# 2021

# National Student Conference on Hispanic Politics



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## Welcome!

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On behalf of the American Enterprise Institute's Academic Programs team, the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI), and Florida International University (FIU), I'm delighted to welcome you to the 2021 National Student Conference on Hispanic Politics.

Since the 2020 election, there has been renewed interest in the role Hispanics play in American politics. On both sides of the aisle, commentators have asserted that the political allegiances of Hispanic Americans are naturally bent toward one direction, and both major political parties have invested significant resources in courting and organizing Hispanic voters for future contests. Despite this, there have been comparatively fewer efforts to try to understand the public policy issues that most directly affect Hispanics' everyday lives, let alone efforts to connect experts from these issues directly with the Hispanic community.

This conference is meant in part to mitigate that trend. At this weekend's conference, you'll hear from a diverse and top-notch array of scholars and experts about a number of policy issues crucial for the Hispanic community, including immigration and border policy, the role of Latin America in an age of great-power conflict, disparities in upward mobility, the future of democracy in Cuba, climate policy, and COVID-19.

This conference is also meant to showcase the rich diversity of political thought in the Hispanic community, among both our featured speakers and the students who will be learning alongside you. We hope this variety of viewpoints and perspectives will show you how good-faith arguments can clarify issues, develop your thinking, and keep dignity at the forefront of difficult conversations. We also hope to immerse non-Hispanic student leaders in the importance that these issues have for all Americans and leave all of you with a greater appreciation for AEI's core value of free discourse in service of a lively and pluralistic civil society.

I speak for Chris, Sydney, and everyone on the CHLI and FIU teams when I thank you for making this conference part of your busy semester. We hope you leave the conference inspired and prepared to continue these important conversations throughout your academic and professional careers.

Sincerely,

Gil Guerra

Academic Programs Associate



## **Agenda**

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 | FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

5:30 p.m. **Registration and Check-In** 

College of Business Complex (CBC) Special Events Room

7:00 p.m. **Opening Keynote Address and Dinner: The State of Immigration Policy** 

CBC Special Events Room

**Juan Carlos Gómez**, Florida International University **Gil Guerra**, American Enterprise Institute (*Moderator*)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 | FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** 

CBC Special Events Room

9:30 a.m. Latin America and the Caribbean in an Era of Strategic Competition

CBC Special Events Room

Hal Brands, American Enterprise Institute

**Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**, Former US Representative

**Carlos Díaz-Rosillo**, Florida International University (*Moderator*)

10:45 a.m. Realizing American Promise: Disparities in Economic Mobility

CBC Special Events Room

**Mark Hugo Lopez**, Pew Research Center **Scott Winship**, American Enterprise Institute **Isabel Soto**, American Action Forum (*Moderator*)

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** 

CBC Special Events Room

1:30 p.m. **Team-Building Activity** 

CBC Special Events Room

2:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions** 

Environmental Policy and Bipartisanship Carlos Curbelo, Former US Representative

CBC Special Events Room 140

#SOSCuba and the Cuban Protests

**Carlos Díaz-Rosillo**, Florida International University

CBC Special Events Room 254



Hispanics and the COVID-19 Recession **Brent Orrell**, American Enterprise Institute

Ryder Business Building 130

Statecraft in Latin America

Luis Guillermo Solís, Florida International University

Ryder Business Building 140

Latinos and the Future of Work

**Isabel Soto**, American Action Forum

CBC Special Events Room

5:30 p.m. **Opportunities Fair** 

CBC Special Events Room and Lobby

7:00 p.m. Closing Keynote Panel and Dinner: The Future of the American Electorate

CBC Special Events Room 140

Matthew Continetti, American Enterprise Institute

Bianca Padró Ocasio, Miami Herald

Sabrina Rodríguez, Politico

**Gil Guerra**, American Enterprise Institute (*Moderator*)



## **Speaker Biographies**

**Hal Brands** is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he studies US foreign policy and defense strategy. Concurrently, Dr. Brands is the Henry A. Kissinger Distinguished Professor of Global Affairs at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is also a columnist for Bloomberg Opinion and has been widely published and interviewed in the popular print and broadcast media. Dr. Brands has previously worked as special assistant to the secretary of defense for strategic planning and lead writer for the National Defense Strategy Commission.

**Matthew Continetti** is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, focusing on American political thought and history, specifically the development of the Republican Party and the American conservative movement in the 20th century. A prominent journalist, analyst, author, and intellectual historian of the right, Mr. Continetti was the founding editor and the editor-in-chief of the Washington Free Beacon. He is also a contributing editor at *National Review* and a columnist for *Commentary* and has been published in the *Atlantic*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*, among other outlets.

**Carlos Curbelo** represented Florida's 26th Congressional District from 2015 to 2019. In the House, he was consistently ranked one of the most bipartisan members for his work to build consensus across the aisle on challenging policy questions. While in Congress, Rep. Curbelo led on climate policy, immigration reform, and gun safety. He cofounded and co-chaired the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, served in a leadership role in the Problem Solvers Caucus, and led the Brazil Caucus to strengthen the bilateral relationship with Latin America's leading economy. Rep. Curbelo is an analyst for NBC News, MSNBC, and Telemundo, and after departing Congress, he launched Vocero LLC, a communications and public affairs firm. Rep. Curbelo completed a fellowship at Harvard's Institute of Politics in 2019 and serves as a distinguished visiting fellow at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy.

**Carlos Díaz-Rosillo** is founding director of the Florida International University's Adam Smith Center for the Study of Economic Freedom. Before his work with the Adam Smith Center, Dr. Díaz-Rosillo worked in the highest levels of the United States government, serving as deputy assistant to the president and director of policy and interagency coordination at the White House, senior deputy chairman and chief operating officer of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and acting principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. Dr. Díaz-Rosillo is a former Harvard University faculty member, where he taught courses on the American presidency and served as assistant dean of Harvard College.

**Juan Carlos Gómez** has been defending the rights of individuals in immigration matters for over 30 years. During this time, he has represented persons before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the US Departments of Justice and Homeland Security in complex immigration matters. He has helped thousands of individuals in situations including removal and deportation proceedings, family immigration, and the transfer of professionals and executives to the United States. Mr. Gómez counsels international and national corporations on compliance with immigration laws. He also has coordinated teams of attorneys in multi-forum conflicts to effectively resolve clients' problems. As an attorney for a Central American Refugee Project, he helped represent thousands of individuals in the Southeastern United States in a national class action. He has



represented refugees from every part of the world where there have been conflicts over the past three decades. As director of East Little Havana Legal Services, he led a team of attorneys to resolve the problems clients faced.

**Mark Hugo Lopez** is director of race and ethnicity research at Pew Research Center, where he leads planning of the center's research agenda focused on chronicling the racial and ethnic landscape of the United States. He is an expert on issues of racial and ethnic identity, Latino politics and culture, the US Hispanic and Asian American populations, global and domestic immigration, and the US demographic landscape. He was previously the center's director of global migration and demography and of Hispanic research. Dr. Lopez is a coauthor of *The Future of the First Amendment: The Digital Media, Civic Education, and Free Expression Rights in America's High Schools* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2008) and has contributed chapters to several books about voting and young Latinos. He is an author of reports about the Hispanic electorate, Hispanic identity, and immigration. Dr. Lopez received a doctorate in economics from Princeton University. He frequently appears in national and international media in both Spanish and English.

**Brent Orrell** is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he works on job training, workforce development, and criminal justice reform. Mr. Orrell's research focuses on expanding opportunity for all Americans through improved work readiness and job training and improving the performance of the criminal justice system through rehabilitation and prisoner reentry programs. Before joining AEI, Mr. Orrell worked in the executive and legislative branches of the US government for over 20 years. He was nominated by President George W. Bush to lead the Employment and Training Administration of the US Department of Labor, and he served as deputy assistant secretary for policy at the Administration for Children and Families at the US Department of Health and Human Services.

**Bianca Padró Ocasio** is a political writer for the *Miami Herald*. Previously, Ms. Padró Ocasio worked at *Politico* during the 2016 election. She also wrote about the 2018 midterm elections and covered demographic changes in Central Florida after Hurricane Maria for the *Orlando Sentinel*.

**Sabrina Rodríguez** is a national political correspondent at *Politico*. A graduate of Northwestern University, Ms. Rodríguez got her start at *Politico* in 2015 as a participant in the Politico Journalism Institute and later interned twice for *Politico*. She most recently was a *Politico* fellow, covering trade and agriculture issues.

**Ileana Ros-Lehtinen** served for almost three decades as a member of Congress, representing Florida's 18th and 27th Congressional Districts, and was the first Hispanic woman to serve in Congress. As chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, she became a leader in crafting US foreign policy. Throughout her time in office, Rep. Ros-Lehtinen championed the advancement of freedom and democracy for all; the fight against Islamic extremism; free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea; and sanctions on human rights violators in Iran, Syria, and Venezuela.

**Luis Guillermo Solís** is the interim director and distinguished visiting professor at the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University. He served as the president of Costa Rica from 2014 to 2018. President Solís has been a professor of history and political science at the University of Costa Rica since 1981 and previously served as the director of the Central American Graduate Program of Political Science



and associate dean of the School of Social Sciences at the University of Costa Rica. As a diplomat, President Solís was chef de cabinet, ambassador, special envoy to Central America, and director general for policy at the Costa Rican Ministry for Foreign Affairs. He was also the regional representative of the Ibero-American General Secretariat for Central America and Haiti and co-chaired the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment.

**Isabel Soto** is the director of labor market policy at the American Action Forum. Her work has been cited in major media outlets including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, Bloomberg Law, the *Hill*, CNBC's *Squawk Box*, and Fox Business. She has also appeared on C-SPAN. Before joining the American Action Forum, she worked at the Aspen Institute with David Brooks on Weave: The Social Fabric Project. Ms. Soto is a graduate of Davidson College and an AEI Summer Honors alumna.

**Scott Winship** is a senior fellow and the director of poverty studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he researches social mobility and the causes and effects of poverty, focusing on economic insecurity and inequality. Before joining AEI, Dr. Winship served as the executive director of the Joint Economic Committee, where he created the Social Capital Project, a multiyear research project to investigate the evolving nature of social relationships including families, communities, workplaces, and religious congregations. Dr. Winship has testified before Congress and has been widely published in the popular press, including in *National Affairs*, *National Review*, the *American Prospect*, the *New Republic*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*.



## **Staff Biographies**

**Gil Guerra** is an Academic Programs associate at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). Mr. Guerra is a Public Policy Fellow with the Fund for American Studies and has previously completed political studies fellowships with the Hudson Institute and the Hertog Foundation. He is also an alumnus of the AEI Summer Honors Program. Mr. Guerra is a cohost of the podcast *Panorama: On Politics, Latinos, and Conservatism*. His writing has appeared in the *Washington Examiner* and American Purpose, and his commentary has appeared on NBC Latino and Spotify Mexico. Mr. Guerra graduated from Swarthmore College with a BA in political science with high honors.

**Anna Renou** is an Academic Programs assistant at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). Before joining AEI, she served as the political platform chair for Washington and Lee's 2020 Mock Convention. Ms. Renou is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, where she received a BA in politics, poverty, and human capabilities studies and Africana studies.

**Sydney Riley** is an Academic Programs assistant at the American Enterprise Institute. Before joining the team, she spent the 2019–20 academic year teaching English in Dobruška, Czech Republic, with the Fulbright Program. She is an alumna of the Hudson Institute Political Studies Program and the Danish Institute of Study Abroad, European Politics Cohort. Ms. Riley graduated from Villanova University, where she received an honors BA in politics, philosophy, and humanities.

**Christopher Scalia** is the director of Academic Programs at the American Enterprise Institute. He was previously an English professor at the University of Virginia's College at Wise from 2007 to 2015 and a public relations executive. Dr. Scalia is coeditor of *On Faith: Lessons from an American Believer* (Crown Forum, 2019) and *Scalia Speaks: Reflections on Law, Faith, and Life Well Lived* (Crown Forum, 2017). His reviews and commentary have appeared in the *Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, USA Today*, and elsewhere. Dr. Scalia has a BA in English from the College of William & Mary and an MA and PhD in English from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.



## **Student Biographies**

#### **Abilene Christian University**

**Eden Babovec** is a junior at Abilene Christian University, where she is majoring in social work on the prelaw track with a minor in political science. She is co-chair of AEI Executive Council, an employee in the president's office, a peer leader (a mentor to first-year students), a member of the advisory board for an international nonprofit organization, and a member of Sigma Theta Chi. After graduation, Ms. Babovec plans to attend law school so she can legally defend marginalized and oppressed populations, specifically immigrants and incarcerated people. She grew up in Dallas, Texas.

**Emma Perkins** is a senior at Abilene Christian University, where she is earning her undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting. She is a student leader for the Lytle Center for Faith and Leadership, an accounting assistant for and administrative member of Ateiku Christian Ministry, a student mentor for incoming college freshmen, and a member of a sorority. After graduation, she plans to attend law school. Ms. Perkins grew up in Edmond, Oklahoma.

#### **Arizona State University**

**Nathaniel Ross** is a first-generation college student, Flinn Scholar, and Udall Scholar at Arizona State University, quadruple majoring in biology, political science, applied quantitative science, and history. He has interned at a legislative advocacy firm, lobbying and testifying for policy change at the Arizona State Legislature and representing clients such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Living United for Change in Arizona, and Chispa Arizona. At Arizona State University, Mr. Ross works in two research labs on several projects focused on the intersections of the environment, health care, and education. Mr. Ross plans to attend law school and is currently completing legal fellowships through the Arizona Hispanic Bar Association and the Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy, and Innovation. In his free time, he mentors children with disabilities across the country through the organization he founded with his mother and sister, EOS Fighter Connection.

**Priscilla Villalobos Ixcotoyac** is a sophomore at Arizona State University (ASU) majoring in biological sciences and secondary education. She works as a violin instructor and a student researcher for the Plastic Recycling Initiative at ASU's Biodesign Institute. She also co-leads a college preparatory program that helps high school students reach their college and educational goals. After graduation, she intends to attend medical school to become a pediatrician and wants to continue mentoring high school students. Ms. Ixcotoyac grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, and her family is from Guatemala and Mexico.

#### **Aurora University**

**Sebastian Wong** is a junior at Aurora University, where he is majoring in social work and political science. He is a member of the prelaw association, the social work program, and an advocate for human rights in Aurora. After graduation, Mr. Wong hopes to get a master's in public policy in Chicago and work in either Chicago or DC, where he hopes to continue helping communities in need and work on state and federal policy issues. Mr. Wong grew up in Illinois. His mother is from Santiago, Chile, and his father is from Puerto Cortés, Honduras.



#### **Baruch College**

**Joel de La Cruz** is a senior at Baruch College, where he is majoring in economics. He is a Don Lavoie Fellow at the Mercatus Center hosted at George Mason University. After graduation, Mr. de La Cruz intends to enroll in law school, so he can pursue a JD and practice law as an attorney. Mr. de La Cruz grew up in New York, and his family is from San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic.

#### **Boston University**

**Mallory Turgeon** is a junior at Boston University studying finance and film and TV. She is treasurer of COM Student Government and a junior analyst with the Boston University Finance and Investment Club. She interned in the summer of 2021 with Idexx Laboratories as an internal audit intern, and she hopes to venture into investment banking, private equity, or asset management in the future.

#### **Brown University**

**Selia Jindal** is a junior at Brown University, where she studies international and public affairs with a focus on global security at the Watson Institute. Additionally, she is involved with the engineering department and is working on building a satellite. Ms. Jindal is a teacher at a private school and is leading courses on eighth grade advanced math (precalculus) and high school sciences. She is a virtual intern for the Department of Defense's SkillBridge program.

#### **California Baptist University**

**Christian Lopez** is a student at California Baptist University (CBU), where he is majoring in political science with a concentration in political philosophy. At CBU, Mr. Lopez is the founder of Turning Point USA CBU, former vice president of Black Student Union, a part of the forensics team (speech and debate), and the youngest alternate delegate in Riverside GOP history. After graduation, Mr. Lopez hopes to intern for his local congressman or in Washington, DC, as he pursues a career in politics. His goal is to run for governor of California and uplift low-income communities like the ones in which he grew up. Mr. Lopez grew up in Los Angeles, and his family is from Jalisco, Mexico.

#### **California State University, Fresno**

**Tanya Acosta** is a senior at California State University, Fresno, where she is majoring in political science and multimedia communications. She is the president of Students for Quality Education, which is focused on ensuring that higher education is accessible and affordable for all California State University students. After graduation, Ms. Acosta hopes to further her education by attaining an MBA from the University of California San Diego. Ms. Acosta grew up in Central California, and her family is from Sinaloa, Mexico.

#### **Claremont McKenna College**

**Eda Garcia** is a senior at Claremont McKenna College, where she is studying government and public policy. Ms. Garcia is involved with the first-gen club and the QuestBridge cohort on campus. Outside of school, she works with local communities to achieve a more equitable society by making tools and resources more accessible. After graduation, Ms. Garcia hopes to work to ensure the Latino community is heard and represented fairly across the nation.



#### **Dominican University**

**Hilda Alvarez Rodriguez** is a junior at Dominican University, where she is majoring in international relations and diplomacy, with a minor in interfaith studies. At Dominican University, Ms. Alvarez Rodriguez is president of Model UN and works as a peer mentor and scholarship assistant at Dominican's Student Success and Engagement Office and the Center for Cultural Liberation. After graduation, Ms. Alvarez Rodriguez hopes to work for an international nongovernmental organization that aids in community development, continuing her interest in statecraft and developing countries. Ms. Alvarez Rodriguez grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and her family is from Venezuela.

**Maria Dominguez** is a junior at Dominican University, where she is majoring in political science and minoring in philosophy. At Dominican University, she is vice president of the school's American Medical Student Association. She is looking into becoming involved with the school's ministry and outreach program to support local Latino communities with legal aid, accompaniment, and tutoring services. After graduation, Ms. Dominguez hopes to go to law school and focus on immigration law. Ms. Dominguez was raised in Chicago, and she and her family are from Hidalgo, Mexico.

#### **Florida International University**

**Abel Carvajal** is a junior at Florida International University, where he is majoring in international relations and enrolled at the honors college. In addition to his classes, Mr. Carvajal is an intern at the Office of Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) and with Sen. Marco Rubio's (R-FL) 2022 reelection campaign. After graduation, he hopes to go to law school and become the first member of his family to become a lawyer. Mr. Carvajal grew up in Hialeah, Florida, and is the son of Cuban immigrants.

**Kassandra Casanova** graduated from Florida International University in 2019 with a major in English and a minor in history but returned in 2021 to complete a certificate in national security studies. She plans on attending law school in fall 2022 and hopes to work for a think tank or related field after graduation. The product of immigrants, she is a big advocate of small government with a passion for individual liberties. She hopes her future work will help preserve pro-freedom, pro-Constitution values while thwarting the ideals of socialism. In the future, Ms. Casanova would also like to do advocacy work for children and start an organization focused on civil liberties.

**Marife Garcia** is a junior at Florida International University, where she is majoring in political science with a minor in international relations. At Florida International University, Ms. Garcia is part of the honors college. After graduation, Ms. Garcia hopes to enter the Diplomacy Academy in Peru or work at the embassy in the US to help her fellow citizens who reside in the US. Ms. Garcia grew up in Peru and recently moved to Miami for her undergraduate studies.

**Elizabeth Gonzlez** is Cuban American, born and raised in Miami. She is a junior at Florida International University (FIU) and a student in the honors college. While at FIU, she is pursuing a dual degree in political science and English, with a concentration in writing and rhetoric. During the fall semester, Ms. Gonzlez will be interning for Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL) through the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute Global Leaders program. While in DC, Ms. Gonzlez will also be participating in FIU's Hamilton Scholars Program. Ms. Gonzlez works as an English peer tutor at FIU and is the president of the UN Women chapter at FIU, where she organizes



lecture series and discussion circles on issues that affect women globally and local solutions. After graduating from FIU, she plans to continue her advocacy efforts for women's rights and the Latino community by attending law school.

Ania Kerr is a junior at Florida International University, where she is majoring in health services administration. She is a student representative for the Student Conduct Committee, an executive board member for the National Society of Leadership and Success, and a peer mentor for the Center for Student Engagement. After her undergraduate career, Ms. Kerr plans to pursue a master's in public health or health services administration. Then she plans to work at a hospital or a nonprofit organization and make changes to the health status of low-income communities. Ms. Kerr grew up in Pembroke Pines, Florida, and is Bahamian American.

**Gabriella Lasso** is a senior at Florida International University pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and minoring in international relations. As the daughter of Colombian immigrants, Ms. Lasso witnessed the hardships that came along with achieving the American dream. Currently, she serves as a congressional intern for Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL). As such, Ms. Lasso has the opportunity to learn more about politics in Latin America and the Caribbean, as that is Rep. Salazar's main focus.

**Luis Moros** is a student at Florida International University from Venezuela. He has advocated for human rights, diversity, and inclusion by creating nonprofit organizations. He has worked in the legal and customer service field for over five years, gaining experience in legal writing, public speaking, and research skills as a certified paralegal in Florida. Mr. Moros has represented several nonprofits and departments in Florida International University, including the honors college and Florida International University in Washington, DC.

**Sara Posada** is a sophomore at the honors college at Florida International University, where she is majoring in marketing. She is an intern for Rep. Jenniffer González-Colón (R-PR). After graduation, she hopes to pursue an MBA and build a portfolio as a social media and marketing manager for small and large companies. Her family is from Bogota, Colombia.

**Amelia Raudales** is a senior at Florida International University, honors college, studying international relations with two certificates in public policy and human rights and political transitions. Ms. Raudales has been selected to take part in several nationwide and worldwide fellowships, including the UN Millennium Fellowship, Clinton Global Initiative University, and the Fowler Global Social Innovation Challenge.

**Jennifer Rivera Galindo** is a senior at Florida International University, double majoring in international relations and political science with certificates in national security and Middle Eastern studies. Ms. Rivera Galindo was a senior research intern for the State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, developing and delivering presentations on environmental cases to key stakeholders. Additionally, she interned for the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence. She was a fellow for the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence Intelligence Fellowship, conducting open-source research on Latin America. She is currently interning for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

**Kevin Senra Rivero** is a senior at Florida International University, where he is double majoring in international relations and sociology. He is part of the honors college and has participated in other intercultural exchange programs, such as the Venezuelan Virtual Exchange Program through the Council on International Educational



Exchange. After graduation, Mr. Senra Rivero hopes to go to law school and study international law, in hopes of pursuing a future career as a diplomat. Mr. Senra Rivero was born and grew up in La Habana, Cuba, and his family is from the Artemisa and Mayabeque provinces of the island.

**Alex Sutton** is a second-year student at Florida International University, majoring in political science with a minor in economics. Mr. Sutton is a head delegate for Florida International University's Model UN team, which is ranked third in North America. Additionally, Mr. Sutton serves as the chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Student Government Association, in which capacity he is responsible for allocating \$57,000 in student fees to fund student-led events, travel opportunities, and competitions. He is also a brother of Theta Chi fraternity. After graduation, Mr. Sutton hopes to study law or public policy in graduate school and then become a teacher for a few years before entering politics. He was born and raised in Miami.

**Gerald Torres** is a graduating senior at Florida International University, where he is majoring in international relations. He has been involved in numerous extracurriculars, including Model UN and the Intelligence Fellowship program. This semester he is interning for NASA as part of the Hamilton Scholars Program. After graduation, Mr. Torres hopes to work at a think tank or on Capitol Hill or begin his graduate studies.

**Jatniel Torres** is a junior transfer at Florida International University, where he is majoring in political science. After graduating, Mr. Torres hopes to become an intern with a legislative body or other political office. He grew up in Miami but is an immigrant from Havana, Cuba.

#### **George Washington University**

**Gabriela Pajuelo** is a senior at University of Navarra, where she is majoring in international relations, and an exchange student at the George Washington University. At University of Navarra, Ms. Pajuelo is the president of the Sustainability Club, campus director of the Hult Prize on Campus Program, and part of the Student Innovation Team at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. After graduation, Ms. Pajuelo hopes to grow her fashion startup company, INTI & Co., and become an intern in a multinational company in the energy or vehicle manufacturing industry, so she can continue her passion of researching about growing markets for electric vehicles in emerging economies. Ms. Pajuelo grew up in Lima and was born in Arequipa, Peru.

**Manuel Wallick** is a junior at the George Washington University, where he is studying political science and history. Mr. Wallick is a member of the College Democrats, where he participates in various committees and the Adopted and Fostered Students Association. He also has an internship in Washington, DC. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a graduate degree to further pursue his passions in policy and international affairs. Mr. Wallick grew up in South Carolina and Connecticut, and he was born in Guatemala.

#### **Harvard University**

**Paige Proctor** is a junior at Harvard, where she studies history and political philosophy. Ms. Proctor grew up in rural Wisconsin and is involved with Harvard's Institute of Politics, Alexander Hamilton Society, *International Review*, and undergraduate debating society. Ms. Proctor has spent the past two summers researching constitutional legal issues and intends to pursue a career in law after graduating.



#### **Illinois State University**

**Christian Arceo** is a junior at Illinois State University, where he is majoring in political science. Mr. Arceo grew up in Berwyn, Illinois. He is a first-generation college student and the membership director of First Gen Redbirds, a club designed to help support first-generation students. Mr. Arceo is passionate about education, social programs, and immigration. After graduation, he plans to work on Capitol Hill and focus on those issues from a legislative standpoint.

#### **Indiana University Bloomington**

**Arunabh Sinha** is a junior at Indiana University studying policy analysis and neuroscience on a premedical track. Mr. Sinha's experiences include research on neuroscience and sport-related sociology and physiology through the Global Scholars program at Park Tudor School and post-traumatic stress disorder in the perinatal period with a psychiatry research group. He has also directed educational camps and competitions at Sycamore School and designed world history curriculum at Certell. Mr. Sinha was an intern at the office of Sen. Todd Young (R-IN) and a mentor in the Civic Leaders Center at Indiana University. He is involved with the O'Neill School Career Hub as a peer educator and the Hutton Honors College Ambassadors, where he is a codirector.

**David Wolfe Bender** is a student in Indiana University's class of 2024, with majors in journalism, economics, and political science. He is part of the Ernie Pyle Scholars program, a journalism honors program at Indiana University. In summer 2021, he served as a public affairs intern with the US Government Accountability Office in Washington, DC. Originally from Northern Virginia, he boasts appearances in both student and professional news outlets, including the *Indiana Daily Student*, WFYI News Radio, and NBC's *Meet the Press*.

#### **Indiana University South Bend**

**Christian Martinez** is a senior at Indiana University South Bend pursuing a bachelor of science in economics and a bachelor of arts in political science. At Indiana University South Bend, Mr. Martinez was recently promoted to the event coordinator for his campus' American Democracy Project (ADP) and is working on promoting economic literacy throughout the campus as a part of the joint ADP and Up to Us Economic Literacy Project initiative. In addition, he serves as the treasurer of the Student Government Association and the Political Science Club, and he works in the campus' financial aid office as a student professional. After graduation, Mr. Martinez will go to graduate school for either political science, economics, or law.

#### The King's College

**Deborah Gonçalves** serves as the meeting and events manager at the King's College. In this role, she is responsible for running institutional events and meetings and overseeing on-campus event services and space rentals. While at King's, Ms. Gonçalves served as a student services representative, a scholar on the 2019–20 executive team for the House of Susan B. Anthony, chairwoman of the AEI Executive Council, and later the director of student events on the 2020–21 King's Council. Outside of King's, she has interned with Indian Health Services and as a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals legal volunteer at Make the Road New York. She serves on the board of Ministerio Unidos Por Cristo, in Tampa, Florida. Ms. Gonçalves was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, and her family is from São Paulo and Goiás, Brazil.



#### **Macalester College**

**Theo Britton** is from the Twin Ports of Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin. He is a senior at Macalester College, where he is pursuing a bachelor of arts in history and a minor in political science. At Macalester, Mr. Britton has served two terms on the Provost Advisory Council and is a member of the history club and the moot court team. During the past two summers, he has studied constitutional law and safety-net policy as a participant in AEI's Summer Honors Program. In the spring of 2021, Mr. Britton worked as the federal appointee leadership research and program development intern with the Impact Center. He works for Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) as a congressional intern.

#### **Pennsylvania State University**

Angelina Santamaria is a senior at the Pennsylvania State University, majoring in earth sciences and policy (BS) and geography (BS) with a minor in sociology. Ms. Santamaria is a member of the Schreyer Honors College, the Penn State Millennium Scholars Program, the Presidential Leadership Academy, and the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences Academy for Global Experience. Ms. Santamaria researches volcanic geochemistry and agricultural conservation systems modeling. In addition, she volunteers in the Department of Geoscience's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; World in Conversation, a center for public diplomacy; and LifeLink, a program to help students with disabilities transition into higher education. After graduation, Ms. Santamaria hopes to pursue an internship in Washington, DC, before completing a joint JD and PhD program in environmental law and political geography. While Ms. Santamaria grew up in the greater Philadelphia area, her family is from Nicaragua and Northern Italy.

#### **Pepperdine University**

**Renee Jackson-Armendariz** is a second-year graduate student at Pepperdine University School of Public Policy, where she is specializing in international relations and national security. She is the founder and president of Conservatives of Public Policy, a graduate resident adviser with Housing and Residence Life, and an athletic mentor and tutor with Pepperdine Athletics. Ms. Jackson-Armendariz is due to graduate in spring 2022. After graduation, she plans to pursue a JD with an emphasis in international law. After completing her schooling, Ms. Jackson-Armendariz hopes to serve in the United States Navy, then work at either the State Department or Department of Defense. Ms. Jackson-Armendariz grew up in El Paso, Texas, and her family is from Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico.

#### **Princeton University**

**Jared Stone** is a sophomore at Princeton University seeking to major in politics with minors in classical Greek language and Judaic studies. He serves in leadership roles for the *Princeton Tory*, American Whig-Cliosophic Society, Tigers for Israel, Princeton Center for Jewish Life, and Princeton Israel Advisory Committee, and he participates as an undergraduate fellow in the James Madison Program. Mr. Stone hopes to pursue a career in political consulting and analysis. He is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada.



#### Saint Mary's College of California

**Juan René Aguirre** is a senior at Saint Mary's College of California, where he is double majoring in politics and Spanish and Latin American studies. At Saint Mary's College, Mr. Aguirre is a member of the honors program and a tutor for the Spanish and politics departments in the Tutorial and Academic Skills Center. After graduation, Mr. Aguirre hopes to spend time in Latin America and Spain to expand his knowledge of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture before pursuing graduate-level studies. Mr. Aguirre grew up in Sacramento, California, and his grandparents are from Durango, Mexico.

**Gianna D'Arrigo** is a senior at Saint Mary's College of California, where she is majoring in political science. She is passionate about international human rights and plans to attend graduate school abroad to study international relations and humanitarian action. During the summer of 2021, she interned with the US Department of Energy and provided research support for nuclear security training activities in Southeast Asia.

#### **Saint Peter's University**

**Lissette Vasquez** is a senior in Saint Peter's University, where she is majoring in criminal justice and working toward two minors, business law and French. She is the director of Model UN and the treasurer of the Economics and Finance Associations. After graduation, Ms. Vasquez looks forward to studying abroad and then attending law school. She was born and lived in the Dominican Republic until she was 13 and is passionate about international relations and the United Nations' work in human rights and the improvement of the world.

#### **San Diego State University**

**Patricio Silva** is a sophomore at San Diego State University, where he is majoring in political science with an emphasis in comparative politics, minoring in international security and conflict resolution. He is a founding member of his university's Political Science Student Organization and an active member of Doctors Without Borders and the Mock Trial team. After graduation, he expects to attend law school to specialize in civil rights law or international law. Mr. Silva was born and raised in Baja California, Mexico.

#### **Seattle University**

**David Yañez** is a senior at Seattle University pursuing a double major in psychology and philosophy with a data science minor. He works as a policy researcher at the American Conservation Coalition, an environmental nonprofit. At Seattle University, he is president of the Philosophy Club and the Young Professionals of Washington Policy Center. He is pursuing a career in data science and machine learning as a researcher.

#### **Stanford University**

**Dustin Humphries** is a sophomore at Stanford University, where he is majoring in economics. At Stanford, Mr. Humphries is a research assistant at the Hoover Institution under Professor Michael Boskin. This research project examines the repetition, efficiency, and scope of various government programs. After graduation, Mr. Humphries hopes to work in management consulting in a Latin American country. Mr. Humphries was born and raised in North Carolina.



#### St. Mary's University

**Paola Arellano** is a senior at St. Mary's University, where she is majoring in political science and minoring in communication studies. She grew up in the border city of El Paso, Texas, as her parents immigrated from Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Ms. Arellano serves as a Texas civic ambassador for the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life and a mentor for high school students as part of the El Paso Leadership Network. After graduation, Ms. Arellano hopes to work for a news company to jump-start her career as a political broadcaster.

**Saul Contreras Martinez** is a senior at St. Mary's University, where he is majoring in political science and theology and has begun his graduate studies in a master of public administration degree. At St. Mary's University, Mr. Contreras Martinez is the senior student development officer for the Phoneathon program and the secretary for the Jolt Action chapter at the university. After graduation, he hopes to continue his graduate studies at St. Mary's to continue his exploration of the public administration process in the US. Mr. Contreras Martinez is originally from San Martín Texmelucan, Puebla, Mexico, but grew up in Laredo, Texas.

**Monserrat Garcia Rodriguez** is a sophomore at St. Mary's University and is double majoring in political science and international and global studies. She was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, but grew up in the bordering city, Piedras Negras, Coahuila. Growing up in a diverse community, Ms. Garcia Rodriguez's upbringing inculcated her to value and appreciate respect, inclusivity, and the commonwealth of others. Ms. Garcia Rodriguez is the president of the Multicultural Language Association at St. Mary's University, where she promotes an environment in which students can learn different languages and cultures to create a more inclusive community. She is also the vice president of St. Mary's University's Ignite chapter and strives to build political ambition in young women to motivate and inspire them to run for local political positions.

**Mia Gonzales** is a junior, double majoring in international relations and global affairs and political science, at St. Mary's University. At St. Mary's University, Ms. Gonzales serves as a senator for the Student Government Association, the executive volunteer deputy registrar for Jolt Action, a Sumners Scholar, and resident assistant for the Political Science Live & Learn Community. After graduation, Ms. Gonzales hopes to enter the Foreign Service as a diplomat and continue her education through law school studying international and refugee law.

**Liliana Rojas** is a freshman at St. Mary's University, where she is majoring in finance and risk management. At St. Mary's, Ms. Rojas is an honors student, a dean's scholar, and a newly elected student government senator. After graduation, Ms. Rojas strives to go to law school and pursue a career in politics or business. She was born in Austin and grew up in San Antonio. Her family is from Mexico and Canada.

#### **Swarthmore College**

**Mwangangi Kalii** is a junior at Swarthmore College, where he is an honors major in economics, statistics, and mathematics. At Swarthmore, Mr. Kalii is a Lang Opportunity Scholar, manager at the Center for Innovation & Leadership Design Studio, and board member for the Math/Stat Student Advisory Council. After graduation, Mr. Kalii plans to go to graduate school for a PhD in economics, so he can continue exploring economics and how the field shapes society. Mr. Kalii is from Kibwezi, Kenya.



**Theron Mansilla** is a junior at Swarthmore College, where he is majoring in computer science and mathematics. At Swarthmore, Mr. Mansilla is vice president of LaunchDeck (Swarthmore's largest tech and entrepreneurship club) and a member of Swarthmore's Computer Society. After graduation, Mr. Mansilla plans to work as a software engineer, so he can build skills to pursue his entrepreneurial aspirations. Mr. Mansilla grew up in California, and his family is from Guatemala.

**Vipul Periwal** is a junior at Swarthmore College studying economics and computer science. He is also the president of Swarthmore's Alexander Hamilton Society chapter and is involved with numerous economics and computer science projects around campus. Mr. Periwal has a strong love for economic policy, which is what drew him to AEI.

#### **Texas State University**

**Serenity de Leon** is a junior at Texas State University majoring in political science with a minor in business. Ms. de Leon serves as a student government senator, a representative of the Honor Code Council, and a member of the inaugural Stelos Scholars Program. In addition, she is the vice president of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, vice president of Supporting Women in Political Science, vice president of Student Support Services, and the culture and communications lead for Design for America. She volunteers as Texas central regional marketing coordinator and challenge master for Destination Imagination, a global educational nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders, and creative problem solvers. After obtaining her undergraduate degree, Ms. de Leon's dream is to attend law school, become an attorney, and serve in political office.

#### **University of Alabama**

**Nick Tolbert** is a sophomore at the University of Alabama majoring in political science and philosophy with a focus in jurisprudence. On campus, he is involved in the Student Government Association, the prelaw society, Phi Eta Sigma, College Republicans, and AEI Executive Council. After college, Mr. Tolbert hopes to go to law school and specialize in constitutional law.

#### **University of Arizona**

**Alyssa Glandolph** is a senior at the University of Arizona. She is majoring in political science and education and minoring in Russian studies. Additionally, she is a disability policy fellow and works as a student researcher doing classroom observations. After graduation, Ms. Glandolph hopes to pursue a master's in educational policy and work to ensure an equitable education for all students.

**Aidalee Montijo** is a junior at the University of Arizona, where she is majoring in law. She is a member of the prelaw fraternity Phi Alpha Delta and enjoys participating in philanthropic events during her free time. After graduation, she hopes to become a JD candidate and study law, so she may continue her passion toward helping vulnerable populations. Ms. Montijo grew up in Nogales, Arizona, and her family is from Sonora, Mexico.

#### **University of California, Davis**

**Eduardo Gil** is a senior at the University of California (UC), Davis, where he is majoring in international relations and minoring in history. While at UC Davis, Mr. Gil has interned for the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism and the UC Davis Global Learning Hub, where he had the chance to do



humanitarian work in Jordan, albeit remotely. He holds the parliamentarian position for Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and works at Aggie Compass, where he helps students facing food and housing insecurities. After completing his undergraduate degree, Mr. Gil will pursue a master's degree in international relations. Mr. Gil was born and raised in San Salvador, El Salvador.

#### **University of California San Diego**

**Jose Chavez** is a second-year at the University of California San Diego (UCSD), where he is majoring in political science and public law with a minor in history. At UCSD, Mr. Chavez is co-coach of extemporaneous speaking for the university speech and debate team and is a senior staff writer with the *UCSD Guardian*. After graduation, he hopes to apply to law school with the goal of attaining a federal clerkship. Mr. Chavez grew up in California, and his family is from Los Llamas, Zacatecas, Mexico, and Tracy, California.

#### **University of California, Santa Cruz**

**Katerina Bajaj** is a junior at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she is majoring in sociology with a global information and social enterprise studies intensive concentration and minoring in politics. She was a writing and reading tutor at her previous school, De Anza Community College, and is now working as managing editor at the *Journal of International Society & Culture*. Ms. Bajaj is working toward going to law school and eventually practicing corporate and human rights law.

#### **University of Central Florida**

**Nacey Fernandez** is a Miami native with a Cuban and Puerto Rican background. She is a senior majoring in film and minoring in political science at the University of Central Florida. Ms. Fernandez is an avid social activist passionate about leading underrepresented minorities to appreciate the massive potential for growth and change they can bring about, both individually and collectively. She is passionate about equality, justice, and social reform and plans to use her platform in the film industry to educate others about the dynamics between different groups of people from different walks of life.

#### **University of Connecticut**

**Brigith Rivera** recently graduated from the University of Connecticut with a double major in political science and Latino/Latin American studies. As a community organizer, she has strategized public policies to improve the health care system and has organized civic engagement workshops to educate and politically mobilize community members. Her career goal is to attend law school and advocate for an accessible health care system for all individuals regardless of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, language, and citizenship status. Ms. Rivera's roots are from Peru, and she enjoys speaking Quechua.

#### **University of Florida**

**Aaron Arriaga** is a proud first-generation college student attending the University of Florida. Born and raised in Miami as the son of two Guatemalan immigrants, Mr. Arriaga developed an interest in political campaigns when he interned for the Florida Democratic Party during the 2018 midterm elections. During his undergraduate career, he has served as a student government senator and the inaugural president of the Central American Latin Organization. He is also in the First-Generation Leadership Program and Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, a Latino-based fraternity. His career interests and pursuits include campaign work, social advocacy, and lobbying.



**Ava Johnson** is a senior at the University of Florida, majoring in political science with a minor in international development and humanitarian assistance. Born in Miami, Florida, she is a published author and political panelist for *Teen Vogue*, a research fellow in the University of Florida Political Science Department, and a fellow at the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. She is an avid political activist and has worked with the Bernie Sanders campaign and various nonprofits to advance environmental protection, racial justice, and LGBTQ+ equality. In the summer of 2021, she won a research grant to study China-Africa relations with the Center for African Studies and now interns with the US Agency for International Development. Outside of the political sphere, Ms. Johnson works as a model for fashion magazines and an oil painter. After graduation, she will attend graduate school abroad before returning for law school with hopes to pursue a career in international law and diplomacy.

**Pedro Rodriguez** is a sophomore at the University of Florida Innovation Academy. Mr. Rodriguez was born in Caracas, Venezuela. He later moved to Brazil and Puerto Rico, constantly traveling to Argentina for months at a time to visit family. When he was 14, he overcame brain cancer and deals with a severe traumatic brain injury. When he was 17, he officially became a United States citizen. Mr. Rodriguez plans on having a career as a public servant to provide leadership and fix the struggles Hispanics all over Latin America face.

#### **University of Kansas**

**Sofia Berrospi** is a senior at the University of Kansas, where she is majoring in economics and mathematics and minoring in journalism. At the University of Kansas, Ms. Berrospi is the president of the Economics Club and research assistant for the Kansas University Trade-War Lab and the Center for Environmental Policy. After graduation, she hopes to become a research assistant at the American Enterprise Institute. Ms. Berrospi was born and grew up in Lima, Peru.

#### **University of Maryland, College Park**

**Rowan Mohan** is a sophomore at the University of Maryland, where she is majoring in public policy and innovation through storytelling. At the University of Maryland, Ms. Mohan serves as a crisis counselor for her school's peer hotline, leads outdoor recreation trips, works as a Rawlings Leadership Fellow, and was ranked a "Top 10 Freshmen" by Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honors society. After graduation, Ms. Mohan hopes to work in education policy through consulting and advocacy.

#### **University of Miami**

**Angel Aguilar** is a sophomore at the University of Miami, majoring in economics and political science. He is a student government liaison for the library and IT department. He is also the treasurer of UNICEF chapter. After graduation, Mr. Aguilar hopes to attend law school to continue his passion of working in government. He grew up in Miami, Florida.

#### **University of Michigan**

**Rachel Milner** is a senior at the University of Michigan, where she is majoring in public policy. She is president of Michigan Foreign Policy Council and a founder of Students for Democracy. After graduation, Ms. Milner will be interning at the United Nations with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York City. She hopes to pursue a career in international human rights and conflict stabilization.



#### **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

**Vanessa Booth** is a Romanian-American junior at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Honors College studying for her bachelor of arts in political science with a minor in Brookings Public Policy. Ms. Booth works as a communications intern for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, a programming intern at the Nevada State Treasurer's Office, a Chapman Cox Diplomacy Scholar at the US Department of State, and a policy researcher for Brookings Mountain West and the Lincy Institute. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a joint master's in public policy and a juris doctor to pursue her passions of policy and law in the executive department of the US federal government.

**Abraham Lugo** is a senior at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He serves as the student body vice president and collaborates with local advocacy groups and international interfaith work. After graduation, Mr. Lugo plans on moving to New York City to pursue a master's degree in politics and government with concentrations in public policy to eventually run and hold public office. Mr. Lugo is a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals student immigrant from Caracas, Venezuela, who grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Caren Yap** is pursuing a dual major in business marketing and international business with a double minor in global entrepreneurship and Brookings Public Policy at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Honors College. Ms. Yap is the student body president of the most diverse university in the nation and organizes virtual voter registration at a local nonprofit. She hopes to combine her passion for marketing and policy in the future and continue her research on higher education. Ms. Yap is a Filipina American and was born in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

#### **University of Oklahoma**

**Joseph Howard** is a senior at the University of Oklahoma. He is majoring in international relations and is interested in global security, diplomacy, and democratization. Mr. Howard attended AEI's monthlong Summer Honors Academy and weeklong Summer Honors Program. He is a research assistant in the University of Oklahoma's political science department, studying political trends in the Republican Party and the history of American conservatism. Mr. Howard is also a cadet in the US Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and will commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force after graduation. He was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas.

#### **University of Pennsylvania**

**Nicholas Fernandez** is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is majoring in American politics and American history. At the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fernandez is a political science research assistant working on election data and analyzing health care policy changes brought about by the Affordable Care Act, a photojournalist for the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, and an Ignite Fellow for Teach for America. After graduation, Mr. Fernandez hopes to work for Teach for America in inner-city schools and eventually make his way to law school, so he can continue his push for equitable change. Mr. Fernandez grew up in Miami, Florida, and his family is from La Habana, Cuba.

#### **University of Puerto Rico**

**Daribel Román** was born and raised in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. She is a senior at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, where she majors in political science. After graduation, she aspires to attend law school and pursue a career in diplomacy.



#### **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

**Osvaldo Grimaldo** is a junior at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), where he is majoring in sociology and minoring in legal studies. Mr. Grimaldo grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, and his family is from Tamaulipas, Mexico. At UTRGV, Mr. Grimaldo is president of UTRGV's Civic Engagement Alliance and serves as a Texas civic ambassador. He has been a mariachi musician all his life and is a violinist and vocalist. After graduation, Mr. Grimaldo hopes to head into law school to become an attorney. He wants to fight for justice in our legal system and create a better future for underrepresented communities.

#### **University of Virginia**

**Sophia Hernandez Tragesser** is a first-year law student at the University of Virginia School of Law. She graduated from the University of St. Thomas in May 2021 with a degree in history and theology. At the University of Virginia, she is a member of the Latin American Law Organization, an officer for the University Honor Tribunal System, and a member of the Jefferson Literary & Debating Society. She hopes to work as a prosecutor after graduation.

#### **Vanderbilt University**

**Cameron Deal** of Peoria, Arizona, has always been interested in serving his community, whether organizing in-kind donation drives for local homeless shelters, fundraising for youth nonprofits, or founding a music education program for under-resourced children. For his service in Arizona, he was recognized with Junior Achievement's 18 Under 18, with the Governor's Inspired Youth Leadership Service Award, and as a Bank of America Student Leader. Mr. Deal has also served extensively in civic engagement organizations, serving as the director of Partnerships for New Voters. He just finished his first year at Vanderbilt, studying public policy and mathematics. He conducts research with the Latin American Public Opinion Project and the Vanderbilt Law School.

#### **Yale University**

**Alex Hu** is a junior at Yale University studying the humanities. At Yale, Mr. Hu is president of the Alexander Hamilton Society and a participant of many reading groups. He is interested in the contemporary politics of cultural identity and spent the past academic year exploring their implications for international relations as a research intern at the Hudson Institute. Mr. Hu grew up in Montgomery County, Maryland.



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