

# 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**



# Brooke Stahley



Major: Computer Science

Bio: I enjoy video games, art, reading, and music. I aspire to one day to become a computer programmer for video game design, and I came to Grossmont to help me get started in the right direction. I became a mentor so I can help my fellow students get on the right path so they too can do the great things they aspire to do.



# 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.



# 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!



# Christopher Jose



Major: Nursing

Bio: I'm a second-generation Filipino American, born and raised in Chula Vista. Growing up in a traditional Asian household had instilled in me the motivation to strive for the best in myself and others. In my experience, going to college comes with other responsibilities that had hindered my ability to do my best in my education. However, by connecting to a support system here, I found that not only was my success as a student increased but the rigors of life felt much more manageable. Being a student for the past two years here at Grossmont College has taught me valuable lessons that I believe I can share unto others. As a peer mentor, I hope to inspire, educate, and help shape the paths students may take here at Grossmont College.



# 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 love 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.**



# 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.**





# Janelle Silvas



**Major: Speech Language & Hearing Science**

**Bio: I am a socialite by nature and enjoy meeting new people, & happiest when I know I've helped others reach their full potential. I am a dedicated and driven student who is more than willing to share my work ethics with others. My goal is to become a Speech Pathologist to work with children who have communicative disorders. I love my dogs and if you ask I'll happily show pictures of them.**



# 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.



# Maria Lujan



**Major: Psychology**

**Bio: I was born and raised in San Diego, CA. I love going to the beach in my free time and hang out with my friends. When I feel stressed out I enjoy going to the gym to unwind. After I graduate, I am hoping to become a teacher, because I love helping out others.**



# 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.





# Mitchell Montoya



**Major: Communications & Geography**

**Bio: Having being born & raised in sunny San Diego, I have been exposed to many different cultures, which led me to have a HUGE interest in my major especially after being exposed to the right teachers & resources to thrive in school. I hope to help anyone that feels a similar stress or anxiety that I did when I started college, and help make the most out of it. I am always happy to chat & a helping hand.**



# 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 6 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!



# Rebecca Quach



**Major: Criminal Justice & a minor in Psychology**

**Bio: I am 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.**



# 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.



# Sekani Thomas



Major: Music

Bio: I am a 3rd generation Professional Percussionist & Electronic Music Producer. I'm currently one of the Accompanist Musicians in the GC Dance Department, & as a freelance musician I play nationally & internationally in various groups & bands. Music is my passion, along with hobbies like motor racing, & building cars to name a few. I believe that music is a unique, pure, & creative expression that comes from the heart, as well as healing & entertaining. I welcome all who come to share & receive my gifts.



# Shaianne Peralta



Major: Nursing

Bio: I have been a volunteer at UCSD Health hospital - working in the Surgical Trauma Unit, which was also located across the Burn Unit. This past Summer I became a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) for long-term facilities/hospitals. I'm a very communicative person and I enjoy meeting new people and trying new things. When I'm not studying 24/7, I manage to play tennis, go hiking, rewatch my two favorite shows on Netflix like Friends & The Office, and spend time with friends & family!



# Sharisse Cohee



Major: Journalism

Bio: I am a football enthusiast who is a writer & contributor to Grossmont's publication *The Summit*. Majoring in Media Communications, I am currently obtaining an associate at Grossmont. My goal is to transfer for my bachelor's degree. My hobbies include fantasy football, hitting the gym to relieve stress, & hanging out w/ my maine coon cat.

