



2012 CLYLP COMCAST FELLOWS



Ana Gabriela Cid

University of California, Santa Barbara

Assembly Budget Committee

Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield, Chair

CLYLP Los Angeles Institute, Class of 2008

Ana Gabriela Cid is a senior at the University of California, Santa Barbara, pursuing a major in Sociology and a minor in Italian. Her commitment to social justice began in the 10th grade when she decided to form an immigrant rights awareness group at her high school. She has continued this work at the local, state and national levels through her involvement with UCSB IDEAS, the California Dream Network and the Reform Immigration for America campaign. As part of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., she has continued to pursue her political calling by taking part in its national political committee. Her commitment to this struggle stems from watching how her immigrant parents sacrificed everything in Mexico to be able to provide her with an opportunity to educate herself. Ana is also very committed to promoting higher education in the Latino community. In high school, she was a peer college counselor. During the school year, Ana will continue to guide students through UCSB's Educational Opportunity Program as a Student Mentor. Ana attended the CLYLP Los Angeles Institute in 2008. As a 2012 CLYLP Comcast Fellow, she hopes to gain the experience necessary to build the foundation for her future endeavors in the field of public policy.



Karen Islas

Stanford University

Office of Assemblymember Henry Perea

CLYLP Sacramento Leadership Conference, Class of 2009

Karen Islas grew up in Garden Grove, California, and is now a sophomore at Stanford University, majoring in Science, Technology, and Society. Karen attended the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference in 2009 where she was inspired to serve as a mentor for youth. At Stanford, Karen served as an intern for the Stanford Student Enterprises where she was able to gain valuable knowledge in the realm of business. Additionally, she served as a tutor for middle school children through her work with East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring, a non-profit youth development organization for K-12th grade students. She is also part of the Development team of DreamCatchers, a program that improves the education outcomes of low-income youth through tutoring and mentorship. In addition to participating in the Comcast Fellowship this summer, Karen is also the Development Intern for Make-A-Wish of Orange County and the Inland Empire, an organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Karen enjoys making a difference in the lives of others and hopes to continue to do so after attending law school or graduate school for business. She looks forward to learning about how her passions for the nonprofit and corporate sectors intersect with public policy, during her CLYLP Comcast summer internship.

Daniel Jimenez

California State University, Bakersfield

Office of Assemblymember Steven Bradford

CLYLP Sacramento Leadership Conference, Class of 2008

Daniel graduated from Taft College and transferred to CSUB where he is pursuing a degree in communications, emphasis in Digital Media. Daniel has been involved with the CLYLP since he attended the conference in 2008. He became a peer counselor for the San Joaquin Valley Institute, in which he served as a volunteer for the past four years. He also became a peer counselor for the Sacramento Leadership Conference in 2010. That same year, he participated in the California Youth Summit. In addition to his involvement with CLYLP, Daniel has been involved with programs that share his vision of progress. These include Yo Puedo, a program designed to prepare disadvantaged students for the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). He was a mentor for an AB540 group, where he provided guidance and support, helped run meetings and researched scholarships for undocumented students. Daniel has also been involved in organizations to motivate and support Latino students to continue with their education, including Scicon Internship, InterAct, Gold, and The Migrant College Retreat. Daniel believes that the most effective way of making positive change in our society is through politics. This was his motivation to become a CLYLP Comcast Fellow. He is convinced that this experience will be helpful and will open doors that will be beneficial to his community.



Anahi Mendoza

Harvard College

Office of Assemblymember Nora Campos

CLYLP Sacramento Leadership Conference, Class of 2009

Anahi Mendoza is a sophomore studying Social Studies at Harvard College. She has worked on judicial issues as an intern in Senator Feinstein's Washington, D.C. office. In high school, Anahi's commitment to justice led her to found a Gay-Straight Alliance. Her passion for immigration reform led her to found the Dream Club—dedicated to empowering undocumented students. While in high school, she attended the UCSB Research Mentorship Program where she researched law, sociology, immigration, and education. As a volunteer for Just Communities, she facilitated conversations throughout the central coast on issues of racism, sexism, and heterosexism. Anahi graduated from Santa Maria High as valedictorian. She then interned at the Fund for Santa Barbara—an organization that provides services to grassroots efforts—and with Future Leaders of America—a non-profit organization that encourages Latina/o students to pursue higher education. At Harvard, Anahi is co-director of Act on a Dream—an organization dedicated to passing the DREAM Act—and has helped found the Ivy League Immigrant Rights' Coalition. Anahi tutors elementary school students in Boston's South-End. She also volunteers with the Small Claims Advisory Service where through telephone communication she helps socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals navigate the small claims court system. Anahi hopes to attend law school and use her law degree not only to bring about social justice herself but, also to empower others to do the same.

Diana Ortiz

Pomona College

Office of Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom

CLYLP Sacramento Leadership Conference, Class of 2009

Diana Ortiz is a junior at Pomona College majoring in History and Chicano Studies. After participating in the CLYLP Summer Conference in 2009, she became president of the Santa Anita's YMCA Youth and Government program, an organization that informed her about California's legislative process. In 2010, she was a Peer Counselor, a participant of the Youth Summit and now a Comcast Fellow. CLYLP has inspired her to become an educated professional and an inspirational speaker for all youth. In college, she is student coordinator for the Draper Center for Community Partnerships, where she manages the ESL Tutoring Program and the LA Service Project. As a sophomore in college, she welcomed prospective Latino students as a Chicano Latino Student Affairs Sponsor and co-founded Improving Dreams, Equality, Access, and Success, a pro-immigrant rights and ally group for undocumented students. She participates in the Workers for Justice fight toward just labor conditions for dining hall workers and is currently a Young Religious Fellow through Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, where she organizes in support of Warehouse Workers United. Within the faith community she serves as a La Fe Bible Study leader through the Christian Fellowship. Her faith in God is the fundamental drive toward her social justice involvement. Overall, she enjoys having fun as a guitarist for the student led Mariachi Serrano of the Claremont Colleges.



Eduardo Vasquez

Sonoma State University

Office of Senator Lois Wolk

CLYLP Sacramento Leadership Conference, Class of 2008

Eduardo was born in Santa Rosa, California, and his family currently lives in Rohnert Park, California. Since his participation in the 2008 Sacramento Leadership Conference, Eduardo discovered an inner potential to contribute and serve his local communities and strive towards higher education. He is a student at Sonoma State University working on his Sociology major and Chicano & Latino Studies minor. His academic goal is to pursue a Master's Degree. Eduardo was awarded the Dean's List during the fall of 2011. As a freshman at Sonoma State University, Eduardo became involved with Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity Inc. During his first year of college, he volunteered for an after school program called *Moviendo Montañas*, through a partnership with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the North Bay. In *Moviendo Montañas*, he served as a role model, tutor, friend, and supporter for local middle and high school students. Eduardo has also worked for an after school program called *CARNEY Educational Services* where he served as a student teacher for elementary level students. He currently works for the Migrant Education Advisory Program as a student advisor to high school students. Eduardo values education, a passion that was fed through his participation in the CLYLP Summer Leadership Conference.