



FLINN SCHOLARS

Recognition Celebration

May 8, 2021

THE FLINN SCHOLARS

The Flinn Scholars Program recognizes outstanding scholarship, leadership, and achievement among Arizona's graduating high-school seniors. In partnership with Arizona's public universities, the scholarship provides for eight semesters of post-secondary study. The first class of Flinn Scholars was selected in the spring of 1986.

The award features enriched educational experiences in Arizona and support for study abroad, including an international group seminar following the freshman year. The scholarship also offers mentoring partnerships with faculty, exclusive meetings with leaders across a spectrum of disciplines, and fellowship in a community of similarly high-achieving peers.

The Flinn Foundation views the Scholars Program as an investment in Arizona's future.

WELCOME

Welcome to our second virtual Flinn Scholars Recognition Celebration. Every year, the Board of Directors and staff of the Flinn Foundation enjoy celebrating the educational excellence and promise in Arizona. While we wish we could gather in person, we are grateful for this opportunity to publicly honor the achievements of the Flinn Scholars.

As we celebrate the 36th class of new Flinn Scholars, we also honor the achievements of our seniors at Arizona's universities, and recognize talented and devoted educators and the immeasurable impact they have had throughout the state.



To the 20 members of the Class of 2021 and the 19 outgoing Scholars: We are proud of your record of service and accomplishments that will be described in this program. The community of Flinn Scholars now includes nearly 675 extraordinary people who are making our world—and especially Arizona—a better place to live. They are top students across diverse fields at our public universities and the finest graduate schools throughout our nation and beyond. They are leaders on campus and within the community. They are entrepreneurs, university faculty, public servants, health providers, business leaders, legal experts, literary and artistic innovators, and founders of community organizations. And no two are alike.

The Flinn Foundation takes great pride in the Flinn Scholars Program and its positive impact on Arizona's universities, as well as on the state's highest-achieving students and their families. The program is a true legacy of the Flinn Foundation, complementing the work we do statewide to advance the biosciences, enhance arts and culture, and prepare civic leaders—all to improve the quality of life in Arizona to benefit future generations.

As the incoming Flinn Scholars we recognize today enter college, and as the outgoing Scholars transition to graduate school, medical school, and the workforce, the COVID-19 pandemic will still be affecting our state, country, and world. There is much reason for optimism, however, and these Scholars are part of that. They will be leaders both at their universities and in the community as Arizona emerges from this crisis a stronger state.

David J. Gullen, M.D.
Chair, Board of Directors
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PROGRAM

Welcome

David J. Gullen, M.D.

Chair, Board of Directors, Flinn Foundation

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

Introduction of Selection Committee

Tammy McLeod, Ph.D.

President and CEO

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Introduction of 2021 Flinn Scholars, Distinguished Educators

Recognition of Outgoing Flinn Scholars

Keynote

Senator Mark Kelly

Closing Remarks

Anne Lassen

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Secretary, Board of Directors, Flinn Foundation

CEO, Banner Research

Executive Director, Banner Alzheimer's Institute

Director, Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium



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Flinn Scholar Class of 2000

Assistant Scientist

Center for American Indian Health

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo

Flinn-Brown Fellow

Community Engagement Director

Maricopa Community Colleges



James T. Swanson

President and CEO

Kitchell Corporation

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MALEKA ABDI

Desert View High School, Tucson

Educator: Larissa Peru, Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus

Competitor, Academic Decathlon ♦ Kindergarten teacher, Tucson Islamic Center ♦ Peer to Peer College Coach, Metropolitan Education Commission ♦ Service member, AmeriCorps ♦ Fellow, Pima County Democratic Party ♦ Secretary, National Honor Society ♦ Member, STEP Student Expedition ♦ Member, Trio Upward Bound ♦ Questbridge Prep Scholar



PARRIS ADAMS

Page High School

Educator: Wyatt Swinton, Culinary

Student body president, Student Council ♦ President, Culinary Club ♦ President, Gay-Straight Alliance ♦ Vice president, National Honor Society ♦ President, Service Learning Club ♦ Sous chef, Grand Circle Grille ♦ Varsity Tennis ♦ Valedictorian



BENJAMIN AGUILAR

Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix

Educator: Sister Raphael Quinn, Principal, SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral School, Phoenix

National Merit Commended Student ♦ National Hispanic Scholar ♦ AP Scholar with Honors ♦ National Honors Society ♦ Genesis Championship Team, Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge ♦ Eagle Scout, Gold and Bronze Palms, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Boy Scouts of America ♦ Treasurer, Chinese Culture Club ♦ Social Media Manager, Brophy Robotics Team



IVAN ANDRE CARRILLO

Nogales High School

Educator: Zulema Fragoso, Counselor

Founder and president, Nogales High School University Club ♦ Cohort 1, Accelerated Pathway to Medical Education Program at COM-T ♦ Intern, University of Arizona Keep Engaging Youth in Science Research Program ♦ Varsity Golf ♦ National Honor Society ♦ Science National Honor Society ♦ National Technical Honor Society ♦ Lean Six Sigma White Belt Certification ♦ Intern, Santa Cruz Arizona Democratic Party

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EVAN CHAPARRO

Vista Grande High School, Casa Grande

Educator: Amanda Scheeler, Math

Intern, University of Arizona Keep Engaging Youth in Science Research ◇ Intern, Arizona State University SCENE (The Science and Engineering Experience) ◇ President, Student Council ◇ Chair, Casa Grande Youth Commission ◇ President, Key Club ◇ Four year awardee, VGHS Academic Excellence Awards ◇ Junior officer, National Honor Society ◇ Math league ◇ Robotics



KIERA CHARLEY

Navajo Preparatory School, Farmington, New Mexico

Educator: Yolanda Flores, Chemistry I and IB Chemistry I & II

Honorable mention awardee, NM Science Fair ◇ First place, Lexus Eco Challenge ◇ Second place, San Juan Regional Science Fair ◇ First place, NM English Expo ◇ Vice president, National Honor Society ◇ Second place, Navajo Nation Science Fair ◇ Presenter, Arizona Junior Science and Humanities Symposium ◇ Candidate, IB Diploma ◇ Participant, Native Youth Adaptation and Leadership Congress ◇ First place and state qualifier, NM Science Olympiad



SOPHIA HAMMER

Gilbert Classical Academy

Educator: Elise Villescaz, English and Creative Writing

East Valley Region Lead, Arizona March For Our Lives ◇ Youth intern, Arizona Jews For Justice and Valley Beit Midrash ◇ Intern, Mark Kelly Campaign ◇ Volunteer, International Rescue Committee ◇ Representative, Gilbert Mayor Youth Advisory Council ◇ President, GCA's Activism Club ◇ First chair, baritone saxophone ◇ Writer, GCA School Newspaper



JORDYN HITZEMAN

BASIS Ahwatukee, Phoenix

Educator: Dyson Ellis, History

National Merit Scholarship ◇ Intern, Business Operations, Culdesac Inc. ◇ Economic Research Intern, Compassion Center ◇ Youth Ambassador, Phoenix Sister Cities ◇ Performer, Select Show Choir ◇ ZooTeen Volunteer, The Phoenix Zoo ◇ Assistant Coach, National Economics Challenge ◇ Most Likely To Be The Next Oprah, BASIS Ahwatukee ◇ Student, Universidad Internacional

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BRINLEE KIDD

Bradshaw Mountain High School, Prescott Valley

Educator: Amy Kidd, English Language Arts, Granville Elementary School, Prescott Valley

District Eight President and State Officer for Arizona DECA ♦ Leader, Arizona Students Demand Action ♦ President, Bradshaw Political Education and Activism Club ♦ President, Bradshaw Mu Alpha Theta ♦ Valedictorian ♦ AP Scholar with Honor ♦ Varsity Basketball ♦ Varsity Tennis ♦ Delegate, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership



ANANYA LAKHOTIA

Arizona College Prep, Chandler

Educator: Nicole Mohr, Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus BC

National Quarterfinalist, World Schools Debate ♦ AIA State Champion, Public Forum Debate ♦ National Commended Scholar ♦ Academic All American ♦ Founder and President, Peace of Mind ♦ Debate Captain ♦ Volunteer, Dignity Health ♦ Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish), Arizona Department of Education ♦ Assistant, Let's Fill Some Colors Art School ♦ She's The First ♦ Tutor Club ♦ National Honor Society ♦ Science National Honors Society



MAKENNA LEY

University High School, Tucson

Educator: Lori Minor, Writing Support Specialist

Co-Founder, STITCHES (Serving the Tucson Community through Help, Encouragement, and Support) ♦ Principal cellist, Tucson Junior Strings, Rincon-University High School Chamber Orchestra and 2020 AMEA South Central Regional Orchestra ♦ Vice President of Philanthropy, National Charity League ♦ Captain, Varsity Girls' Tennis ♦ President, Orchestra Club ♦ Trader Joe's Crew Member



SYLVIA LOPEZ

Liberty High School, Peoria

Educator: Justin Davis, Engineering, MET Professional Academy, Peoria

Ambassador, MET Professional Academy ♦ Community Impact Award, ASU Engineering Projects in Community Service competition ♦ President, Christian Club on Campus ♦ Secretary, National Honor Society ♦ MET Student of the Quarter, MET Professional Academy ♦ Academic Letter ♦ Club Unify ♦ Key Club

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SAKINA LORD

Bioscience High School, Phoenix
Educator: Brooke Shapiro-Heisel, English

Placer, Girls' State Wrestling Tournaments ♦ Co-Captain, North Wrestling ♦ Treasurer, Student Government ♦ 'Artrepreneur' Intern and liaison to Maricopa County School District, Restore Arts ♦ G.I.V.E. Intern, S.Y.STEM Coalition ♦ Intern, Ritoch-Powell & Associates ♦ Bioscience Peer Mentor & Tutor ♦ National Honor Society ♦ National Merit Hispanic Recognition Scholar ♦ Environment-Technology Club



ARYAN MATHUR

Chandler High School
Educator: Kathryn Quintana, IB BC Calculus

Recipient, Junior Achievement of Arizona 18 under 18 award ♦ National Merit Scholar ♦ IB President ♦ Founder, APAI (Akshaya Patra AI Initiative) ♦ President, Science Olympiad ♦ President, Future Business Leaders of America ♦ Finalist, InspoScience Research International ♦ President, FIRST Robotics Team ♦ Principal Cellist and AMEA Southwest Regional Orchestra ♦ Captain, Varsity Tennis ♦ Ambassador, Education Empowers STEM



SURABHI SAJITH

BASIS Ahwatukee, Phoenix
Educator: Marissa Gurtler, AP English Language and AP Seminar

Editor in Chief, Ink and Feather Literary and Arts Journal ♦ Arizona Chapter Lead, Peers And Students Taking Action (PASTA) ♦ Lead Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year, Southland Hospice ♦ Board Officer, Tempe Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission ♦ Awardee, State Farm National Merit Scholarship ♦ Awardee, Diablos Scholarship ♦ National AP Scholar ♦ AP Scholar with Distinction



MAYA STEINBERG

Tempe High School
Educator: Marcela (Berumen) Campbell, Biology

Founder, online K-12 book club ♦ Candidate, International Baccalaureate Diploma ♦ Intern, Tempe History Museum ♦ Coach, Salvation Army Kroc Center ♦ Delegate, Tempe Sister Cities ♦ Volunteer, Congressional District Election ♦ Recipient, Dolores Huerta Scholarship ♦ Captain, Varsity Volleyball ♦ AIA First Team Honorable Mention ♦ Senior Class Secretary & Treasurer ♦ Barrett Summer Scholar

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JOSH TINT

Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson

Educator: Tiffany Fritz, English and AP Seminar

State champion, Big Questions Debate ♦ State runner-up, Prose Interpretation ♦ Vice president, Catalina Foothills Speech and Debate ♦ Officer, Code Busters State Champion, Catalina Foothills Science Olympiad ♦ Treasurer, Pioneer 327 FIRST Tech Challenge Team ♦ Vice president, Catalina Foothills Gender-Sexuality Alliance ♦ National Merit Finalist ♦ Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish), Arizona Department of Education ♦ Academic Letter



EUGENIA TRAKAL

Gilbert Classical Academy

Educator: Karen Maas, Mathematics

National Hispanic Scholar ♦ Awardee, Hispanic Heritage Foundation ♦ Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship ♦ Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship ♦ National Honor Society Scholarship ♦ Founder and president, Spanish Club ♦ Violin teacher ♦ Finance manager, ASU Service Project ♦ Instructor, Mathnasium Tutoring Center ♦ Principal violinist, Youth Symphony of the Southwest ♦ Secretary, Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society) ♦ Co-Captain, Varsity Girls' Tennis



NETIA UNGER

Westview High School, Avondale

Educator: Clarice Miller, AP English Language and AP English Literature

Member, Student Expedition Program ♦ Mid-wing player, Varsity soccer ♦ Presenter, AP online study sessions ♦ Staff member, Café Rio ♦ Family caregiver



MITCH ZAKOCS

Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix

Educator: Mary Catherine Boatright, Spanish

Programming Lead, Pridetronics (FIRST Robotics Team) ♦ Software Application Engineer, Ordertech Corporation ♦ Founder, Calculators For A Cause ♦ Treasurer, National Honor Society ♦ Member with lettering, Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society) ♦ Member, Prides Peak Honors Society ♦ Seal of Biliteracy (Spanish), Arizona Department of Education ♦ Diploma of Distinction, Mountain Pointe ♦ Most Valuable Team Member Award, Pridetronics

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS

Each year, the Flinn Scholars Program honors Arizona educators for their dedication and service. The educators are recognized by members of the incoming class of Flinn Scholars for having substantial impact on their education and life.

MARCELA (BERUMEN) CAMPBELL

Biology, Tempe High School

Scholar: **Maya Steinberg**

“Serving as the pride and joy of the IB program, my second mother, and a phenomenal teacher, Ms. Berumen consistently instilled unparalleled faith in me that truly invigorated me as a student.”

MARY CATHERINE BOATRIGHT

Spanish, Mountain Pointe High School, Phoenix

Scholar: **Mitch Zakocs**

“Ms. Boatright has been an invaluable teacher and mentor throughout my years at Mountain Pointe. I am incredibly grateful for her involvement in my Spanish-speaking abilities and extracurricular activities.”

JUSTIN DAVIS

Engineering, MET Professional Academy, Peoria

Scholar: **Sylvia Lopez**

“Justin Davis taught me that failure is not only allowed but encouraged when trying something new. He has helped me grow both academically and personally.”

DYSON ELLIS

History, BASIS Ahwatukee, Phoenix

Scholar: **Jordyn Hitzeman**

“Mr. Ellis inspired me to be a force for change in a world where history seemed to always repeat itself.”

YOLANDA FLORES

Chemistry I and IB Chemistry I & II, Navajo

Preparatory School, Farmington, New Mexico

Scholar: **Kiera Charley**

“Ms. Flores has been an outstanding teacher, from providing academic support to encouraging my scientific endeavors. She has always gone above and beyond for her students.”

ZULEMA FRAGOSO

Counselor, Nogales High School

Scholar: **Ivan Andre Carrillo**

“As I entered Ms. Fragoso's office, I knew that she was going to be an influential mentor. Through her words, she created who I am today. Always with a positive attitude, a gigantic smile, and warm hugs. The confidence that flows through me is her spirit.”

TIFFANY FRITZ

English and AP Seminar, Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson

Scholar: **Josh Tint**

“Mrs. Fritz taught me in a variety of subjects, from Creative Writing to AP Capstone, and showed me how vastly different fields fundamentally connected.”

MARISSA GURTLER

AP English Language and AP Seminar, BASIS

Ahwatukee, Phoenix

Scholar: **Surabhi Sajith**

“Not only has Ms. Gurtler provided academic support through middle and high school, but she has also taught me about the value of meaningful interactions.”

AMY KIDD

English Language Arts, Granville Elementary School, Prescott Valley

Scholar: **Brinlee Kidd**

“As both an instructor and parent, my mother (Mrs. Kidd) has endlessly supported my academic ambitions and never allowed me to give up on my passions.”

KAREN MAAS

Mathematics, Gilbert Classical Academy

Scholar: **Eugenia Trakal**

“Inspiring and genuine: Mrs. Maas is a passionate educator, supportive mentor, and basically my second mother whose guidance and motivation nurtured my self-esteem and resilience.”

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CLARICE MILLER

AP English Language and AP English Literature,
Westview High School, Avondale
Scholar: **Netia Unger**

“Mrs. Miller has gone above and beyond to prepare us for college, and I couldn't be more grateful to have had her as my teacher for two years.”

LORI MINOR

Writing Support Specialist, University High School,
Tucson
Scholar: **Makenna Ley**

“Ms. Minor has been an amazing source of support throughout my senior year. She is such a positive, supportive, and dedicated teacher and person, and I could not have gotten here without her.”

NICOLE MOHR

Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus BC, Arizona College
Prep, Chandler
Scholar: **Ananya Lakhotia**

“Ms. Mohr is a dedicated and caring teacher who will always go the extra mile to ensure her student's success, both academically and personally.”

LARISSA PERU

Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus, Desert View High
School, Tucson
Scholar: **Maleka Abdi**

“Mrs. Peru, who is a woman in STEM, has inspired me to break boundaries and aim high in all my future endeavors.”

SISTER RAPHAEL QUINN

Principal, SS. Simon & Jude Cathedral School,
Phoenix
Scholar: **Benjamin Aguilar**

“Sister Raphael Quinn has been a constant presence of support and guidance since kindergarten. Her invaluable wisdom and commitment to her students has helped shape who I am today.”

KATHRYN QUINTANA

IB BC Calculus, Chandler High School
Scholar: **Aryan Mathur**

“Mrs. Quintana has been a bright spot in my life ever since I walked into her class junior year. She's helped me find a love for STEM and has supported me in so many ways directly and indirectly. Her attitude, passion, enthusiasm, and care for us teenagers amazes me every day. Thank you so much for making us laugh and exciting everyone at Chandler High School. You are truly one of the best teachers I've ever had!”

AMANDA SCHEELER

Math, Vista Grande High School, Casa Grande
Scholar: **Evan Chaparro**

“Mrs. Scheeler has made it one of her top priorities to always push me to be better, as well as celebrate my successes.”

BROOKE SHAPIRO-HEISEL

English, Bioscience High School, Phoenix
Scholar: **Sakina Lord**

“Our reality's version of Ms. Frizzle, Ms. Heisel, has guided me to remain grounded, and to always explore the meanings and impacts of my endeavors.”

WYATT SWINTON

Culinary, Page High School
Scholar: **Parris Adams**

“Mr. Swinton has inspired me to always follow my dreams and stay true to myself. He is one of my biggest supporters and I am super grateful for everything he has done for me.”

ELISE VILLESZCZ

English and Creative Writing, Gilbert Classical
Academy
Scholar: **Sophia Hammer**

“Ms. Villeszcz has shown me how I can empower my classmates and future generations through upholding my most deeply held beliefs. She truly believes that youth are the driving force to a better community and is passionate about uplifting youth voices.”

OUTGOING SCHOLARS



ZCHEECID AGUIRRE

B.A. East Asian Studies; Minors: Spanish, Biochemistry
University of Arizona

Alene Kelsey Metcalf Family Scholarship recipient ◇ Undergraduate researcher, Department of Spanish and Portuguese ◇ Blair Award nominee ◇ Outstanding Graduate for College of Humanities nominee ◇ Student Ambassador, Department of East Asian Studies ◇ Mentor, Project SOAR (Student Outreach for Access and Resiliency) ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude.* ◇ *Will pursue a master's degree in Japanese sociolinguistics through University of Arizona Accelerated Master's Program.*



AMANDA BERTSCH

B.S. Computer Science; B.S. Mathematics; Minors: Linguistics, Creative Writing
University of Arizona

Lead Facilitator, University of Arizona Girls Who Code ◇ Student researcher, Arizona Geologic Survey ◇ Officer, UA Rube Goldberg ◇ Southern Arizona Flute Orchestra ◇ Undergraduate teaching assistant ◇ Intern, Microsoft ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude.* ◇ *Will pursue a master's degree in natural language processing at Carnegie Mellon University.*



DANIEL BONNER

B.S.E. Electrical Engineering; B.A. History
Arizona State University

Club Basketball Team—2020 NCBBA Southern Pacific Region Champions ◇ Engineering intern, Medtronic ◇ Undergraduate teaching assistant, Fulton Schools of Engineering ◇ ASU Tillman Scholars Program ◇ Location director, Valencia Newcomer School ◇ Tutor, Refugee Integration, Stability, and Education (R.I.S.E.) ◇ Ballroom dance team ◇ ASU Lincoln Center Ethics Scholar ◇ *Will work at Medtronic and pursue a master's degree in electrical engineering at ASU.*



PHOEBE BLAKE CHILTON

B.S. Anthropology; Minor: Thematic Minor
University of Arizona

Author of comic and art zine, Rebus ◇ Individual art shows ◇ Recycling crew lead, Oregon Country Fair ◇ Derby Cats ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude* ◇ *Will continue to study tattooing and visual art at Art and Sol Tattoo Gallery.*

OUTGOING SCHOLARS



NIZHONABAH RENE DAVIS

B.S.E. Chemical Engineering; Minor: Studio Art
University of Arizona

Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program Scholar ◇ Intern, Arizona Cancer Center ◇ Arizona's Science, Engineering, and Math Scholar ◇ President, Rube Goldberg ◇ Patient Experience Ambassador, Banner University Medical Center ◇ Honors College Ambassador ◇ *Will apply to doctoral programs next fall.*



JAKE W DEAN

B.S. Earth and Space Exploration (Astrobiology and Biogeosciences); B.A. Anthropology; Minors: Sustainability, History; Certificates: Food Systems Sustainability, Energy and Sustainability, Sports, Culture, and Ethics
Arizona State University

Moeur Award ◇ Leader, The College Leaders Program ◇ Apprentice and researcher, Andean Paleomobility Unification Project ◇ Initiator and site advisor, Ask an Earth & Space Scientist ◇ Research assistant, Climate Resilient Coastal Fishing Communities ◇ Mensch Prize for the Humanities ◇ Author, El Universal op-ed on gender equity in North American soccer ◇ *Will pursue a master's degree in Latin American Studies with concentrations in anthropology and environment at the University of Arizona.*



BRITTANY MICHELLE DURAN

B.S. Family and Human Development; B.A. Social Justice and Human Rights
Arizona State University

Intern, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project ◇ Intern, Aliento ◇ Tutor/Mentor, Refugee Integration, Stability, and Education Tutoring ◇ Research intern, Children's Equity Project ◇ Ruth Cowden Memorial Scholarship Endowment ◇ CIEE Gilman Go Global Grant ◇ CIEE Go Abroad Again Grant ◇ Research intern and lead implementor, Sustainability via Active Gardening Education ◇ *Will graduate magna cum laude ◇ Will work at a nonprofit organization focused on immigrant rights and advocacy.*



ASHLEY DUSSAULT

B.S. Sustainability; B.A. Geography; Certificate: Environmental Education
Arizona State University

President, Phi Chapter of Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority ◇ Undergraduate thesis, "Integrating Systems Thinking Concepts into an Elementary School Gardening Program: Analyzing Sustainability Education" ◇ Educational content intern, Arizona Sustainability Alliance ◇ Group wellness instructor and fitness manager, Sun Devil Fitness Complex ◇ Intern, Farm Express ◇ Intern, City of Phoenix Housing Department ◇ Research intern, North American Research Partnership ◇ Summer scholars instructor and teaching assistant, Barrett, the Honors College ◇ *Will enter the workforce in the field of sustainability and later pursue a master's degree in sustainability education.*

OUTGOING SCHOLARS



MARIA GALLOWAY-SPRIETSMA

B.S. Physics; B.S. Astronomy; Minor: Mathematics
University of Arizona

Texas A&M University Avilés-Johnson Fellowship ◇ University of Arizona Astronomy Department Excellence in Research Award ◇ Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Semi-Finalist ◇ Galileo Circle Scholar ◇ Intern, NASA Space Grant ◇ Secretary, Physics Club ◇ Glenn C. Purviance Scholarship in Physics ◇ Weaver Award for Undergraduate Research ◇ *Will pursue a doctoral degree in astrophysics.*



ANDREA LARA-GARCÍA

B.A. Political Science; B.S. Urban and Regional Development; Minor: Spanish
University of Arizona

Undergraduate research assistant, UArizona Manufactured Housing Project ◇ Secretary General, Arizona Model United Nations ◇ 2020 UROC-PREP/AWARDSS Fellow ◇ Data and organizing intern, Living United for Change in Arizona ◇ Archival intern, Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica ◇ Volunteer, Barrio Neighborhood Coalition and Pima County Community Land Trust ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude ◇ Will join the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as a junior fellow prior to pursuing a doctorate in geography at UC Berkeley.*



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B.S. Biological Sciences (Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior); B.A. Global Health
Arizona State University

Domestic violence advocate, Survivor Link AmeriCorps ◇ Finalist, Peer-to-Peer: Protective Project Competition, McCain Institute ◇ Student peer mentor and metadata fellow, SolarSPELL ◇ Research assistant, Domestic violence and technology study ◇ Research assistant, Water attitudes study ◇ Lead volunteer, A New Leaf ◇ Public policy intern, Morrison Institute ◇ Public health intern, Vive Peru; Volunteer, Hogar de la Esperanza; Advisor, Sun Devil Support Network; Trip Lead, Devils Spark Change ◇ *Will volunteer with the Peace Corps.*



KEATON MCDONALD

B.A. Business; B.S. Applied Computational Mathematics
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Arizona Sports League—Soccer ◇ Tour guide, Fulton Ambassadors ◇ Engineers Without Borders ◇ Fundraiser, Feeding America ◇ Intern, Kate Brophy McGee Election Campaign ◇ Volunteer, TigerMountain Foundation ◇ Private tutor ◇ *Will start his own business.*

OUTGOING SCHOLARS



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Moeur Award ◇ Published lead author, Journal of Bacteriology ◇ President, Flinn Service Project ◇ United States Air Force Second Lieutenant ◇ Training and Doctrine Command Research Fellow, U.S. Army ◇ EMT, ASU EMS ◇ Medications manager and clinical volunteer, S.H.O.W. (Student Health Outreach for Wellness) Clinic ◇ Intern, Desert Valley Tech ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude ◇ Will pursue an M.D. at Creighton University School of Medicine in Phoenix.*



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B.S. Molecular and Cellular Biology; Minors: Psychology, Spanish
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PharmD Candidate, 2023 ◇ Pharmacist intern, Banner University Medical Center (South Campus) ◇ Research intern, Applied Health Policy Institute at the UArizona College of Public Health ◇ Galileo Circle Scholar ◇ Mitchell Family Scholar ◇ Reed Memorial Scholar ◇ *Will continue to intern at Banner University Medical Center (South Campus) and Applied Health Policy Institute while pursuing a doctorate of pharmacy at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy.*



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B.A. Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law; Minors: Neuroscience, Biochemistry
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Student Regent, Arizona Board of Regents ◇ Founder and Chair, Food and Housing Insecurity Work Group, Arizona Board of Regents ◇ Founder and Chair, UArizona Basic Needs Coalition ◇ Development Chair, Campus Pantry ◇ Policy Director, Associated Students of the University of Arizona ◇ Summer Associate, Boston Consulting Group ◇ Summer intern, One World Network of Schools ◇ President, Freshmen Class Council ◇ *Will graduate cum laude ◇ Will work as an associate consultant for Boston Consulting Group in Chicago.*



SHIVAM SADACHAR

B.S. Computer Science; Minor: Astronomy
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Moeur Award ◇ Three-time Bollywood Choreographer, Flinn Retreats ◇ Co-founder and ASU Changemaker Winner, TECtogether.org ◇ Researcher, Luminosity Labs ◇ Board of Directors, Fulton Ambassadors ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude ◇ Will work on his own technology startup.*

OUTGOING SCHOLARS



PAXTON TOMOOKA

B.S. Aerospace Engineering; Minors: Computer Science, Mathematics
University of Arizona

Published first author in astrophysics ◇ NASA RASCAL Competition 2021 Finalist ◇ NASA Space Grant Recipient ◇ Thomas R. Brown Scholar ◇ Henry Farber Memorial Scholar ◇ Scobee Aeronautical Engineering Scholar ◇ Outstanding Senior in Aerospace Engineering ◇ *Will graduate summa cum laude* ◇ *Will begin a full-time software position working on the Ballistic Missile Defense System for Lockheed Martin.*



CAMERON STAFFORD WHYTE

B.S. Mathematics; M.A. Mathematics
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Researcher, The Imaging Lyceum at ASU ◇ Helios Scholar and Researcher, Translational Genomics Research Institute ◇ Private Instructor, ASU School of Music String Project ◇ Treasurer and Founding Member, Music for Healing at ASU ◇ Woodside Community Action Grant Recipient ◇ *Will enter the workforce and pursue a career in data science/machine learning.*



STANLEY WONG

B.S.E. Chemical Engineering; M.S. Environmental Engineering
University of Arizona

Co-Director, Energy and Climate Chair, Students for Sustainability ◇ Researcher, Field-Sierra Research Group ◇ Mechanical Intern, GLHN Architects and Engineers Inc. ◇ Don H. White Award ◇ Delta Development Team Award for Sustainable Manufacturing Innovation ◇ George and Dixie Shirley Graduate Fellow ◇ American Institute of Chemical Engineers ◇ Presenter, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education ◇ *Graduated summa cum laude* ◇ *Will pursue a career in the renewable energy industry.*

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