children. I taught at my church's Faith Formation program and Vietnamese Language School. If I have anything to boast about, it is that I have received tremendous support from the President's Scholars administration team. They were patient with me as I navigated my way through college. In the same way that I have received from them, I hope to be an elementary teacher who helps my students realize their potential for greatness.

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Daniel Parahnevich

B.S. Biological Sciences

(Cell and Developmental Biology)

I will graduate *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Developmental Biology. During my time at this outstanding university, I rekindled my love for the natural sciences and was involved with the President's Scholars Program on campus. In my community, I spent the last four years coaching an athletic club team, volunteering at a local hospital, and helping litter clean-up efforts at our local parks and beaches. Upon graduating, I plan on attaining my EMT license and spending some time to work in the field, after which I will be pursuing medicine through a physician's assistant (PA), Doctor of Medicine (MD), or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program.

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Matthew Pilker

B.A. Political Science

B.S. Geology

I am graduating *Magna Cum Laude* with my Bachelor of Science in Geology and Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. I completed my bachelor's thesis and honors project on the "Geochemistry of basalts and trachyandesites in northern Owens Valley, Inyo County, California". On campus, I was a Research/Field Assistant and Supplemental Instruction Leader for the Department of Geological Sciences. I served on Interclub Council for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Executive Board for the President's Scholar Student Association. I also met with California legislators to promote funding for higher education via the university's "Journey in Advocacy". Upon graduating, I will pursue my Master of Science in Civil Engineering at CSUF while continuing to work in environmental consulting.

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Niveda Rao

B.S. Biochemistry

Minor: Pre-Health Professions

I will be graduating *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a minor in Pre-Health Professions. I am a Dean's Scholar in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and will be completing the University Honors Program. I have had the privilege of being a President's Scholar, Supplemental Instruction Leader, and member of multiple on-campus clubs. I have also conducted medicinal biochemistry research in the Billingsley Lab Group. In April 2019, my research on the synthesis the PKC modulator (-)-Indolactam I was published in Tetrahedron journal. After graduating, I plan on continuing to work as an Emergency Room Patient Care Technician at St. Jude Medical Center and applying to medical school this June.

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Kate Ryan

*B.S. Child and Adolescent Development,
Concentration in Elementary School Settings*

I will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Child and Adolescent Development, with a focus in Elementary School Settings. I have spent my four years as a President's Scholar engaging in volunteer work at my local elementary school assisting in the classroom. I also served as a teacher's assistant for one of my research courses and came up with a dramatic-play based curriculum for early elementary students as part of my honors research project. I intend to earn my multiple subject credential and gain some teaching experience before going back for my master's degree. My ultimate goal is to be a full-time Kindergarten teacher with a classroom of my own.

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Christopher Treviño

B.A. Communicative Disorders

I've been lucky to be a President's Scholar and will graduate Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. in Communicative Disorders. For the past two years, I've served as both a mentor to two exceptional underclassmen and as a tutor within the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. I also conducted an exploratory study on the articulatory behaviors of bilingual individuals with Dr. Minjung Kim and Dr. Rahul Chakraborty, and presented our findings at the 2019 ASHA Convention. Recently, I earned the Glyndon D. Riley Memorial Scholarship for distinguished academic service and a desire to work with children who stutter. This fall, I'll continue my educational and research endeavors at CSUF as I pursue my M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology.

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Caroline Vu

*B.A. Business Administration,
Concentration in Real Estate Finance*

After four wonderful years, I will be graduating *Magna Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Real Estate Finance. During my time here, I have been a Dean's Honor List recipient for Mihaylo's College of Business and Economics each semester, and I was fortunate enough to work for the university in the Academic Advisement Center. I have also been involved in the President's Scholars Program where I served as social chair and treasurer in two consecutive terms and participated in the mentorship program. In the very near future, I plan to obtain my salesperson license and work in residential real estate to help people find their forever homes.



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James White IV

B.S. Biological Science,

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology



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- and welcome to our alumni community!

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