

USC ASSOCIATES

2023-2024
Graduating Scholars

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An Hoang

Major: Piano Performance

Degree Information: Bachelor of Music in Classical Piano Performance

Hometown: Garden Grove, California

Career Path or Goal: I plan to continue my studies and apply for a master's degree, as well as to a few competitions and festivals

to gain more exposure and performance experience.

Favorite USC Memory: Forming once-in-a-lifetime relationships with my music professors and colleagues.



Angela Maligaya

Major: Urban Studies and Planning

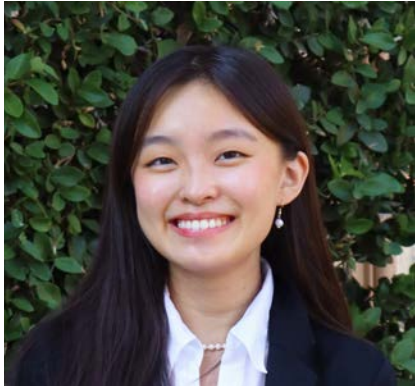
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Planning

Hometown: Champaign, Illinois

Career Path: I plan to support indigenous communities and other historically underserved populations here and abroad by working with

them on affordable housing and sustainable infrastructure projects.

Career Path: Giving tours around USC to prospective students and their families/guests. It is such a unique experience that has allowed me to have a direct impact on the USC community!



Arella Yang

Major: Neuroscience

Minor: Communication Design

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Neuroscience,
Communication Design Minor

Hometown: Diamond Bar, California

Career Path or Goal: I'll be a product designer at NVIDIA, working on AI design!

Favorite USC Memory: Finding a design community on campus!



Arianna Schaden

Major: Architecture

Degree: Bachelor of Architecture

Hometown: Rockville Center, New York

Career Path or Goal: I hope to move to Europe for a job in historic preservation and perhaps attend graduate school.

Favorite USC Memory: Staying in the School of Architecture studio until sunrise working on projects with my fellow students; there was a great feeling of camaraderie and support that made me fall in love with this field.



Candace House

Major: Business of Cinematic Arts

Minor: Spanish

Degree Information: Bachelor of Science
in Business of Cinematic Arts

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Career Path or Goal: I have a job at Deloitte
as a SHINE marketing associate in their

D.C. location. Eventually, I hope to enter the
entertainment industry in television marketing!

Favorite USC Memory: Creating the first
Black Career Fair on February 1, 2023. It felt
groundbreaking to see so many students
and companies supporting DEI initiatives.



Cherise Clough

Major: Theatre Arts - Acting Emphasis

Minor: Web Technologies and Application

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts

Hometown: Miami, Florida

Career Path or Goal: A goal of mine is to
work in the intersection of the tech and
entertainment industries, while also traveling
and dancing around the world.

Favorite USC Memory: Having a picnic with my
friends on McCarthy Quad!



David Papazyan

Major: Real Estate Development

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Real Estate Development

Hometown: North Hollywood, California

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in working as a real estate developer.

Favorite USC Memory: Visiting a multi-million-dollar condominium to take pictures and gather information for an assignment. I was really nervous, but it turned out to be a great learning experience!



Derek Lee

Major: Occupational Therapy

Minor: Dance

Degree Information: Bachelor of Arts in Occupational Therapy (OT). I am currently in a bachelor's to doctorate program for OT.

Hometown: Mundelein, Illinois

Career Path or Goal: I will be finishing graduate school at USC to earn my doctorate in occupational therapy, with which I plan to practice hand therapy.

Favorite USC Memory: Joining the USC tap dancing troupe, because tap dancing is one of my favorite passions and I've been able to learn so much and improve my skills.



Dominique Sardinias

Major: Double major in Philosophy, Politics and Law (PPL) and Psychology.

Minor: Forensics and Criminality

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Law

Hometown: Huntington Beach, California

Career Path or Goal: I will pursue a criminal justice fellowship while applying to law school, to eventually work in civil litigation.

Favorite USC Memory: As a member of the USC Helenes, we guard the Hecuba statue in the Village 24/7 during rivalry week (before the UCLA football game). It's what I look forward to all year!



Elizabeth Caballero

Major: Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Career Path or Goal: I hope to serve my community as a nurse practitioner in the area of family medicine.

Favorite USC Memory: As part of the FNP master's program, students are required to attend an intensive clinical event on campus where we put our skills into practice. It was a great experience and further solidified my desire to work in this field.



Emily Kretschmer

Major: Chemical Engineering and Materials Engineering

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and Master of Science in Materials Engineering

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Career Path or Goal: I'm starting a job as a process/facilities engineer with California Resources Corporation after graduation.

Favorite USC Memory: Gathering with friends in USC Village to get coffee or lunch in the beautiful Southern California sun!



Emily Peng

Major: Environmental Studies

Minor: Geographic Information Systems and Sustainability Science

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies

Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

Career Path or Goal: I hope to join the transit industry, where I'll strive to enhance reliability, accessibility and sustainability within the transit network.

Favorite USC Memory: Competing in archery matches with Trojan Archery.



Fiona Shi

Major: Computer Science

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Hometown: New York, New York

Career Path or Goal: I will be pursuing a career in the tech industry as a software engineer.

Favorite USC Memory: Going to Joshua Tree with a group of friends over fall break. We got to rock scramble, talk about God, cook together and just enjoy one another's company for a weekend.



Fred Liu

Major: Computer Science

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Hometown: San Diego, California

Career Path or Goal: Attending grad school at USC.

Favorite USC Memory: The USC vs UCLA football games!



Husni Alsaffarini

Major: Health and Human Sciences, emphasis in Psychology and Health

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Sciences

Hometown: San Dimas, California

Career Path or Goal: I plan to attend a post-baccalaureate program to finish my prerequisites to attend medical school in order to be a pediatric

neurosurgeon. I also plan to attend law school (before or after medical school) to obtain my Juris Doctorate (JD) degree, with the hope of becoming a board member of a hospital.

Favorite USC Memory: Suhoor (pre-dawn breakfast), Ramadan 2023, with my brothers of the Muslim Student Union in the URC prayer space.



Isabella Rocha

Major: Computer Science and Business Administration

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Business Administration

Hometown: New York, New York

Career Path or Goal: I will be working at Uber as a software engineer.

Favorite USC Memory: Taking advantage of the amazing resources USC has and being able to take classes in fields I never would have been exposed to otherwise.



Jayden Kang

Major: Design

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design

Hometown: Seoul, South Korea

Career Path or Goal: I hope to expand the boundaries of inclusion and craft experiences for users with diverse needs as a user experience (UX) designer.

Favorite USC Memory: Sophomore year, when I shared a dorm room with two other people. Because of COVID-19, it was my first time on campus, and my roommates made it super fun!



Jennifer Ahumada

Major: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Master of Science in Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology

Hometown: Berwyn, Illinois

Career Path or Goal: I hope to pursue a PhD in environmental epidemiology.

Favorite USC Memory: Walking into the Coliseum on game day for the first time.



Jianna Herrera

Major: Linguistics and Cognitive Science

Minor: Speech-Language and Hearing Professions

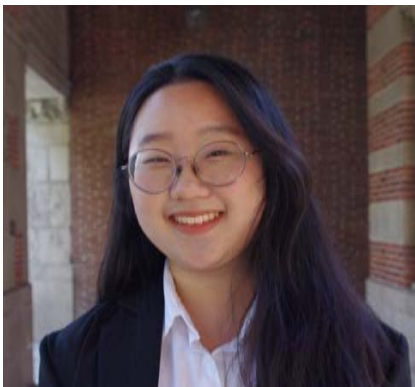
Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Cognitive Science

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Career Path or Goal: Upon graduation, I will be applying to graduate programs for a master's in

speech-language pathology. I hope to improve the lives of my patients/clients by addressing their communication and swallowing needs.

Favorite USC Memory: The first football game I attended with my family. Though we were not huge fans at the time, this game introduced us to the love of the Trojan Family.



Judy Lee

Major: Political Science

Minor: East Asian Area Studies

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in pursuing a career in academia after graduating. I believe that there is so much left for me to learn in the field

of political science, and I hope to be able to share this knowledge through research and teaching.

Favorite USC Memory: Welcome Week of my freshman year. It was surreal to be on campus as a student for the first time, especially coming out of the pandemic. Meeting new people, attending campus-wide events, and finding my place within the USC community is something I will always remember.



Julie Tran

Major: Theater, Acting Emphasis

Minor: Screenwriting

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Theater with an Acting Emphasis

Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa

Career Path or Goal: I am currently applying for a master's in teaching, and hope to utilize this

degree as a kindergarten teacher as I concurrently pursue acting and voice-acting professionally, primarily in film, along with professional screenwriting and filmmaking.

Favorite USC Memory: Getting matcha and catching up with friends in the Village.



Justin Childress

Major: Business Administration

Minor: Applied Analytics

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Hometown: Long Beach, California

Career Path or Goal: I will be working in the finance industry as an Investment banker.

Favorite USC Memory: The USC vs UCLA basketball and football rivalry game tailgates.



Kailee Mark

Major: English Literature

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in English

Hometown: Fontana, California

Career Path or Goal: After graduation, I hope to pursue a career in editing and publishing.

Favorite USC Memory: The Busch Light Clash at the Coliseum in 2022. It was incredible to witness a NASCAR exhibition race and to be a part of a shared community experience.



Katherine Abreu

Major: Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business

Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Career Path or Goal: I plan to pursue financial management in a way that allows me to use both my creative and analytical skills.

Favorite USC Memory: When I went to Catalina Island through USC's sailing class.



Keaton Dickinson

Major: Public Policy (Pre-Law)

Minor: Real Estate Development

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Public Policy (Pre-Law)

Hometown: Seattle, Washington

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in affordable housing and looking for work in real estate.

I am also considering a Peace Corps volunteer position in Viti Levu, Fiji.

Favorite USC Memory: It's difficult to choose, but some of my favorites include being nominated as a candidate for valedictorian and studying abroad in South Korea and Croatia.



Kennedy Villa

Major: Public Policy

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Public Policy

Hometown: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in working in state government.

Favorite USC Memory: The San Jose State football game!



Leah Rae

Major: Cinema and Media Studies

Minor: Entertainment Industry

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Cinema and Media Studies

Hometown: Wake Forest, North Carolina

Career Path or Goal: I am excited to enter the world of talent representation in motion pictures and television!



Levana Hoang

Major: Political Science

Minor: Dance

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Career Path or Goal: I will be attending law school in the fall to pursue a career in litigation. Decisions are currently pending.

Favorite USC Memory: All the amazing events I've seen on campus in my role as an executive house manager for Trojan Event Services. I'll never forget the privilege of screening films in our stunning campus theaters, or the community I found in my sorority, Alpha Chi Omega.

Favorite USC Memory: Football game days, notably the tailgates! Those school spirit-filled days will stay with me for a lifetime. They were a reminder of how powerful and genuine the Trojan Family truly is.



Lilia Kazerooni

Major: Human Biology

Minor: Spanish

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Human Biology

Hometown: San Ramon, California

Career Path or Goal: I am pursuing a career in medicine and will be applying to medical school upon my graduation this May.

Favorite USC Memory: Celebrating the first day of senior year with my best friends outside of Doheny Library!



Megan Bryant

Major: Psychology

Minor: Forensics and Criminality

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Hometown: San Diego, California

Career Path or Goal: After graduating, I plan to enroll in a master's program for criminal justice/criminology.

Favorite USC Memory: Taking Theater 290: Introduction to Medical Clowning. It was so much fun and I learned so much about a form of therapy that I did not know existed.



Omar Elhawary

Major: Health and Human Sciences

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Sciences

Hometown: Pasadena, California

Career Path or Goal: I plan on attending medical school to become a physician dedicated to serving underserved communities globally.

Favorite USC Memory: The exhilarating atmosphere when I attended football and basketball games with friends.



Paulene Ng Chee

Major: Communication

Minor: Web Technologies and Applications

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Hometown: Glendora, California

Career Path or Goal: I will be continuing my education as a student in USC Annenberg's Progressive Degree Program.

Favorite USC Memory: Seeing the pedestrian safety signage I designed being put up all around campus.



Serena Ngin

Major: Communication Management

Minor: Music Industry

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Communication;
Master of Communication Management

Hometown: Glendora, California

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in pursuing a career that pushes the boundaries of music and

technology to connect to people transnationally and transculturally.

Favorite USC Memory: Being able to work abroad in Seoul, South Korea!



Sydney Cooper

Major: English Literature and Psychology

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in English Literature;
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Hometown: San Diego, California

Career Path or Goal: I plan to attend medical school in the next couple of years.

Favorite USC Memory: Going to Chicago with the Trojan Marching Band, though all of my band memories here at USC are great ones!



Tracy Wang

Major: Communication

Minor: Marketing

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Hometown: Manhasset, New York

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in pursuing a career in marketing for entertainment or financial services, while also developing my broadcast news production skills.

Favorite USC Memory: When I set foot on campus for the first time as a college student. Due to the pandemic, my first year was online. When I came in the fall of my sophomore year, I felt that I was finally home.



Vipul Sangaraju

Major: Computer Science

Minor: Comedy Performance

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Hometown: Thousand Oaks, California

Career Path or Goal: I am interested in working on software/technology within the entertainment industry, while also pursuing a career in comedy.

Favorite USC Memory: Having my roommates and hometown friends come watch me perform in stand-up, improv and sketch comedy shows over the years.



William "Billy" Berler

Major: Political Science

Minor: Business Administration

Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Hometown: Agoura Hills, California

Career Path or Goal: I will be working in Washington D.C. on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide for Congressman Jimmy Gomez.

Favorite USC Memory: Storming the court at the Galen Center after USC beat UCLA for the 5th-straight crosstown basketball win.