



2023-24 Rebels  
R.I.S.E.  
Scholar Cohort

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# Alexis Mendoza

Hospitality Major

I am a sophomore student at Unlv. I am from California but moved to Las Vegas when I was about 12 years old.

I used to join the Rebel R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I felt like in my first year as a Unlv student, I didn't fulfill my duty to be active in this community. Now a sophomore, I feel more comfortable trying something new and being involved with my University.





# Alisa Krupnik

Psychology

My name is Alisa Krupnik, I recently graduated with my Associate of the Arts degree in Psychology from College of Southern Nevada. This is my second year at UNLV and I'm currently studying to get my BA in Psychology.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I would like to increase my involvement on campus and gain valuable skills that I will utilize in the future. I also want to put myself out there more and increase my engagement with the UNLV community.





# Amber Cabras

Pre-Nursing

I was born in Oahu, Hawaii. In my free time, I enjoy shopping, crocheting, and listening to music!

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I thought it would be a great opportunity to be more involved on campus and connect with other people.



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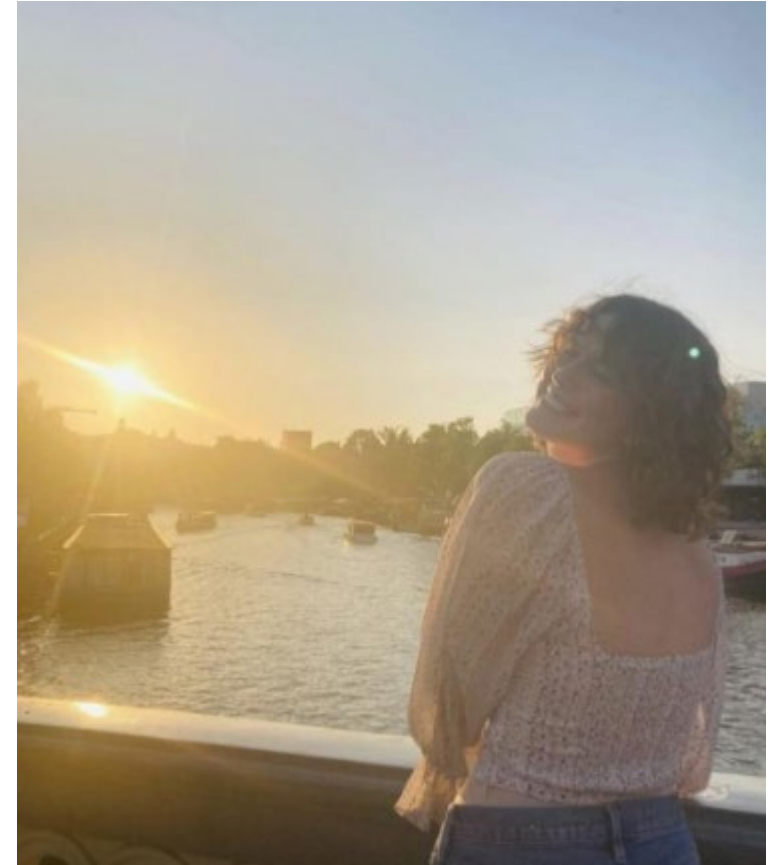
# Ainston McTyre

Hospitality

Minor: Theatre

I love living in sunny Las Vegas, but I am originally from Bothell Washington, about 30 minutes outside of Seattle. I love baking, being outdoors, music/choir, traveling, theatre, and the ocean. :)

I applied for this program because I want to continue doing well academically in college, but also to work on good study and mental health habit, as well as meeting more people and having more fun with school events and activities!



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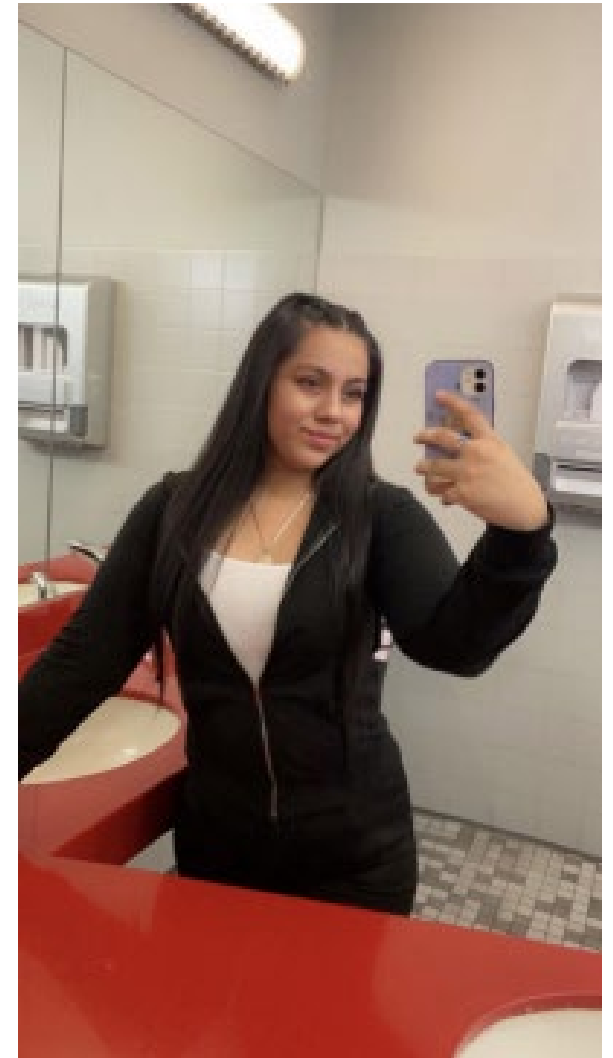


# Ariana Cruz

Business Accounting Major

Hi Everyone!! I am Ari, I was born in Brooklyn, New York but raised in Vegas. I love to explore new places or try out new things that are definitely out of my comfort zone, as well I like to meet new people :)

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I wanted to explore more about the UNLV campus, see interesting scholarly activities, engage more with people, and gain skills that I might not have now. I believe that the Rebels R.I.S.E program will allow me to see, rise, and engage more with the university and community.



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# Caryl Roque

Biology Pre-Med

Hi! My name is Caryl Roque and I love reading poetry books, mostly by r.h.Sin and Rupi Kaur since they are my favorite authors! I also enjoy going to the park and taking my two dogs for walks.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I wanted to have more involvement on campus. During my freshman year I only kept to myself and wasn't interested in any extracurricular activities, but this year I'm pushing myself out of my comfort zone and am actively working on bettering myself.





# Christian Mannings

Architecture

I am a 20 year old future Architect hailing from Brooklyn, New York who likes music, movies, art, chess, sports, fashion, and mathematics. A fun fact about me is that my favorite thing to do is to try new things.

My goal for this semester is to increase my involvement on campus and in the surrounding community, so I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program.



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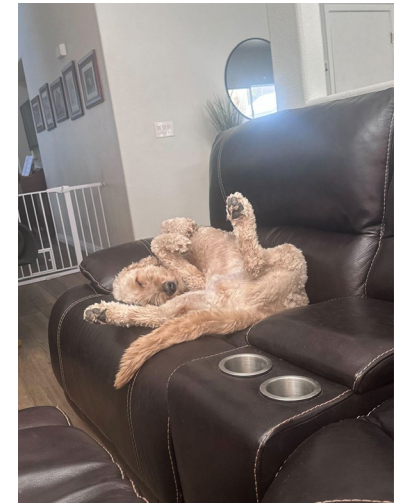


# Colton Benedict

Mechanical Engineering

Hey I'm Colton! I like the outdoors and early morning walks. I'm really into books and am currently writing a western book. I love my dog more than anything, his name is Cooper, say Hi to Cooper and tell him he's a good boy.

I don't know what this program is about but I hope it gets me out of the house at least more than once this semester.





# Dane Lorig

Psychology

Hi, I'm Dane Lorig and I'm an early high school graduate in the Honors College starting my sophomore year at UNLV and my junior year of college classes overall. I love my friends and family, food, drawing, playing video games, and exploring new places!

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E. to open myself up to others more and meet like-minded individuals that I can build long-lasting relationships with on and off-campus.



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# Devyn White

Currently exploring majors

I love hiking, kayaking, and anything that takes me outdoors. Generally, I spend my free time reading or sewing.

I applied to the R.I.S.E. scholar program because I want to make the most out of my time at UNLV and want to take advantage of every opportunity for success.





Ellexis Everson

Interior Architecture and Design

Born and raised in the beautiful city of Las Vegas Nevada I am on my path of becoming an interior designer and hopefully I am able to change others lives with my career. Seeing all of the amazing things my city has to offer inspired me to effectively create innovative designs for others.

I applied to the rebels rise program because I want to be able to help in my community along with learn how be more involved within campus life. My goal is to leave my mark on UNLV and hopefully find my place on campus.



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# Erika Penaranda

I am a Kinesiology major!

After graduating from UNLV, I plan to get my Masters in Nutrition or enroll into Physical Therapy Assistant school, I have yet to decide.

I applied to the R.I.S.E Program in hopes of becoming more involved with campus life. I live off campus and only go to campus for a few classes. I also applied to the program to potentially make new friends since a majority of my friends are attending college out of state/out of town.



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# Henok Tilahun

Computer Science

I'm an aspiring college graduate and I love making new friends.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because it will increase my involvement with UNLV and give me new opportunities to better myself.





# Henry Gitau

Psychology Major

I moved to Las Vegas from Kenya four years ago. I hope to pursue my dreams and do whatever it takes to succeed.

I wish to be more involved in campus.



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# Jaycie Spain

## Psychology

I am originally from Hawaii but moved to Las Vegas when I was young. I am a transfer student, my first year of college I went out of state to Grand Canyon University and then transferred back to Las Vegas for my second year. I love to travel, cook, and do crafts.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I wanted to be a part of something that will be able to help me through the obstacles that will be happening in college and outside of college. I also wanted to become more involved with school this year since this will be my first year at UNLV.







# Jenyfer Munoz Lopez

Pre-Social Work

My name is Jenyfer Munoz Lopez, I am a first-generation Latina student. I attended CSN for two years and this is my first semester at UNLV. I am excited to start my education in social work and nervous about starting at a new school.

I applied for this program to gain new experiences and to get involved on campus and learn about the opportunities in the community.





# Joel Kabura

Computer Science

I am a sophomore at UNLV. My favorite hobbies include sports, hiking, and learning new things.

I wanted to learn more about all the resources available at UNLV and to connect with my peers.





# Jose Chavez Licea

Hospitality Management

My name is Jose and I was born and raised here in Las Vegas, NV. I am currently working at the MSG Sphere and at Chipotle part-time while being a full-time student here at UNLV. My current goal is to work on the strip managing a hotel while also traveling the world.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I wanted to not only get more involved on campus but also show future employers that I can manage my time well while showing other students that it is possible to do it all.



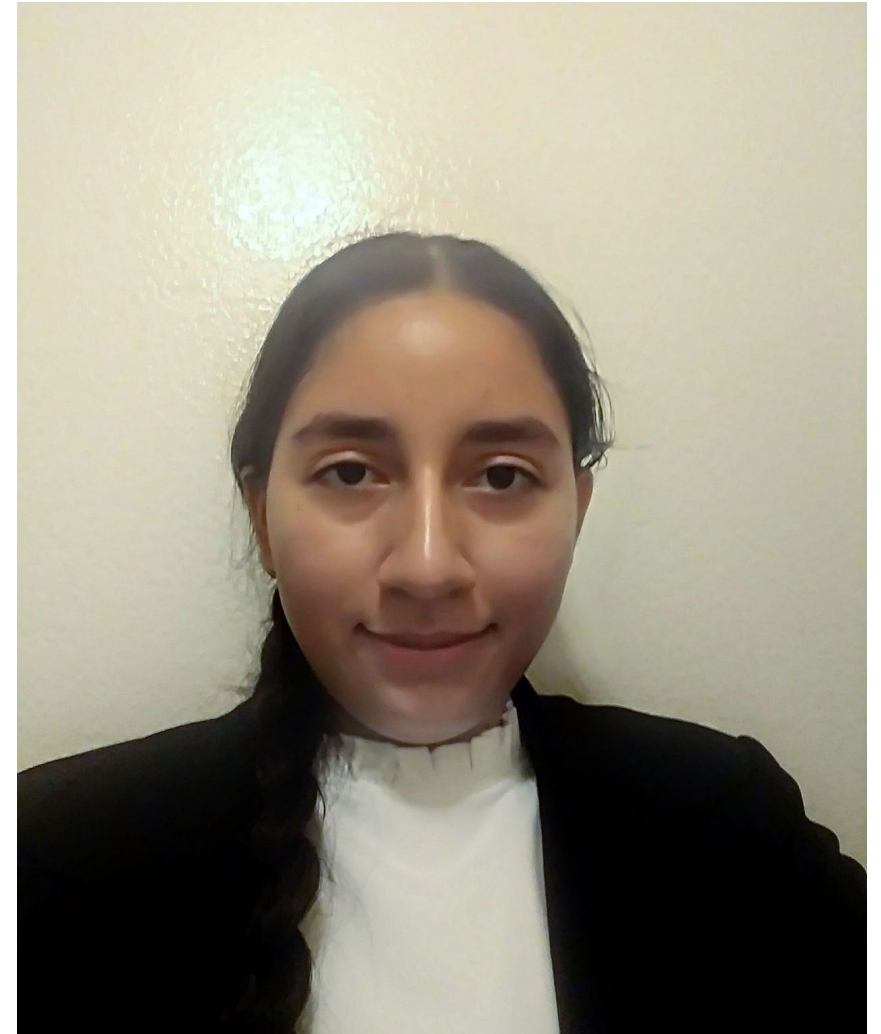


# Keilly Guevara

Graphic Design

Hello, my name is Keilly, I am sophomore majoring in Graphic Design, I was born and raised in Las Vegas. My favorite things to do are read and spending time with my two younger sisters and my cute baby brother.

I like to gain experience in helping people, when I received an email about this program I thought it would be a great way to do just that while also meeting other students and learning more about our community.



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# Korin Lyons

Mathematical Sciences Major

I was born here in Las Vegas, but I was raised in Yokosuka, Japan. I enjoy snowboarding, reading, listening to music and playing music! (I can play the piano and saxophone)

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program for a new opportunity to develop and grow as a student and person while involving myself more into the Rebel community!



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# Lauren Flores

Mechanical Engineering

I want to one day design assistive technology to help scientists with disabilities. I love arts and crafts especially embroidery, and sewing, learning random facts, and watching documentaries.

I applied to the program because I wanted to meet new people and, and have a space to try new things and engage in meaningful activities.



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# Luis Llanes

Civil Engineering

Hello, my name is Luis Llanes, I am from Cuba. Some of my hobbies include: Skiing, Hiking, Rodeo.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E program because of the programs benefits, and the message. Being a part of Rebels R.I.S.E makes me feel like a true UNLV Rebel, I cannot wait to partake in the events that this program entails.



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# Madison Benway

Mechanical Engineering

I'm someone with a lot of hobbies. My main ones recently are martial arts, video games, reading, learning things, and watching shows.

I applied to this program to be more involved in my academics and have more experiences.



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# Miriam Alvarez

Public Health

Hello, my name is Miriam and I am in my second year studying Public Health. In the future, I hope to pursue my degree in Master's school.

By joining the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar program, I wanted to continue to build connections with my peers and community.



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# Monica Sanchez

Journalism

I am a first-generation college student born and raised in Las Vegas. I am studying Journalism with a concentration in Audio/Podcasting with the goal of becoming a producer for podcasts or radio shows.

I want to grow connections and increase my involvement within the University and community to create a meaningful collegiate experience.





# Myles Henderson

## Graphic Design

Hi, my name is Myles Henderson, I'm from northern California and I moved to Las Vegas to go to UNLV to pursue Graphic design. I enjoy sports, music, and trying new things.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I felt like this would be a good opportunity for me to get involved, to learn more about UNLV, and to meet new people.





# Myriah Taylor

Criminal Justice

Hi, I'm currently a junior here at UNLV and I plan on becoming a CSI with my Criminal Justice Bachelors Degree. I have 1 more year left after my 3rd year, so I plan to make it count and strive to be great.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I haven't been that involved in events or programs at UNLV, so when I got the email to be able to be apart of this amazing program and opportunity, I took the leap.





# Nadya Perez Martinez

Computer Science A.S.

I am Nadya Perez, I love video games, puzzles, and reading.

I apply to get more involved with my peers.



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# Natalia Salinas

Pre Nursing

I am an avid reader and have a huge love for animals! Sometimes I love to curl up with a good book with my dog by my side!

I applied to the Rise Scholar Program to gain resources that can help me flourish in my sophomore year. I love being part of a community that is passionate about unity among individuals, and that strives to achieve success as a group. I am thankful to be a part of this program. Go rebels!



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# Neo Jones-Thomas

Criminal Justice

I am working towards a career as a Criminal Profiler

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I wasn't as involved in campus as I wanted to be during my first year.





# Noelbi Nunez

Nursing

Hi, I'm born and raised in Las Vegas Nevada. I've took on a passion on helping the community and I want to get into my career to keep spreading positivity.

The reason that I joined the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program is for what you guys stand for. I think that engagement that you have with the students is amazing. I believe that what you are doing is amazing. And I can't wait to be apart of that.



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# Nosakhare Ekawele

Psychology

My name is Nosakhare. I love cooking and sleeping, but I also love being active by playing sports, and these are some of the things I like doing.

I applied so I could join something new, learn, and gain valuable experience. Through this, I can learn from different people and gain new things.



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# Rafielle Rae Reyes

Criminal Justice

Originally born in Manila, Philippines, Rafielle Reyes grew up in Las Vegas for most of her youth. Taking an interest in Criminal Justice system reformation and public safety, Rafielle decided to pursue a Criminal Justice degree in hopes of making communities safer for everyone to live in.

“I applied for the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program in order to step out of my comfort zone and learn more about various resources UNLV has to offer. I wanted to join a community of motivated students and create stronger bonds with my peers.”



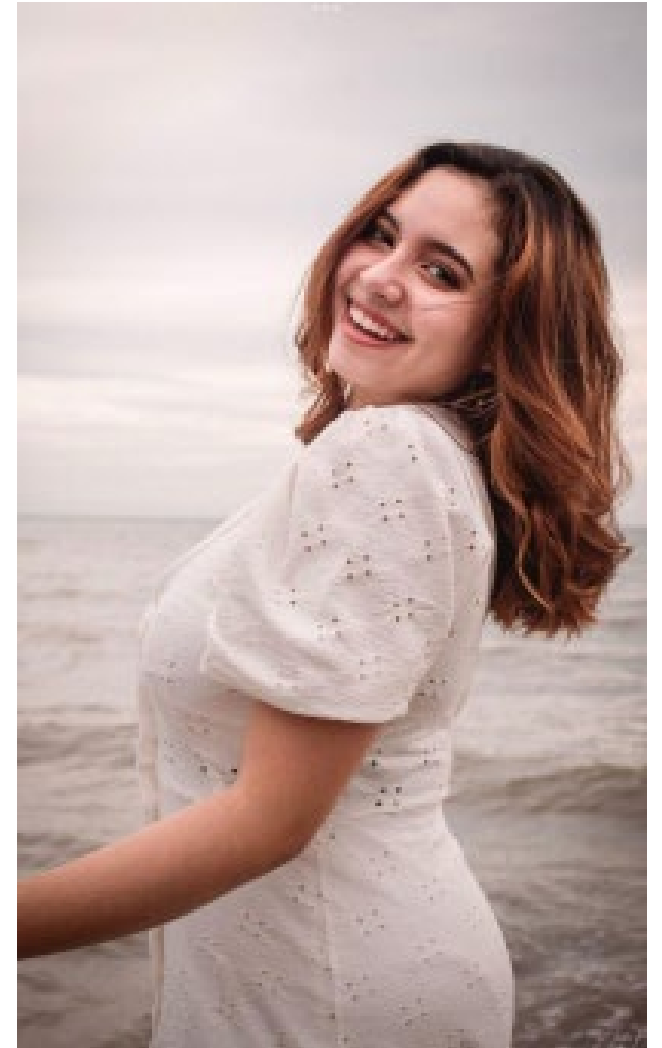


# Sakinah Momblan

Pre-Nursing

I come from a long line of successful medical professionals and strive to be a part of that group. I was born and raised in the Philippines, but came to America to find better work opportunities.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E scholar program for the involvement, events, scholarships, and connecting with others on campus. I want to explore and connect with the students on campus on a much deeper level and walk out of UNLV with much more than a degree.



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# Sarah Dudley

Criminal Justice

Hi, my name is Sarah Dudley and I was born and raised in Las Vegas. Some of my hobbies include: fencing, skiing and playing my cello!

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E. because being in this program would help me succeed at UNLV. With all the programs that I would be involved in I will learn to rise above any problems that I face!



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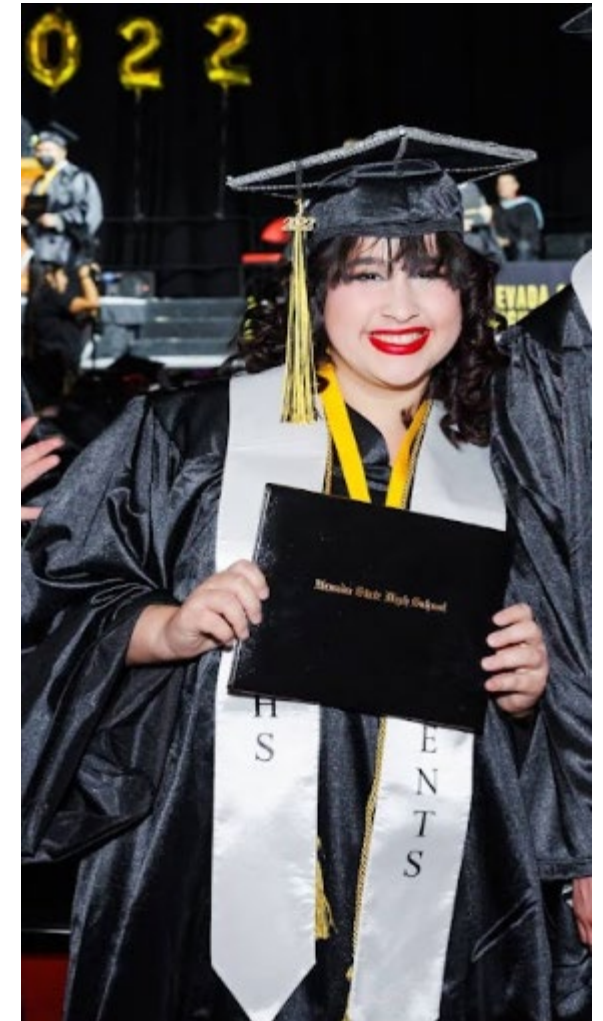


# Sierra Magdaleno

## Social Work

My name is Sierra and my pronouns are she/her I am a full time college student and a full time employee. My favorite place to go is Barnes and Noble, though with school back in session I won't have much time to pay a visit.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. program because after a tragedy that occurred within my personal life. I have found a new outlook on life and I am on an ongoing mission with improving myself within all aspects of my life academically personally and socially.



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# Sydney Abella

Pre-Nursing

Hi my name is Sydney! I'm originally from California and moved here 2 years ago.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I wanted to be more involved, learn valuable skills through events, and meet new people.



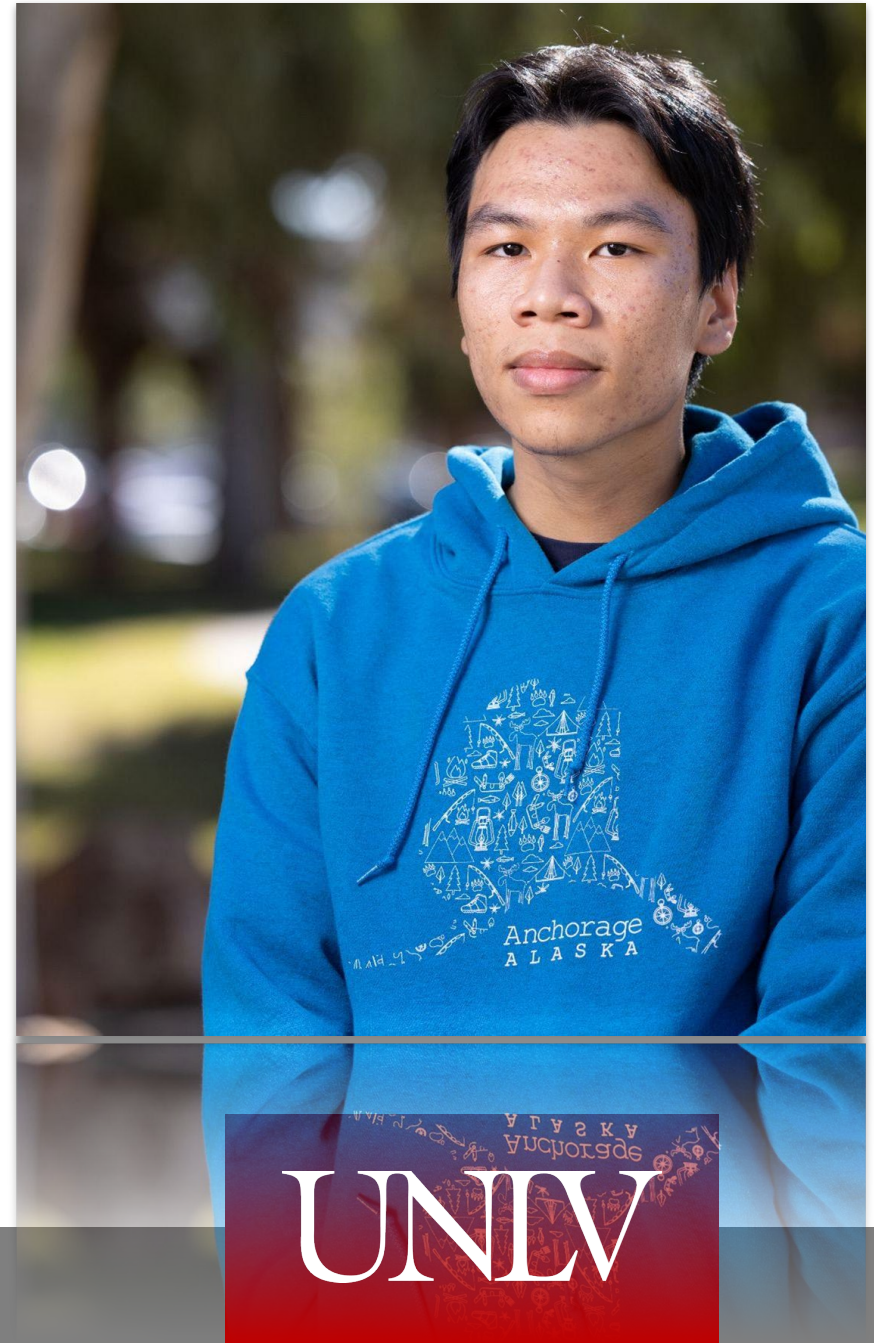


# Tam Tran

B.S Biological Science, Pre-professional Studies Concentration, Class of 2026

I am from Vietnam. My plan after graduation is to attend Medical school to become a Doctor.

Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program is an excellent opportunity for me to continue my involvement in campus activities by learning valuable skills such as leadership, networking, and giving back to the community.



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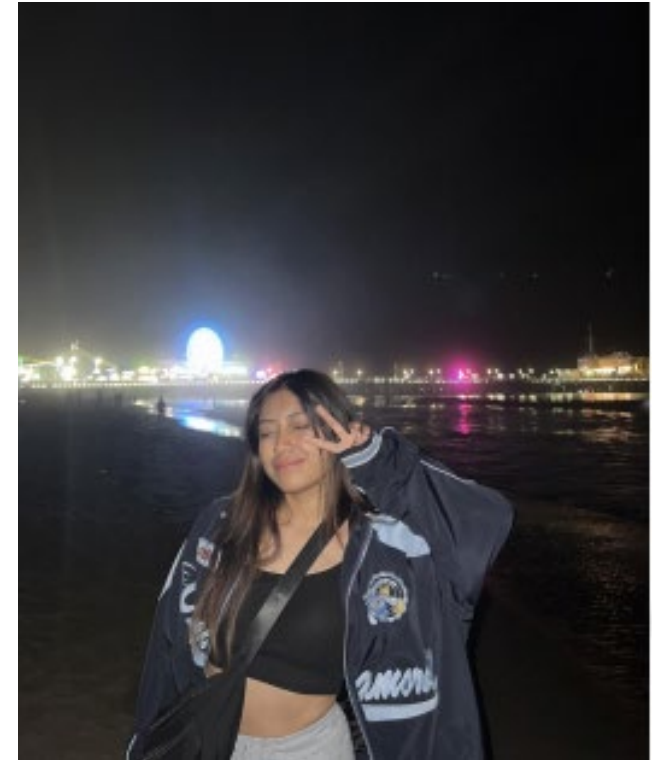


# Tanya Martinez

## Hospitality

I am currently a second year student majoring in hospitality. I was born in Des Moines, Iowa but have grown up in Las Vegas since the age of 5. My favorite hobbies are listening to music, singing, dancing, and bowling.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to have another opportunity of getting involved with the school and its community. This program gives students the advantage to feel closer to the school and embrace a student's inner Rebel, which is what I aspire to do in order to maximize the most out of my time here at UNLV.



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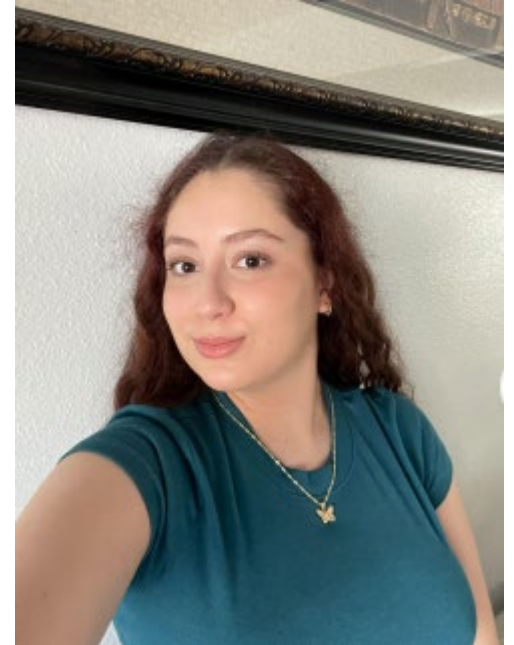


# Yaneth Tirado

Psychology

Born and raised in Las Vegas.

Excited to network and gain valuable skills!



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# Zachary Johnigan

Communications, B.A.

Public Policy, Minor

I currently attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) where I study Communications and Public Policy. Before attending UNLV, I attended and graduated from the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) where I studied World Languages. Additionally in my final academic year at CSN, I served as the student body president representing all 30,000 students.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to gain encouragement to rise above my academic related obstacles and uncertainty about my ability to achieve an education. I would also like to increase my involvement on campus and expand my engagement within the UNLV community as a student government representative.



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