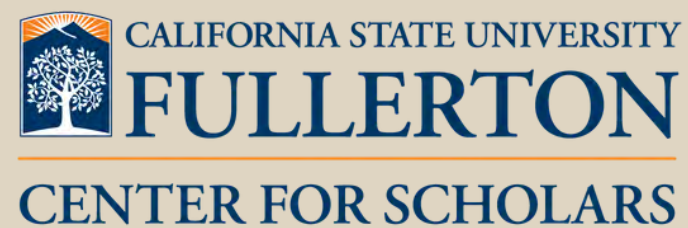


President's Scholars Class of 2021



President's Scholars



Asha Bhattacharya
*B.A. Business Administration,
Marketing*

I am a proud President Scholar, University Honors, and Business Honors student set to graduate Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Marketing and Psychology. I am conducting my Honors Senior Thesis on the relationship between mindset and leadership emergence in class settings. I have been selected as a finalist to compete at the state-wide CSU Research Competition, and have been selected to present my findings at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and the Western Regional Honors Conference. My time at CSUF has been spent serving my university as a Senior Resident Advisor, the Executive Director of Media Marketing for the Business Honors Program, the Programs Director for the Resident Student Association, and the VP of Public Relations for the Business Honors Program. I have also represented CSUF at the American Council on Mental Health in New Orleans in 2019. Upon graduation I have accepted a job offer as an Amazon Area Manager. Go Titans!

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I am a proud President's Scholar who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Entertainment and Hospitality Management. During my time at CSUF, I served as the administrative assistant for the Center for Entertainment & Hospitality Management, Vice Chair for ASI's Spring Concert, Director of External Affairs for the Behind-the-Scenes club, co-lead mentor for the PS incoming class, student ambassador for the Center for Scholars, and joined an organization called Meeting Professionals International for event professionals in Southern California. Although no organization has impacted me in the way my PS/CFS family has. After college I anticipate a career centered in entertainment for theme park project management or event production.



Mayra Encinas

B.A. Business Administration,

Entertainment & Hospitality Management

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Jared Epem

B.A. Communications, Journalism

I will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism looking to work in sports media. In my free time, I enjoy gaming, cooking, and role-playing Jordan Belfort. Half of my time at Cal State Fullerton was spent in the newsroom of the Daily Titan. During my semesters as the sports editor, I reported on every sport on campus, and I even got the chance to travel to New York, Detroit, and Baltimore for various tournaments and conferences. You can find me on Steam or getting into Twitter arguments with people across the globe about mixed martial arts. If all goes to plan, I'll have my own office with a big meeting table at a major sports network in the United States.

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Aimee Fabella

B.S. Kinesiology,

Clinical Movement Science

I will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a minor in Pre-health Professions. I have been in the President's Scholars Program and made the Dean's List each semester. Besides being a Lead and Peer Mentor for President's Scholars, I have been involved in Best Buddies Outreach, Physician Assistants Coming Together, and Tennis for Titans. I had the unforgettable opportunity to study abroad in Greece. Aside from academics, I was an office assistant at a private tax firm, chiropractic intern, Health Scholar and I'm currently a Medical Scribe at CHOC Emergency Department. After graduation, I plan on applying my education and furthering my experiences to become a competitive applicant for Physician Assistant programs.

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Jasmine Garcia

*B.A. Business Administration,
Marketing & Information Systems*

During my time at CSUF I have been a President's Scholar and will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and minor in Human Communication Studies. I am a Dean's Scholar in the College of Business and Economics and a member of the Business Honors Program. I served as a student ambassador for the Women's Leadership Program and I was awarded the Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship Scholarship by the institute of CIEE. Upon graduation, I intend to pursue a career in the non-profit organization sector and continue to support underrepresented communities.

President's Scholars



Brianna V. Gilbert

*B.S. Biological Science,
Cell & Developmental Biology*

I will graduate Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science with a concentration in Cell and Developmental Biology. As a President's Scholar, I have served as peer coach, Vice President, and Lead Mentor for PSSA. On campus, I have been involved with Best Buddies, the CSUF Pre-OT Club, and worked for four years with an incredible team at the Faculty Development Center. I have furthered my passion for occupational therapy by volunteering with Karate for All and 211 Orange County, interning with California Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy, and participating in Keck Graduate Institute's Pre-OT program. After graduation, I plan to apply to occupational therapy programs and gain work experience in healthcare and LGBTQ+ organizations in my community.

President's Scholars



Grace Johnson

B.A. American Studies

I will graduate Summa Cum Laude in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and a minor in Sociology. As a result of my academic achievement, I was selected by the American Studies Department to receive the 2020-2021 Academic Achievement Award. During my time at CSUF, I have been involved in the President's Scholar Program, served as an American Studies representative for the HSS Inter-Club Council, and was an editor for a student-run journal called the American Papers. I also interned at a history-based publishing company in Orange and conducted research analyzing disability and sport in the U.S. I hope to take my passion for social justice, fueled by my studies in American Studies and Sociology, to help others.

President's Scholars



Jennifer La

*B.A. Business Administration,
Marketing & Information Systems*

With an undergraduate in Business Administration, concentration in Marketing and ISDS, and a minor in Advertising, I will be graduating Summa Cum Laude this Spring. I was involved in many organizations on campus, including President's Scholar, Business Honors, Women's Leadership, and Executive Council Mentoring Program. I served as an Executive Director of Website for two years in Business Honors and earned awards for exemplary leadership and academic excellence. I also became a freelance graphic designer. After graduation, I accepted an offer as a Marketing Manager for Training Consultants. In a few years, I plan to apply for an MBA, which will be covered by my company.

President's Scholars



McKenzie Akemi Martin
B.S. Nursing

I am graduating in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. I have a special connection to the Neonatal Population and am passionate about critical care nursing. I hope to combine these two to become a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Nurse and Charge Nurse in the future. I hope to travel across the world and most look forward to visiting Indonesia. Faith is a big part of my life, and I would like to combine my love for health care with my love for God by participating in medical missions to third-world countries and providing aid while sharing the love and peace of Jesus. I would also like to volunteer for an organization related to preventing Human Trafficking and rescuing and assisting victims of human trafficking to live healthier and happier lives. In the summer of 2021, I hope to take the NCLEX and officially become a Registered Nurse.

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Bao-Han Nguyen
B.S. Nursing

I will be graduating CSUF with my bachelor's degree in Nursing. I would like to thank PSSA for giving me friends, mentors, and tons of support. I enjoyed being a PS Lead Mentor for one year and Peer Mentor for two. Within the School of Nursing, I was chosen by faculty and peers to be my cohort's representative for 3 years. I have also been an HHD Peer Mentor, Nursing Student Association board member, and Orientation Leader. I am excited to join the nursing profession and I hope to pursue either Telemetry or Pediatrics. Thank you to everyone who has helped me graduate especially my family!

President's Scholars



Shaina Nguyen
B.S. Biochemistry

I will graduate CSUF summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. I have been on the Dean's List every semester and have participated in the President's Scholar Program, the NIH-funded MARC Program, and the University Honors Program. On campus, I work in the laboratory of Dr. Nicholas Salzameda and my research project is focused on designing small molecule inhibitors has potential drug therapeutics for the West Nile Virus. After graduation, I plan on applying to MD/PhD programs with the goal of becoming a physician scientist with an emphasis in epidemiology and virology.

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I am graduating CSUF with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. As a student, I am primarily interested in design work. I enjoy rock climbing, surfing, and backpacking in new places. I am currently an intern at Dynamc. In the company, we design custom machinery to automate various tasks in the aerospace, automation, pharmaceutical, and food industries. After graduating I will begin a full-time position as a mechanical engineer for Dynamc.

Brennan Tobin

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

President's Scholars



Tori Vigario

B.S. Kinesiology,

Clinical Movement Science

I will graduate Magna Cum Laude from CSUF with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. I have been a part of the President's Scholars Program for 4 years where I have held many leadership positions including Peer Coach, Lead Mentor, Social Chair, and President. During my academic journey at CSUF I studied abroad in Greece and have been on the Dean's List for the College of HHD. As researcher, I helped determine effectiveness of compression therapy on DOMS in athletes. Professionally, I worked on-campus at the Physical Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation clinic for 3 years, and I am currently working as the Office Manager at 123 Pediatric Therapy in West Covina. After graduation, I plan on attending PT school to receive my Doctorate in Physical Therapy and work in either Pediatrics or Sports Medicine.

President's Scholars



Becca Walker

B.S. Kinesiology,

Clinical Movement Science

I will be graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a concentration of Clinical Movement Science in just three years. During my time at CSUF, I have been a President's Scholar and served on the executive board as social chair. Within the Kinesiology Department, I conducted research as an assistant under Dr. Barros. Throughout college, I worked on career development to discover my passions through multiple internships within the healthcare setting as well as obtaining my CPT-1 license in phlebotomy. Ultimately, my experiences led me to attend nursing school in Lynchburg, Virginia where I plan to become a pediatric Registered Nurse and work in a hospital setting.