



2010 CLYLP COMCAST FELLOWS



Yadira Bribiesca

University of California, Los Angeles

Office of Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes

Yadira, a Los Angeles native, developed the zeal and desire to serve others during her high school internship with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's field office. She hopes to attend law school to advocate for immigration reform and education. During her first term at UCLA, Yadira's academic achievements qualified her for membership in the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies. Yadira continues to cultivate a passion for academic outreach through her employment with Families in Schools and CLEF, the Chicano Latino Educational Fund and her volunteer endeavors with CHIRLA. Yadira is an active member of her local church and serves as part of the Board for the youth group, Illuminating the Way, in which she leads several workshops to advocate for education. She expects to further develop her leadership abilities and gain a clear understanding of the realities of politics through the Comcast Fellowship. She is a 2007 CLYLP Alumnus, and was recently awarded the Southeast College Scholarship from the office of Assembly Member Hector De La Torre.

Isabel Cortes

Mills College

Office of Assembly Member Julia Brownley



Isabel is will begin her third year at Mills College where she double majors in Ethnic Studies and Political, Legal & Economic Analysis, and is a Coca-Cola Scholar. She is a driven student leader passionate about human rights and education. In her first two years at Mills, she has been highly involved in various clubs, including the Associated Students of Mills College, Mills College Feminist Democrats, Mills Leadership Action of Tomorrow, and Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. Her outstanding leadership capabilities led her to serve as the Diversity Committee Senator for two years, and she was recently elected as Judicial Chair for the incoming school year. Isabel aspires to run for public office one day to empower the Latino community. She anticipates that the Comcast Fellowship will provide the first stepping stone to reach her goal of serving in the U.S. Senate. From Fortuna in Humboldt County, she is the first in her family to attend college. Isabel is a CLYLP Alumnus from 2007.



Amanda Dominguez
Sonoma State University
Office of Assembly Member Sandré Swanson

Amanda is a CLYLP alumnus from 2005 and has returned to CLYP to serve as a peer counselor several times. She recently finished her junior year at Sonoma State University where she is pursuing a degree in Psychology with a minor in Chicano and Latino Studies. She actively pursues leadership opportunities at her university, serving as Vice President of the Latino Business Association, as well as President of the Multicultural Greek Council and Vice President of Internal Affairs of the general Greek Council. Amanda aspires to seek a career in public policy to help her community of Wilmington obtain the resources it needs. She believes the Comcast Fellowship will provide her the opportunity build on her leadership qualities and push her to become a better leader for her university community as well as her home community.

Alma Lemus
College of the Sequoias
Assembly Member Tony Mendoza



Alma Lemus was raised in a small town in Central California known as Farmersville. She is a first year at the College of the Sequoias, where she is actively involved in several clubs, including the Learning Community Club and MEChA. Majoring in English Literature, she has developed a passion for writing political overviews and journalistic pieces, and plans to one day give voice to undocumented students by writing their stories. Alma has spent several summers harvesting fruit in the farm fields of the Tulare and Fresno regions, and believes that this experience has given her insight into the economic and environmental issues affecting the San Joaquin Delta, as well as immigrant rights concerns. She hopes to gain from the Comcast Fellowship an understanding of what motivates and inspires policy makers to lead California so that she can draw from those inspirations. Alma plans to transfer to the University of Southern California next year. She is also a 2007 CLYLP Alumnus.



Julie Morales
University of Chicago
Office of Assembly Member Mike Gatto

Julie is proud to be from South Gate, California and a CLYLP alumnus from 2006. She credits her experience at CLYLP with pushing her to expand her horizons by including college selections to out of state universities. Her dream came true when she landed the Odyssey scholarship from the University of Chicago, earning a full ride to the prestigious school. She recently completed her second year. Attending school away from Southern California has widened her perspective and



understanding on issues affecting Latinos by analyzing implications through international contexts, and thus chose to major in International Studies and Human Rights. Julie's extra-curricular activities parallel her course of study, as she founded and headed multiple student organizations at her university, including MEChA, the University of Chicago Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Student Farmworker Alliance, and the University of Chicago Housing Opportunities Program. She also developed a passion for education reform after interning for Los Angeles Unified School District Vice Board Member, Yolie Flores Aguilar. Julie will utilize her experience with the CLYLP Comcast Fellowship, as well as her academic knowledge, to contribute to California by working with the government in a legislative context as well as integrating her interest in academia to push for immigration and education reform.

Thalia Soto

University of California, Berkeley
Office of Senator Alex Padilla



Thalia recently completed her first semester at UC Berkeley, where she is majoring in Political Economy and International Affairs. Hailing from Modesto California, she is the first in her family to attend a university in the United States. Her leadership abilities as a high school student led her to serve as President of the Associated Student Body, School Site Council Student Representative, Inter-High Council Student President, Upward Bound student president, and as Student Trustee for the Modesto City School Board of Education. At UC Berkeley, Thalia was actively involved in the club Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education (RISE). Thalia hopes to gain from the fellowship experience the knowledge to become a stronger future leader for the Berkeley community, LGBT community, as well as the Chicano-Latino community. Her career goal is to work for the FBI or CIA to fight human trafficking and also do counterintelligence/ counternarcotics investigations. Thalia is a CLYLP alumnus from 2008, and was a CLYLP Roberto Garcia Memorial Scholarship recipient in 2009.