



Fall 2024 Rebels
R.I.S.E.
Scholar Cohort





Aidan Evers

Finance

I'm Aidan Evers, a second-year at senior standing from Phoenix, AZ. I'm an active and outdoorsy person, so I enjoy playing football, going on hikes, climbing, and doing some challenging feats like half marathons and obstacle courses.

I applied to Rebel RISE to get more involved on campus, meet new people, and maximize my experience at UNLV. Las Vegas is a city full of opportunity, and I plan to capitalize on it.



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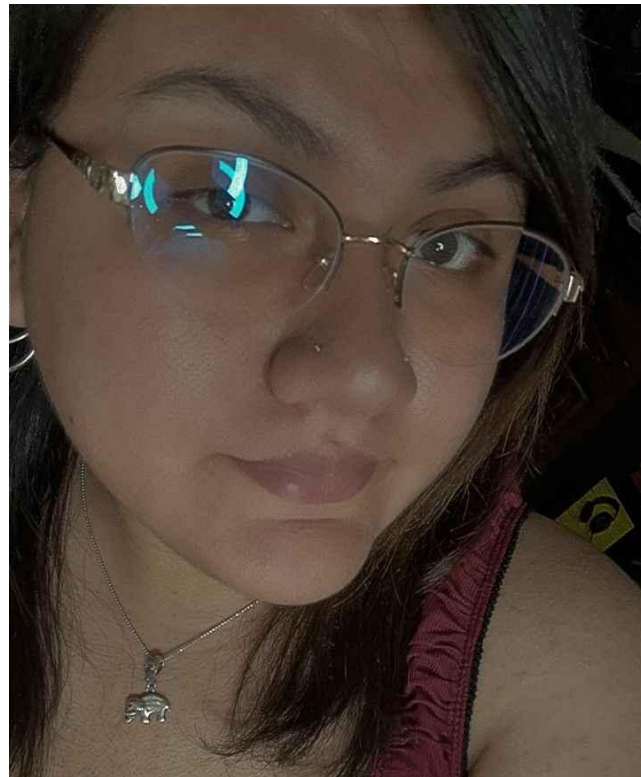


Aris Martinez

I am Psychology major!

Hi everyone! I am a proud first generation hispanic student and I love playing videos games while listening to music.

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program in hopes to strengthen my bond to the UNLV community, as well as learn more on how to help other students struggling to feel connected to the UNLV community.



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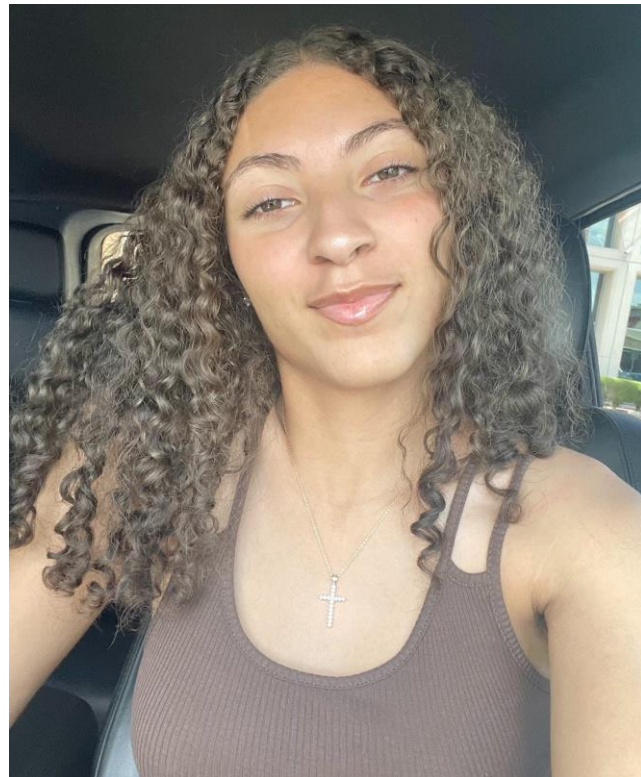


Aliyah Halili

Communications Major with a Minor in Journalism

Hi! My Name is Aliyah Halili. I was born in Seattle Washington. I moved to Las Vegas 2 years ago. I love to explore new food places and meet new people. I enjoy going shopping, hanging out with friends and posting on social media.

I applied to the Rebel R.I.S.E program because i wanted to have more Involvement on campus and make new friends. I want to Increase my Involvement on campus and network.



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Amanda Hanson

Hospitality Management

I am a junior in the hospitality management program with an interest in event planning. Originally from California, I have been in Las Vegas for ten years and love traveling.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to gain valuable skills for the workplace while growing my community and connecting with fellow students and faculty.



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Analise Cervantes

Major : Entertainment Engineering & Design

Hi! My name is Analise Cervantes and I am from Sacramento, CA. I am a second-year student majoring in EED and minoring in Dance. Outside of academia, I enjoy dancing, reading, swimming, and spending quality time with friends and family. I am excited to embark on my journey with the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program!

Why did you apply to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program?

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program to become more involved on campus and to take advantage of opportunities for personal and professional growth.



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Anaya Ali

B.S. Biological Sciences with Pre-Professional Conc.

I am a second year student at UNLV and I enjoy drawing, writing, and crocheting in my free time.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to become more involved in the community, take advantage of the opportunities on campus, and connect with my peers.



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Andrea Acheson

Major: Social Work

I want to continue doing well academically, as well as meeting others with the same goals. I hope this gets me more involved with the community.





Angel Martinez

IDS Social science studies

Hey I'm Angel Martinez, born and raised here in Vegas. My major is interdisciplinary social science studies, with concentrations in sociology, history, and political science. I'm also in the marching band here at UNLV, as seen in the picture. Along with being a full time student, I also work at T-mobile!

I applied to continue exploring opportunities for both academic and career development. I hope to become more aware of campus resources and opportunities as I advance into the second year. Shoutout to the FYE team for informing us about this program!



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Ashlynn Lopez

Major: Sonography

I was born and raised in Las Vegas and am also a first generation college student! I've always been the shy type so I hope this semester will help me become more confident in my own skin.

This is my first club that I've wanted to try out and it sounded really fun to be apart of and meet new people as well. College isn't just all about learning and I want to ensure I'm giving myself enough time to decompress and enjoy the college life.

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Aston Price

Major: Biochemistry

Born and raised in Las Vegas, I am an avid bowler and have dedicated these past few years to practicing my skills. Alongside my interest in bowling, I did dual credit for my junior and senior year of high school, this allowed me to pursue extracurricular activities.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to build connections with others around campus and involve myself more on campus.



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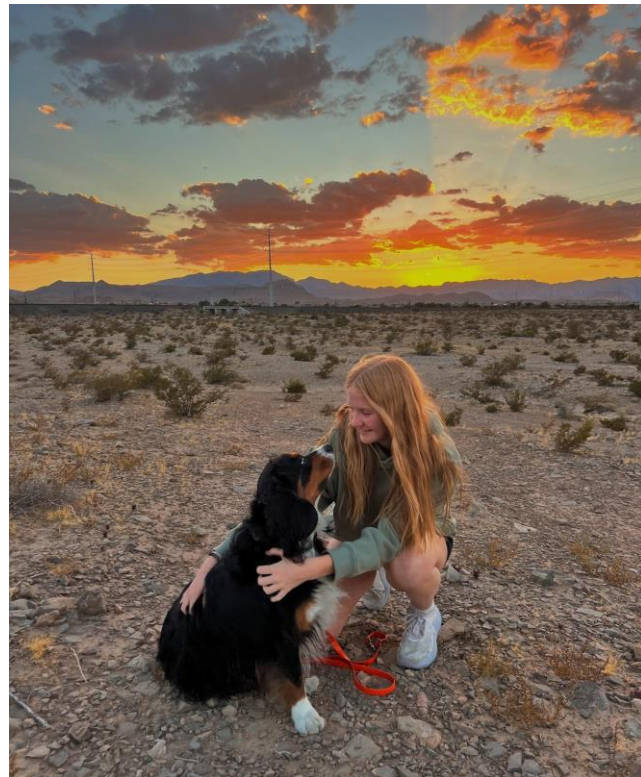


Brenna Way

Kinesiology

I am from Canada and I plan to become a chiropractor in the future! I love hiking, playing soccer, travelling, and watching movies.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program to connect with my community and to gain new experiences. I also hope to make new friends:)



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Bryton Valentine

Major – Film

I'm a second-year Film student who loves to watch movies, read books, and make music.

I wanted to join Rebel Rise to put myself out there and be a part of the UNLV community.



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Chantal Serrano

Psychology Major

Hello everyone! My name is Chantal Serrano, and I am a first-generation Mexican-American. I am passionate about learning, and my hobbies are reading, painting, and listening to music.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to gain new experiences and build more connections with my peers. I have not been as involved in experiences at UNLV as I would like to be. Therefore, I am hoping this is a great opportunity to broaden my horizons.



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Charlotte Nichols

Theatre- Stage and Screen Acting Student

Hello, My name is Charlotte Nichols. I am a sophomore at Unlv and excited to jump into this semester. Some of my hobbies include making music by playing guitar or the piano or reading some interesting books.

I applied to the Rebel Rise program because I am excited to see myself grow into being a fully functioning and well informed young adult as well be improve on giving myself grace. I am excited to get more involved in my campus life and to grow with my ever changing community.



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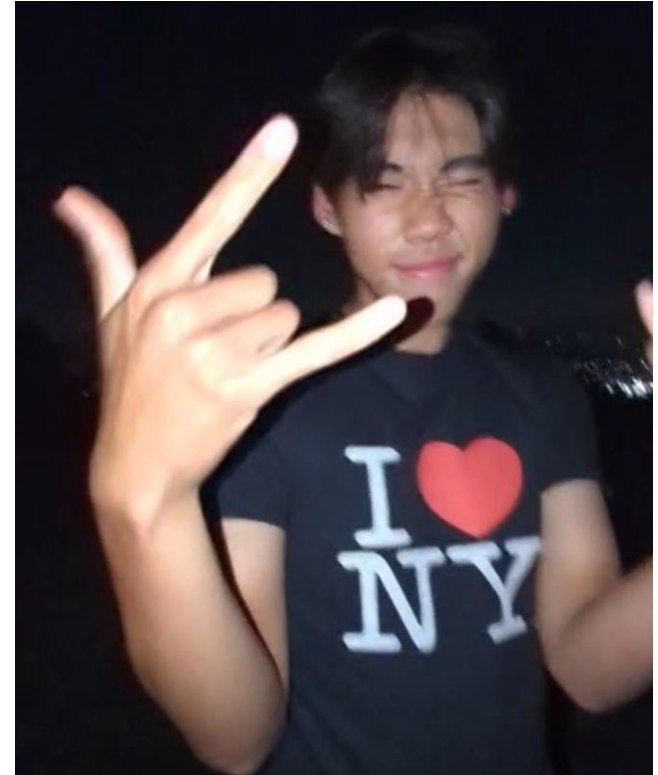


Derrick Chiu

Major: Hospitality and Major

Hi everyone my name is Derrick and I'm a second year student pursuing my bachelors in hospitality management and business financing. I love reading pretentious classic literature and morning sun.

I want to join the Rebel R.I.S.E. program to get the most out of my second year of college. Every moment counts at this point, and I feel like this program will help me achieve my potential as well as expose me to all the wonders of college life.



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Emily Torres

HealthCare Administration and Policy

Originally from Southern California, but have been living in Las Vegas since 2015. I am a transfer student who spent two years at CSN and it is now my second year at UNLV. I enjoy my free time going to concerts, exploring cafes, and traveling.

I applied to the R.I.S.E Scholar Program to gain new opportunities and be committed to be involved at UNLV and within the Las Vegas community. I also want to connect with new individuals and build a useful experience during my time as a Rebel.





Emma Mashack

Psychology Major

Hi I'm Emma! I'm currently a Sophomore, and I hope to use my psychology degree to help people. In my free time I love to scrapbook and hangout with my friends.

I joined the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to get more active in the UNLV community and to make more friends on campus.



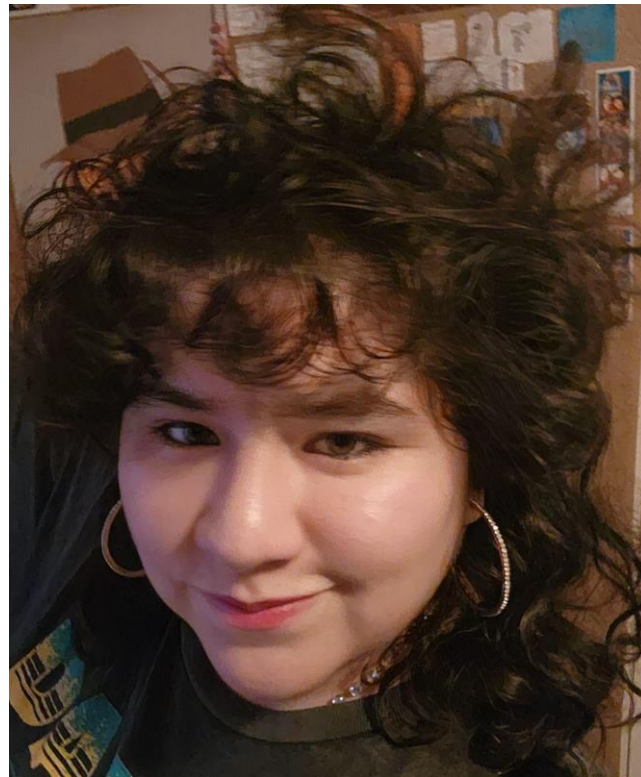


Graciela Vergara

Entertainment Technology and Design

Originally from Fresno, California. I've lived in Vegas for 14 years now. Music has always been a monumental part of my life and one of my greatest passions. In my freetime I enjoy drawing and I have a great interest in 80s media.

I applied to this program because I wanted to engage with the community and fellow students on campus. I hope to improve as a student and find opportunities to continue with my academics and equip myself with skills to further my studies.



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Ian Zambrano

Biochemistry & Physics

My name is Ian Zambrano and I'm a first generation Hispanic-American student at UNLV. I decided to major in two STEM fields to continue my curiosity in the sciences and to better prepare myself as I pursue pre-medical at UNLV, pushing to one day become a cardiovascular surgeon.

I applied to the Rebel R.I.S.E to collaborate with peers outside my field and experience more of the events at UNLV. This allows me to become a more outgoing person and contribute to the UNLV community.

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Irayda Zazueta

Biochemistry BS

My name is Irayda Zazueta, I'm from Sonora, Mexico. I choose the major Biochemistry because I would like to become a pharmacist. In my free time I like to play sports or going to the gym. I'm also a huge fan of Formula 1.

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program, because I thought it would be a good opportunity to get involved and connect with people at UNLV, and also to expand my college experience.



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Izabelle Meguerditchian

Pre-Nursing

Hi! I am a Pre-Nursing Sophomore and enjoy getting more involved in the UNLV community! I love meeting new people and finding new ways to engage with others on campus!

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I believe that the experiences I will gain will help me become more involved and successful in my time at UNLV.



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Jasi Oleson

Major: Psychology with a minor in Sociology

I am a College of Liberal Arts Peer Mentor, I'm on the women's wrestling team, work at the In-N-Out on Maryland, and am a part of Neon Pacific Initiative and Women's Empowerment Program.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because they provide opportunities for professional development, mental wellness, and volunteering. They also promote getting involved in campus, and I believe that is one of the most important parts of college.



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Jennica Samarawickrama

Exploring

A second year student at UNLV and Las Vegas local.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to increase my involvement here on campus and gain important networking skills.



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Jeremy Secaida

Major: Psychology

My name is Jeremy. I am a current undergraduate sophomore at UNLV. I am planning on becoming a psychiatrist, however I need my bachelors.

Originally I received an email about the program & thought "it would be a missed opportunity." I am unaware of most of this program's goals/benefits, but joined to be involved and learn more. After all, why wouldn't you?

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Jillian Love

Nutrition Major

Hi! My name is Jillian! I'm a Nutrition major at UNLV! For fun I'm a tennis player and also enjoy playing the piano and lastly have a very cute Pug named Rose!

I applied to the Rebel R.I.S.E Program because I'm interested in furthering my academic career and exploring more on campus activities!



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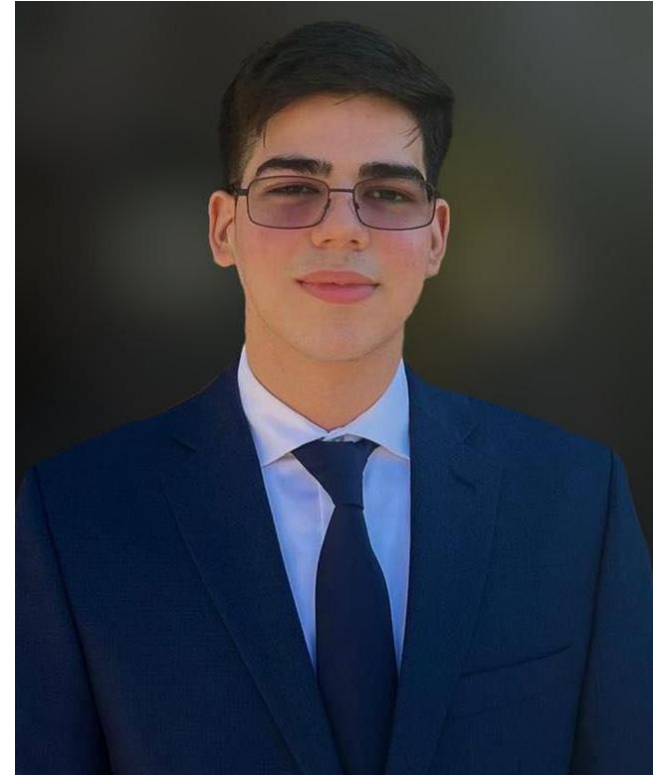


Juan Charry

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Information Systems

Hi everyone, my name is Juan Charry. I was born in Colombia and moved to Las Vegas a few years ago. I am currently starting my second year at UNLV, majoring in Information Systems. I also enjoy playing the piano and guitar at my church and playing soccer with my friends.

“I applied for the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to get more involved in school activities, learn about UNLV’s resources, and join a community of motivated students. I see it as a great opportunity to meet new people and get involved.”



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Kandy Valencia Mejia

Psychology

Hello everyone! I was born and raised in Las Vegas. A little bit about me is I love baking, nature-walks, my dogs. I'm currently looking to double major in psychology and public health.

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar program because I wanted to get more involved with campus life. As a freshmen, I felt that I was shy and kept to myself but as a sophomore I want to get out there. I want to see all that college has to offer.



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Katana Nheik

Computer Science Major

I am Cambodian-American, and I love exploring new cuisines. I am a firm believer that food brings people together.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity that was presented to me. I look forward to any opportunity and challenge that comes my way.





Kya Elrington

Art History

I was born in Los Angeles but I lived in Belize, Central America for most of my life until moving to Vegas last year!

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I wanted to do more than just go to school and actually get involved with something different on campus.

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Louie Hernandez

Biological Sciences: Integrative Physiology

Hi everyone! My name is Louie Hernandez, I am majoring in BS Biology and plan to continue my education in medical school! I love to self-improve and engage in fitness activities in a daily basis.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E scholar program because I would love to take all the opportunities to help me build my leadership and engagement skills here at UNLV. My goal is to be successful and leave a positive impact in my community.





Luis Burrola Bueno

Physics

I am a physics major hoping to study Astronomy here at UNLV after I graduate. I like to play volleyball, video games, and to study.

I applied to the Rebels RISE Scholar Program because I want to grow my network and meet other driven and motivated individuals.

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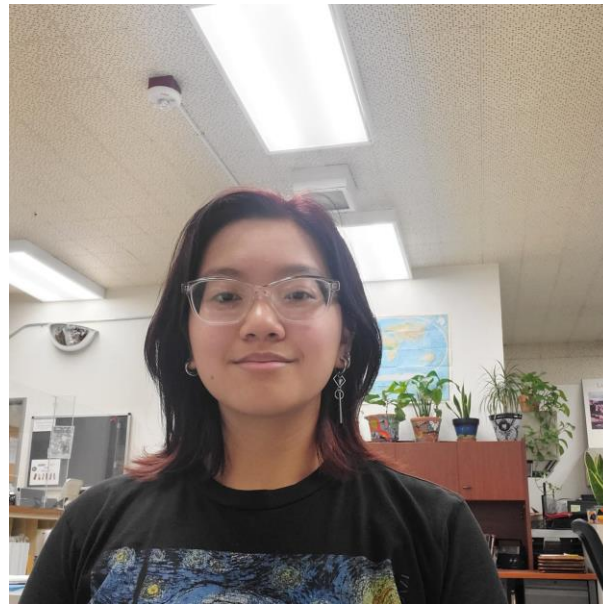


Malka Alcalá

Hospitality

Hello! I am a 2nd year hospitality student who loves to work out and meet new people. Fun fact: I have a pet axolotl named Bob :3

I applied for R.I.S.E. to make the most out of my college experience. I believe that I will be able to connect with my peers and get more involved with Campus events and the Rebel community!



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Matthew Gil

Hospitality Management

Hello everyone, my name is Matthew Gil and I am currently a hospitality management major at UNLV. In my free time I enjoy volunteering, staying active, baking, and hanging out with friends!

The reason I joined the Rebels R.I.S.E. Program is because their ideas and beliefs align so perfectly with my own. I would love to be able to be an even greater part of the UNLV community, grow individually, and reach new academic feats!



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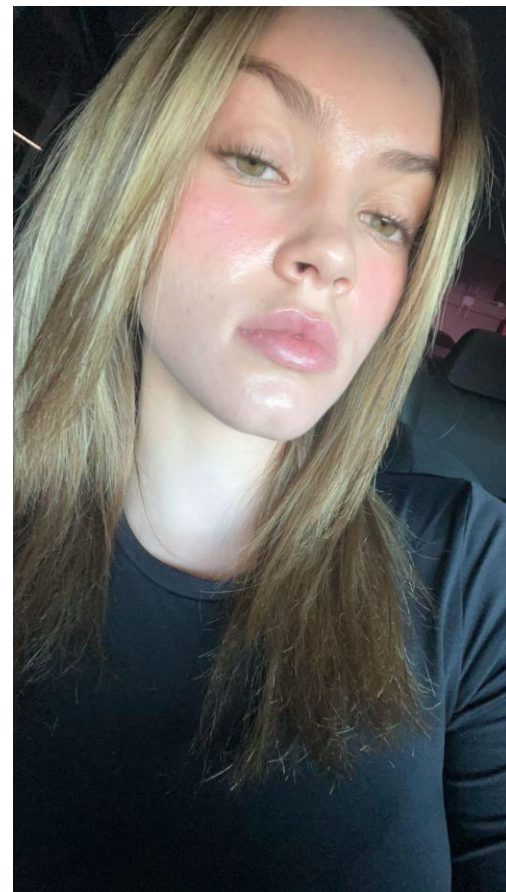


Meika Porter

My major is psychology with a minor in criminal justice.

I was born and raised in Las Vegas. I enjoy working out, shopping, and reading. I love to explore and get out of my comfort zone! I plan on getting my BA in psychology and later moving forward to graduate school to further my education in forensics.

I applied to Rebels R.I.S.E. because of hopes to get more involved in campus life. I live at home and only go to classes this semester 2 days a week. I hope to learn about scholarly opportunities to better my education and social life, as well as branch out to seek new and exciting endeavors.



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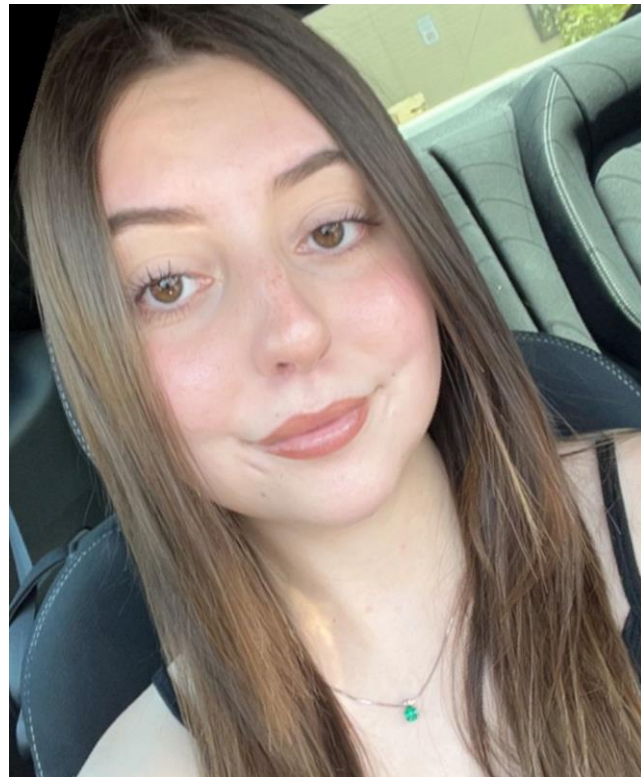


Nicole Baptista

Major: Business Management with a concentration in Human Resource Management.

Biography: I am originally from the Bay Area and attended two years of community college in my hometown earning three associate degrees before moving to Las Vegas a year ago to earn my Bachelors degree. I am a proud first generation student and am currently the secretary for the 1st Generation Club here on campus! Outside of my educational goals I enjoy spending time with my animals, painting, baking, and listening to music!

I applied to the Rebel R.I.S.E Scholar program because I am trying to learn more about what UNLV has to offer and this seemed like a wonderful opportunity.



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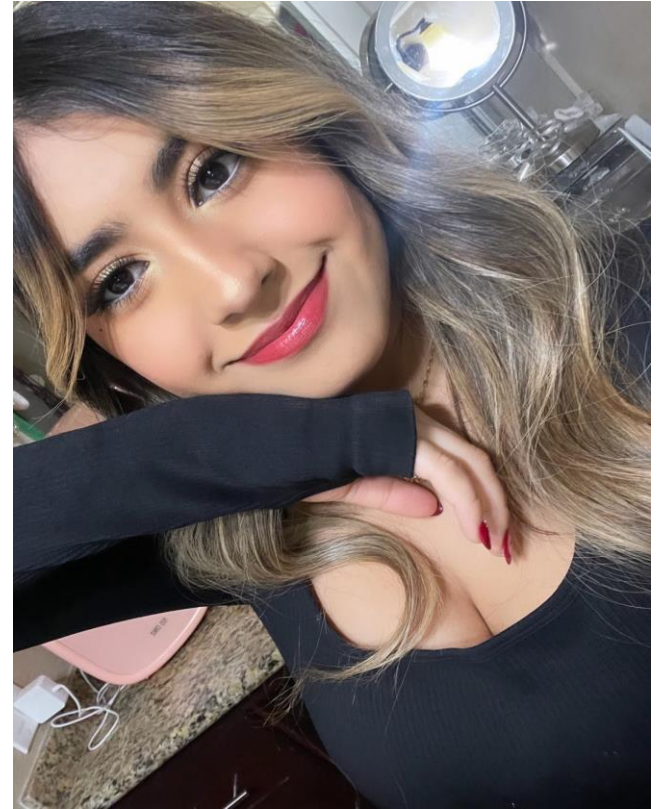


Paloma Del Real

Health Applied Sciences

Hello everyone, my name is Paloma! I am pursuing a Health Applied Science major focusing on the Med track at UNLV. I aspire to become a doctor in the future. In short, my goal was to assist undocumented Hispanic families and act as a bridge for them while they navigated the healthcare system. I wanted to speak up for them and give them a sense of being understood. During my free time, I take pleasure in building Lego sets and hiking. Playing the guitar has been a passion of mine for seven years, and I hold a profound love for Jesus.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program since I'm looking for opportunities that will let me gain more knowledge and help me grow as a person. I love taking advantage of every opportunity to learn that presents itself.



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Pam Whitney

Film/Theatre

My name is Pam Whitney. This is my second year at UNLV and I am studying for my Bachelor's Degree in Screenwriting and Production/Acting.

I chose to apply to this Scholar Program to explore involvement at UNLV and meet people with the same experiences and interests as me.



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Reina Moriguchi

Hospitality Management

I am from Oahu, Hawaii, and I like to dance hula and go bowling! In the future, I plan to work in the entertainment or airline industry.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program to become more involved with different activities on campus. I also hope to gain valuable skills, lessons, and experiences through this program.



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Ryan Nunez

Major - History / Political Science (Pre-law track)

Two sentences is not enough to describe myself. I often make a coin flip (in my mind) towards my decisions and it is a 50/50 percent chance it works or it does not work, I call this a learning process!

I applied to be engaged with my Sophomore community. I also applied to continue building onto the overall UNLV Community.



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SaraJane Devereaux

Film Major, Creative Writing Minor

My plan is to pursue work in the Film industry once graduated from UNLV, and eventually go to grad school for my Masters in Screenwriting. My goal is to promote growth and change in media. I am part of the Honors Student Council and strive for inclusion and involvement within the UNLV community.

I applied to Rebels Rise because I want to be more involved in the programs available at UNLV and allow myself to experience more journeys through a guided scholar program.



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Selena Javiel

PRE Ultrasound (Medical Imaging)

Hello everyone! My name is Selena! I am currently a Sophomore here at UNLV, and I plan to be a Sonographer with my bachelors degree. I was born and raised here in Las vegas.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E Scholar Program because I want to be more involved during my time at UNLV, and I can not wait to meet all of you lovely people! I am open to new opportunities and new friendships. Being in this program I feel it will open my shell up more, help me in my academics and to be set for my career.



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Jasiri Byrd (Siri)

Pre- Radiography

My name is Jasiri Byrd, but I also go by my nickname which is Siri. I am a second year student working on becoming a MRI tech. Some of my hobbies include exercising, reading and quite time to myself.

I applied to the Rebels R.I.S.E. Scholar Program because i wanted to connect with like minded students who take academics seriously. I also applied because it seems like a fun way to be more part of the UNLV community.





Vidhani S. Goel

Major- Public Health

I am an international student from India studying public health at UNLV, with a strong interest in research.

I applied for this program to increase my involvement at campus and engage in scholarly and community activities during my second year at UNLV.



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