



2014 CLYLP Ellie Enriquez Peck Alumni Interns



Amy Garcia

San Francisco State University

LAI 2012

Amy grew up in Southern California in the city of Whittier before relocating to the Bay Area for school. A first generation college student, she is completing her first year at San Francisco State University as a Business major with a marketing concentration. She plans to pursue a minor in cinema. In the spring of 2013, she was accepted into the Emma Bowen Foundation internship program, which prepares minority students to enter careers in the media industry by placing them in internships with partner companies for four summers. Amy began her internship at Fandango, LLC that summer. She currently works at SFSU's Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts Department. Amy is a member of the Delta Kappa Alpha cinema fraternity and the International Business Society on campus. While she enjoys volunteering in multiple fields, her most recent volunteering experience was with the San Francisco Film Society. Amy is a 2012 alumna of the CLYLP Los Angeles Institute

Mariana Magaña
Santa Monica College
SLC 2011



Mariana participated in the 2011 CLYLP Sacramento Leadership Conference. A native of Jalisco, México, she immigrated to the United States at the age of one. She is a first generation, undocumented college student, completing her sophomore year at Santa Monica College.

Mariana is passionate about helping underprivileged youth, specifically undocumented students, acquire a higher education. At SMC, she is active with the Improving, Dreams, Equality, Access, and Success (IDEAS) organization where she served as the Inter-Club Council Delegate. She is one of the IDEAS Co-Chairs for the spring 2014 Semester. Within her local community of Santa Monica, Mariana is a member of the Association of Higher Education for Active Dreamers (AHEAD). Through this organization she has organized bilingual workshops to educate undocumented youth about bills such as AB540, the CA Dream Act, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). After obtaining her bachelor's degree, she intends to pursue a Masters of Public Administration so she can impact public policy outcomes within the educational system and further the opportunities afforded to undocumented youth. She will transfer to the University of California, Los Angeles in the fall and plans to pursue degrees in Political Science and Spanish.



Christina Ramirez

University of California, Davis

SLC 2009

Christina left the Sacramento Leadership Conference in 2009 inspired to help other youth reach their higher education goals and empower themselves. She tutors 8th and 9th graders through the Advancement Via Individual Determination program in Davis, and works part-time with Davis Bridge, an organization focusing on improving the academic achievement of low-income students. As a member of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, she volunteers for various philanthropic events benefiting Latino literacy and leadership groups. She will graduate from UC Davis this Spring with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Communications Communications and Chicana@ Studies with a Social Policy Studies emphasis.

Vania Silva

Georgetown University

SLC 2011



Vania attended the Sacramento Leadership Conference in 2011, and returned as a Peer Counselor in 2013. She is a first generation college student from Reedly, and is finishing her junior year at Georgetown University in Washington D.C as a Psychology major. Vania is passionate about addressing issues of diversity and identity, and is actively involved with club boxing and GU Pride on campus. This summer, she will be a peer counselor for the Georgetown's pre-orientation program, Young Leaders in Education About Diversity. Vania is also a recipient of the prestigious Dell Scholarship, and a Georgetown Scholarship Program member. She looks forward to giving back to CLYLP, and hopes to learn the inner-workings of a volunteer organization.



Paola Villegas

University of California, Santa Barbara

LAI 2011

Paola is a second year at UC Santa Barbara majoring in History of Public Policy and minoring in Spatial Studies and Labor Studies. As a first generation student from Van Nuys, CA, she strives to create, foster, and strengthen relationships between the Latino community. She interns with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 3299, organizing students to build student-worker solidarity across UC campuses. She is a McNair Scholar and hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning to analyze housing discrimination and educational equity. Paola is the Secretary for La Escuelita, a student organization that provides alternative educational resources to the youth and parents in the communities of Isla Vista and Goleta Valley, and tutors junior high school students through the Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County. For the next academic term, she will serve as a student mentor for undergraduate students through the Educational Opportunity Program on campus. Paola attended the CLYLP Los Angeles Institute in 2011.