

Adam Alshaheri



Major: Computer Engineering

Bio: I am Mexican and Iraqi. I love to play video games, comics, & anything related to science. I'm also, the President of the Science Club.



Alexandra Alcantara



Major: Political Science and History

Bio: I love enabling students to enjoy their endeavors through their educational careers. Aside from that, I love engaging in politics and studying American and European history. I watch historical documentaries and natural history on the side, just for David Attenborough



Amanda Jama



Major: Business

Bio: I was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. I've moved to several different places in my life, but every place I've gone to has taught me about many different people, cultures and traditions that I can carry on with me the rest of my life! I'm hoping to continue my educational journey at SDSU.



Arielle Cook



Major: Kinesiology with an emphasis in Pre-Physical Therapy

Bio: I currently work at the SDSU Research Foundation and the Career Center. I volunteer at the Grossmont Post-Acute Care Clinic and am a former volunteer in the Senior Behavioral Health Department at the UCSD Hillcrest Medical Center. One day I hope to be an Occupational Therapist. I enjoy listening to jazz, collecting records, love to sing, and attend live jazz shows in my spare time.



Benjamin Slater



Major: University Studies, Social and Behavioral Science

Bio: I enjoy airsofting, playing video games, sports, wrestling, and gemstone collecting.



Candace Armstrong



Major: Theater w/ Emphasis
in Acting

Bio: I like to draw, do
makeup, and run track for
fun. I love helping people, it
makes me feel good.



Chad Moody



Major: Kinesiology with an emphasis in Pre-Physical Therapy

Bio: I am a very social, outgoing person that really enjoys meeting new people and helping others. I'm pursuing a career as a Physical Therapist and I really want to help people regain something they've lost. I love to go hiking (the more challenging, the better) and pretty much anything outdoors. I also really like watching movies, playing video games, and going to the gym.



Christian Gonzalez



Major: Nursing & Communications

Bio: I am a first generation college student, graduated from Patrick Henry high school, very passionate in helping others, also love to stay busy as it is school, friends, and outside activities. There are always something new to discover! My favorite places to be is at the beach, or the mountains!



Christina Buska



**Major: General Biology & Sociology w/
Pre-med Emphasis**

Bio: I currently serve as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Grossmont Pre-Medical Chapter of AMSA and am the Director of the AMSA mentoring program. Eventually I plan to transfer to obtain my BA, attend medical school, and then pursue a career in Fetal Surgery. I also volunteer at Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women and Newborns and am EMT certified. When I'm not studying or in class you can find me with friends or with my dog.



Cruz Castillo



Major: CSIS: Computer Programming

Bio: I am a 24 year old student who loves meeting new people and networking, and am working on getting my AS degree in computer programming. I also enjoy playing games with my free time, as well as learning new things related to game development such as 3rd modeling and art.



Daisy Chavez



Major: Nursing

Bio: I was Born and raised in San Diego. I love sunsets/sunrises, beaches, makeup, listening to music, and spending time with loved ones.



Damaris De La Paz



**Major: Biomedical Engineering w/
Premed. Emphasis**

Bio: I am involved with the community such as Susan G Komen, La Maestra Community Health Centers, and Scripps Hospital. I've carried out research on the reversal of cognitive decline in patients hopes to finish her undergraduate studies so that she can apply to medical school. My ultimate career goal is to join Doctors Without Borders and bring aid to people in underdeveloped countries!



Daniel Bocko



Major: Music

Bio: To me, music isn't just something you play or listen to. For me, music is my way of life. As a musician, my dream is to use my music to inspire others creative ability. If the spark of creativity does ignite within my listeners, then my dream has come true. If there was never any music on this planet then I wouldn't be here today. As long as I am here, I will do all I can to keep those sparks coming.



Dimitri Reeves



Major: Biological Science

Bio: I love to make rap music and produce beats. I also love to hangout with my family, best friends, and my girlfriend. On my downtime, I like to relax, and listen to Jazz music.



Emily Osorio



Major: Music

Bio: A member of the GC International Club, Secretary of the Dreamers Movement Club, & the Social Media Manager for the Networking & Leadership Club. An animal lover, and love to watch sports. Some of my other hobbies/interests are reading (I'm a total book nerd), journaling, listening to all genres of music, going to the Farmer's Market, eating healthy food, and working out.



Gaby Balistreri



Major: Food Science

Bio: My major is Food Science because I have a passion for food and a love for chemistry. Some hobbies of mine are drawing, painting, traveling and spending time at the beach. I also enjoy spending time with family, friends, and my dog Cabo.



Jayden Logan



Major: Computer Science and Business

Bio: I like taking pictures with my camera, traveling, and being with family. I also like technology because there are endless possibilities for it!



Jonathan Yerkes



Major: Mathematics

Bio: I'm still not exactly sure what I want to do with math yet, but I know I won't be in an office cubicle solving equations all day; that would drive me insane! My three main hobbies are sports, music, and video games. What I love most about these hobbies is that they have the ability to connect and bring all different types of people together. I also enjoy having conversations because you never know where they can end up.



Kian Liss



Major: Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts

Bio: My end goal is to become a film editor but I would love to work on music videos. The ability to meld multiple artistic forms into a single project has always intrigued me. I also enjoy skating, Super Smash Bros. Melee, creating digital art with Photoshop and Illustrator, and constructing beats with reason to rap over.



Lizeth Ruvalcaba



Major: Political Science

Bio: This my first semester being a mentor. I am studying to become an immigration lawyer. I hope to transfer to UCSB. When I am not studying, I like to go on roadtrips, go to concerts, and discover new music.



Maiya Clinton



Major: Undecided

Bio: I love hanging out with my family and friends. It is what's most important to me and I enjoy every moment I have with them. My favorite things to do are watch movies, shows, and go out to eat with them.



Maram Ali



Major: Cognitive Psychology w/ an Emphasis in Pre-med

Bio: I'm a 4th semester student here at Grossmont College. My academic goals include attending medical school and pursuing anesthesiology. During my free time I enjoy trying out new cafes and restaurants, hanging out with my friends, and watching makeup tutorials on YouTube.



Melissa Rojas



Major: Biology, Computer Science, & Math

Bio: I like reading, baking, and recently discovered KPOP music and Kdramas, which I love. Traveling is what I do and eventually hope to check off all my desired destinations. I was a lead during high school and was a lead when I worked. My goal is to help those in need and do as much as I can.



Michelle Camacho



**Major: Liberal Studies
w/ an Emphasis in
Elementary Education**

**Bio: My hobbies consist
of photography,
listening to music,
painting, hiking, and
swimming. I'm very
active and seek
adventure. I love to take
walks on the beach and
watch the sunset while
eating ice cream or
desserts.**



Phil Garofalo



Major:Computer Science

Bio: I'm a former mentee whose main goal is to get an A.S. degree in Computer Programming and another in Networking/Security. I've been drumming for 10+ years, worked for 3 different banks, am a black belt in Taekwondo, and have recently started tinkering with drones. I also enjoy working out and walking my 2 labs. My hope is to enter into the cybersecurity industry.



Philippe Santos de Almeida



Major: Communications

Bio: I come from Brazil and have been living in San Diego for 5 years. I love sports especially surfing, skating, and practicing yoga and meditation. I like listening to audiobooks, podcasts, and music. I'm also passionate about personal development. I believe education is the answer for a lot of the problems in our world and I want to be part of the solution. Figuring out who we are and what we want to accomplish is a huge step towards success!



Rafael Baez



Major: Nursing

Bio: I am passionate about learning and helping others meet their goals and dreams. I come from a Latino/Mexican heritage, fluent in both English and Spanish. Other passions of mine include Science, Literature, animals, and our planet. During my free time I enjoy spending time with friends, reading, creating artwork, eating good food, cooking, meditating, and exercising. I am also a huge Star Wars and Harry Potter nerd.



Rebeka Lexow



Major: Psychology

Bio: I have been attending Grossmont since my senior year of high school. It took me a long time to choose my major, but I am passionate about helping people in the community by volunteering, and I hope to use my degree to work in the mental health field. I also enjoy running, concerts, and traveling. This is my last year at Grossmont, and I hope to transfer to San Francisco state and continue my studies in psychology and social work.



Rebecca Quach



Major: Criminal Justice & a minor in Psychology

Bio: I graduated from a performing arts school in 2017, and currently in my 2nd year at Grossmont. I was a former volunteer at Sharp Grossmont Hospital and former intern at State Senator Joel Anderson. During my free time I spend it reading, bullet journaling, hanging out, hanging out with friends, binge watching Netflix/ Hulu, and hunting down the best places to eat and drink in San Diego.



Shane Aguilar



Major: Undecided

Bio: I am a first generation college student that was raised in Laguna Beach, California. While I was living there, I often volunteered for the Boys and Girls Club. I love animals, music, basketball, and hanging out with friends. I am also the Vice President for the Dreamers Movement Club on campus.

