



Leon La Jeunesse

Leon is a junior studying political science at Arizona State. Leon came to Arizona State in the fall of 2018 after transferring in from Scottsdale Community College (SCC) where he spent three academic years finishing up his general studies. Before attending SCC, Leon spent the 2014-2015 academic year at Bellevue University taking a shot at a collegiate baseball career before an injury forced him to hang up his cleats.

Leon has always been a politically aware person, constantly intrigued by current events and wanting to talk about big ideas. This has motivated him to study political science, as he wishes to be a part of the conversation of ideas and to help shape and mold how people think about issues. As a Capital Scholar, Leon hopes to get an experience of lifetime where he can be immersed in the political world and find where his talents are best served.



Alexander Sojourney

Alexander Sojourney is the Undergraduate Student Body President at Arizona State University West Campus. He is a sophomore currently studying political science & justice studies within Barrett, the Honors College.

Alexander is motivated by his passion for creating change at the local and state-wide level. Alexander was born and raised in Glendale, Arizona and has been an Arizona ever since. In high school, he was involved in speech and debate. This spurred his interest in politics and government, which initially led Alexander to apply for the Undergraduate Student Government at West Campus. His passion for change led him to apply to become a senator for Barrett, the Honors College the first week of his freshmen year. This experience soon aided him in his success as being the first African American president of the Arizona State University West campus. This allowed him to implement policies and initiatives at the campus level. In addition to Alexander's work as USG President, he is also an avid member of the Forensics Team (speech and debate) as well as working with the Black Student Union (BSU). This accumulation of knowledge assisted Alexander with the experience and confidence to work in a dynamic, fast-paced organization where learning quickly and pitching in are instrumental to success.



Kayla Green

Kayla Green is a rising senior at ASU majoring in political science and minoring in both African and African American studies and philosophy. She is also pursuing four certificates in Political Entrepreneurship through Internships: Local to Global, Women and Gender Studies, International Studies, and Religion and Conflict. Kayla has amassed a high proficiency in researching and reporting on civic spaces across West Africa, having interned for the West Africa Civil Society Institute in Accra, Ghana. Additionally, Kayla has gained experience in legal research and litigant assistance at the Maricopa County Superior Court of Arizona as a Law Library Intern. She has also spent time as an Educational Program Coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada and has volunteered with RISE Tutoring, where she tutors refugee children from all around the world. Kayla's professional goals include international work relating to US diplomatic relations with West African nations as well as founding a nonprofit organization to support the growth and self-development of disadvantaged black youth in inner city communities. Outside of work and school, Kayla writes poetry and competes on ASU's policy debate team.



Lauren-Nicole Taylor

Lauren-Nicole "Nicki" Taylor, age 22, is a 4th year history and political science double major at Arizona State University. Her emphasis is in American foreign policy and history, with a particular focus in the Civil War and Reconstruction and foreign policy after World War II. She hopes to attend the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and go on to work in public service. Her passions include working with and empowering at-risk youth, community activism, and working towards a better future for all.



David Huff

David Huff is a third year undergraduate studying political science and biological sciences at Arizona State University. Throughout his three years as a Sun Devil, David has had the benefit of being a member of the ASU Young Democrats, currently serving as president of the student organization. David currently serves as the Vice President of Young Democrats of Arizona, Western Regional Director of College Democrats of America, Secretary of the Arizona Democratic Party LGBT Caucus, and has experience working on Arizona Democratic campaigns, and has interned for Congressman Ruben Gallego. Looking towards the future, David plans to grow his professional development as an ASU Capital Scholar, interning this summer in Washington DC.



Gelila Tesfu

Gelila Tesfu is a senior at Arizona State University studying psychology (BS) and being certified in applied business data analysis. She is currently an intern for a nonprofit in the greater Phoenix area, Barrio Nuevo. Gelila co-leads and mentors at-risk youth through various volunteer events as well as weekly tutoring, life group, and girls club. Gelila was born and raised in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia and migrated to the United States of America in 2004. She thoroughly enjoys living a purpose driven life and is committed to public service. Through the Capital Scholar program, Gelila hopes to secure an internship with a civil rights or non-profit organization to expand her horizon on public policy and better serve her community. In her free time she enjoys stimulating her mind through intellectual content such as logic, philosophy, psychology, theology lectures and books.



Aspen Cashin

Aspen Cashin is a junior at Arizona State University pursuing degrees in political science and business. She recently served as the chartering Vice President of Administration for Alpha Omicron Pi as well as their chartering and current Chair of Member Selection. She is on the Dean's List, a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, and was recently initiated into Order of Omega. After college, Aspen would like to attend law school and live a life of public service through civil law or Congress. In her free time, she enjoys art and poetry. Although she is a U.S. Citizen, her family currently lives in the Dominican Republic, and she has studied abroad in three different countries in the UK through ASU.



Vi Ho

Vi Ho is a sophomore pursuing concurrent degrees in architectural studies (BSD) and political science (BS). She was born and raised in Chandler, Arizona where she attended Hamilton High School before Arizona State University. Vi's political interests lie in criminal justice reform, wealth inequality reform, and feminist thought. Architecturally, she is vested in historical and contemporary architectural theory with emphasis on sustainability and intentionality. She spends her free time volunteering at feline rescue organizations, reading, and looking at cloud formations. After receiving her bachelor's degrees from Arizona State University, she plans on pursuing a doctorate degree with the hopes of becoming a historian and activist.



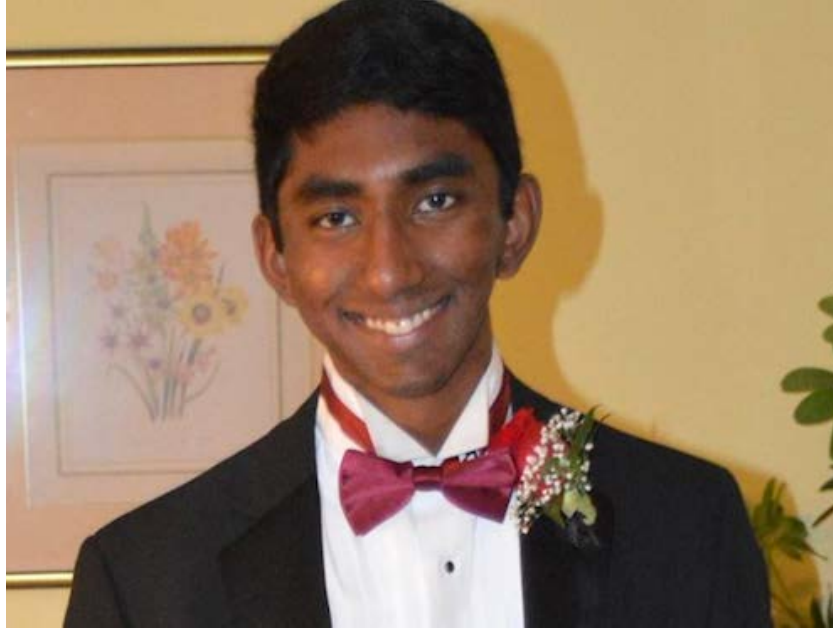
Carla Naranjo

Carla is a sophomore studying political science and public service & public policy with a concentration in law & policy and minor in Spanish at Barrett, the Honors College at ASU. She is originally from Fountain Hills, Arizona. Throughout her time at ASU, Carla has worked on political campaigns, the City of Tempe, NextGen America, and Undergraduate Student Government. Carla currently works at the Arizona State Senate as a page, a competitive internship program in which she learns about the legislative process and local government. She is also Vice President of Planned Parenthood Generation Action at ASU and mobilizes students to advocate for reproductive health on campus. She is a Spirit of Service Scholar through the ASU Ed Pastor Center for Politics and Public Service dedicated to creating the next generation of public servants. Carla is experienced in civic engagement, youth organizing, and issue advocacy. She is interested in intersectionality among a growing diverse population and how it will affect the way we view and participate in politics. After graduation, she wants to attend law school and work towards empowering underrepresented voices in public policy.



Jennifer Rangel

Jennifer is a senior pursuing degrees in political science and criminal justice. She currently works at a civil litigation law firm as a legal assistant in Scottsdale, AZ. Prior to attending college, Jennifer served in the U.S Marine Corps overseas for four years where she gained real world/professional work experience. At ASU, Jennifer is a member of the Veteran's Scholar Program and Women Veterans Club. After graduation Jennifer plans on going to NYU for law school and aspires to work in the federal government in the future. She enjoys volunteering, going to the gym, sports, and traveling.



Joshua Kumar

Joshua Kumar is a junior at ASU pursuing a degree in biological sciences with a concentration in genetics, cell biology, and developmental biology. He is interested in health policy, science and technology, and education, and is a member of ASU's Public Service Academy. He currently works as a Peer Mentor for the Vista community in Barrett, as well as a SAT and ACT tutor at Gold Standard Prep. When not at school or work, Josh enjoys writing, running, hiking, and playing the violin.



Troy Anderson

Troy is a sophomore at Arizona State University, double majoring in political science and philosophy. He is proud to be a senator for the Undergraduate Student Government of ASU Polytechnic, as well as a member of the Barrett, the Honors College. Troy is planning on attending law school after graduation with the intent on pursuing a Juris Doctorate in international law.



Katherine Valdez

Katherine Valdez is a junior at ASU, pursuing dual degrees in justice studies and criminology/criminal justice with a minor in political science and a certificate in socio-legal studies. She is interested in attending law school after finishing her degrees at ASU. She currently works as a schematic's analyst for the Bashas' Corporation where she supports the creation of store planograms. She previously interned at CIMA Law Group where she worked on immigration and criminal cases alongside recognized lawyers. She also volunteered at Central Arizonans for a Sustainable Economy, where she helped fill out citizenship applications and tutored low-income individuals on civic questions for the citizenship exam. Katherine is globally experienced after having spent a semester abroad on exchange in Spain. She is a heritage speaker of Spanish and is working on her proficiency in Italian. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, traveling and attending music festivals.



Caroline Orson

Caroline is a sophomore at ASU Barrett pursuing a degree in global studies with interests in South/Southeast Asia, justice studies, and French. She enjoys traveling and learning languages. Her hobbies include choir, acapella, hiking, and skiing. She has previously interned for Congressman Tom O'Halleran and is very excited to work and live in Washington DC this summer through the ASU Capitol Scholars Program.



Ashley McClellan

Ashley is a senior at Arizona State University Online, pursuing a degree in global studies. She currently works in retail management at home in Western Massachusetts. Ashley enjoys traveling and has spent time abroad throughout Latin America interning and volunteering with nonprofit organizations on various education and public health initiatives. With her degree, Ashley hopes to pursue a career in advocacy work or non-profit management. Outside of work and school, Ashley enjoys playing and watching soccer, spending time with family, and being in the outdoors.