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Two-time political science alumna prepares for career in international law

In May, Victoria Stratton graduated with her master's degree in political science, making her a two-time ASU alumna after having earned her bachelor's degree in political science in spring 2020 as part of The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' 4+1 accelerated degree program.

"With ASU, there are so many classes that you have the option to pick from, especially in political science. A lot of them are broad classes in one of these topics, so I was able to take advantage of it by picking out which ones I wanted and then working with my advisers to figure out where that fit into my degree plan. I also figured out that the political science pathway led directly to a master's degree, which was perfect for my future goals," she said.

Stratton will attend Georgetown Law this fall and and hopes to specialize in international law and international humanitarian law.

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ASU quadruple-major named 2021 Udall Scholar

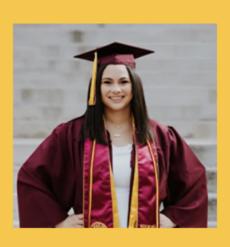
Nathaniel Ross, an Arizona State University junior quadruple-majoring in biology, history, applied quantitative science and political science, plans to work at the nexus of climate policy, environmental justice and advocacy for the disabled community.

"My main goal is to focus my work on policy issues that impact the disability community, an often neglected demographic when it comes to climate policy," said Ross.

"Disabled Americans are among the most vulnerable to death due to extreme weather events. Some specific policy goals I have are to increase the accessibility of governmental extreme weather protocols, increase public health access to people disabled by climate-related causes, and institute accessibility standards and inclusivity requirements for sustainability efforts," said Ross, who has been named a 2021 Udall

Scholar by the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation.

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Dual graduate says her degrees prepared her for law school

Amanda Andalis, who hails from El Paso, Texas, graduated in May with two bachelor's degrees, one in political science from the School of Politics and Global Studies and one in communication from the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication.

She says she was very fortunate during her time at ASU to participate in several jobs and internships.

"The one job that I've had that has made the most significant impact on my ASU experience was my community assistant position with University Housing. This position not only provided me with lifelong friendships but allowed me to be a mentor to first-year students. Seeing how my residents grew personally and academically over the course of the year and then throughout their ASU experience was incredibly impactful and helped me understand the power and importance of mentorship."

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Magda Hinojosa named director of the School of Politics and Global Studies

Arizona State University Professor Magda Hinojosa has been named the new director for the School of Politics and Global Studies.

Hinojosa's approach to leadership is motivated by her background. As a Mexican American woman who grew up on the U.S.-Mexico border, Hinojosa was drawn to researching marginalized groups and the processes and procedures that can bring people into positions of power. Hinojosa credits her research with igniting her passion for administration and points out that studying why it matters who sits at the decision-making table has motivated her to step into leadership roles.

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