



2012 ROBERTO GRACIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR CLYLP ALUMNI

Armando Carmona

Sacramento Leadership Conference, 2006

San Jose State University

Degree Pursuing: M.A. Mexican American Studies

Armando is currently enrolled in the Mexican American Studies program at San Jose State University. Inspired by CLYLP's focus on the social, political, and economic development of the Chicano community, his research has focused on the role schools have played on the development of young Chicanos. His proposed research for his masters degree will engage grassroots sites of learning outside of the framework of the school. After he receives his MA, he plans to pursue his Ph.D. at a top research university. During his time at University of California- Santa Barbara, Armando led the campus community in various roles such as the AS Legislative Council, AS Student Initiated Outreach and Retention Center, the Office of the AS President and in El Congreso. He currently holds the position of Research Fellow at the Center for Convivial Research and Autonomy where he participated and coordinated community research projects with grassroots organizations.

Gabriella Herrera

Sacramento Leadership Conference, 2009

Harvard University

Degree Pursuing: B.S. Neurobiology and Ethnic Studies minor

Gabriella will begin her second year at Harvard University where she is a Neurobiology major and an Ethnic Studies minor. During her first year at Harvard, she was the Vice President of Latinos in Health Careers, a Freshmen Representative for Latinas Unidas and a volunteer mentor for the Harvard College Access Program, which works with local undocumented high school students to help prepare them for college. This past summer, she participated in the University of California, Davis Pre-Medical Surgical Internship program. Currently, she is a researcher in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute IDEAS research program where she works with neural stem cells to be used for cancer treatment. After she receives her B.S., Gabriela plans on attending medical school. Her ultimate goal is to become a physician and possibly the first Mexican-American neurosurgeon in the U.S.

Estefania Valois

Los Angeles Institute, 2011

University of California, Irvine

Degree Pursuing: B.S. Political Science

Estefania was raised in Bell, California. She will be attending her first semester of college this fall at the University of California, Irvine where she plans to major in Political Science. During high school, she was an active member of the Rotary Interact Club and a regular volunteer at the St. Mathias Church and participated in school sports such as tennis. Her career goal is to become a policy-maker who focuses on increasing the number of minorities and undocumented students who are admitted into institutions of higher education.