



2011 CLYLP Comcast Fellowship

ALICIA ACEVEDO

**California State University, Fresno
Assembly Education Committee,
Assemlbmember Julia Brownley, Chair**



Alicia Acevedo's academic goals are to graduate from CSU Fresno with a major in journalism, emphasizing in photojournalism and speech pathology. In high school her determination helped her graduate at the top of her class as Valedictorian, with a 4.11 G.P.A. She recently graduated from College of the Sequoias with an Associates Degree in Journalism and Behavioral Sciences. While there, she worked as Photo Editor and a reporter for *The Campus Newspaper*. She has received two first place awards for her work in photography from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. After receiving her degree Alicia wants to join the Peace Corps and record the challenges in the world through her photographs. Her main drive is to help children who do not have the opportunity to attend school and receive an education. Alicia wants to later work in the special education community. From the small town of Farmersville, CA, Alicia values education; she feels that it is the key to self progression. Alicia's drive to continue with her education is due in part to her participation in the 2006 CLYLP Summer Conference. Her participation showed her that anything is possible. As a 2011 CLYLP Comcast Fellow, Alicia is working in the Assembly Education Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Julia Brownley. Through the Fellowship program, Alicia hopes to enhance her knowledge and understanding of the legislative process.



ANDREW AGUILAR

**Stanford University
Office of Assemblymember Marty Block**

Andrew Aguilar is a sophomore at Stanford University majoring in History. While at Stanford, Andrew has been involved in a variety of extracurricular organizations, including the Stanford Wind Ensemble, the Associated Students of Stanford University (ASSU), Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, and Ram's Head Theater Company. He was recently appointed the Internal Operations Manager for the ASSU Executive Branch and to the Undergraduate Advisory Board of the Stanford Program in Writing and Rhetoric. After participating in the CLYLP Summer Conference in 2009, he became heavily committed to empowering disadvantaged students to go to college. He is a founding member and current Director of Development at The Phoenix Project, a sponsored group by the Silicon Valley Foundation that provides free college counseling to disadvantaged students. In the two years he has been involved, The Phoenix Project has served over 300 students and helped them gain admission to some of the nation's most prestigious colleges, including Harvard, Stanford, and Princeton. His work with The Phoenix Project compels him to research the links between writing



proficiency and college access for low-income, minority youth. Consequently, he looks forward to learning more through his internship for Assemblymember Marty Block, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education.



JESUS BURBOA

**Georgetown University
Office of Senator Alex Padilla**

Jesus Burboa is a first-generation college student attending Georgetown University where he is double majoring in English and Government. He attended the CLYLP Summer Conference in 2009 and has returned as a CLYLP Comcast Fellow to intern for Senator Alex Padilla—where he hopes to better understand the complexities of immigration reform. He ultimately wants to attend law school to become an immigration attorney. He has helped create a conference for low-income, rising high school seniors to equip them with the tools they need to become the first in their families to attend college. As a freshman at Georgetown, he was placed on the Board of Directors for Beyond the Hilltop, a non-profit organization designed to foster social entrepreneurship, and has recently been selected as a Commissioner for the Student Activities Commission, an advisory board that oversees and annually allocates \$250,000 to 100 clubs on campus. He is also a peer mentor for the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access, Boys to Men, and the peer counseling program at the Financial Aid office. During his free time he enjoys choreographing for *Ritmo y Sabor*, a Latino dance team on campus.

KATHERINE GARCIA

**Pomona College
Office of Assemblymember Norma Torres**

Katherine Garcia was born and raised in Arcadia, California. Since participating in the CLYLP Sacramento Conference in 2008, she joined Arcadia High School's Constitution Team, where she competed at the local, state, and national level. The team won at each level, earning the title of National Champions. In the summer of 2010, she returned to CLYLP's Summer Conference as a Peer Counselor. She is entering her second year at Pomona College, and is the first in her family to pursue a college degree. At Pomona, Katherine is pursuing a double major in Sociology and Politics. During her first year in college, Katherine joined Circle K, a community service club, and became a member for Empowered Latinos in Action, a club that seeks to foster students' personal, cultural, and political abilities. She especially enjoys being a mentor through Pomona Partners, a program that connects college students with disadvantaged middle school students in the city of Pomona. At the conclusion of her first year, she was recognized as a Pomona College Scholar for receiving grades that placed her in the top 25% of her class.





ESTEVAN GINSBURG

Cornell University
Office of Assemblymember Sandré Swanson

Estevan Ginsburg has been involved with the CLYLP program for the past three years—as a participant, a Peer Counselor, and now as a Comcast Fellow. He is hoping that his experience in the State Capitol will continue to fuel his academic endeavors as he starts his second year at Cornell University. At Cornell, Estevan was placed on the Dean's List for his academic achievements. He is working to obtain a double major in Government and Economics. Apart from Estevan's academic interests, he has been very active with Cornell's Diversity Hosting Program, welcoming perspective minority students and acting as an example of success at an Ivy League institution. The Program is very important to him, as he wants to help others obtain the same opportunities that he is fortunate to have. In addition, Estevan keeps busy participating in the Cornell Club Water Polo Team. He hopes to take away from this Fellowship program a deeper passion for politics with a goal of returning to the Capitol as a leader of California.



JUAN GUEVARA

University of Chicago
Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations,
Senator Ted Lieu, Chair



Born and raised in Santa Ana, California, Juan is an alumnus of the 2008 CLYLP Summer Conference. He is attending the University of Chicago with generous financial assistance from the Odyssey Scholarship and the Ronald M. Simon Scholarship. As a rising second year, he is pursuing a major in Public Policy Studies with a

concentration in immigration. His passion for immigration stems from his family and predominantly immigrant community, as well as his belief that immigration is the life and blood of America's prosperity. At Chicago, Juan is an alumnus of the Community Service Leadership Training Corps—a highly competitive two-year training program which teaches about social justice and organization theory, and engages various communities through community service and projects. This has kindled him to further seek social change in the immigration field through his studies and actions, such as interning with the Immigrant Child Advocacy Project and volunteering with the *Centro de Orientación al Migrante*, a migrant center in Oaxaca, Mexico. Although far away from home, Juan still holds on to his roots by leading his college's M.E.Ch.A. chapter as co-chair. In addition, he is inspired to assist future generations through United Mentorship by Correspondence and is eagerly waiting to teach a college class on race to high school students under the Cascade program.