

IPM BIO'S

Megan Hamerdinger

Hello, my name is Megan Hamerdinger. I am a local here in Palm Beach County. I am 20 years old. (almost 21, in October) I live in Boynton Beach but am originally from Southern California. My major is Nursing/Social Work and my minor is Spanish. I love to dance, watch movies and volunteer. I am goofy and very friendly. ☺ After school is over, I want to be a pediatric oncology nurse.

Tracy Costales

My name is Tracy and I'm doing a masters in Spanish here at FAU, and I'm also a TA. I teach beginners Spanish. I'm from Ecuador, but I've been living here in Florida for 5 years. I did my undergrad at University of Miami and I started my masters here a year ago and have been loving the life at FAU and I'm very excited about becoming an International Peer Mentor.

Amanda Forman

I've lived in beautiful and hot south Florida all of my life. I'm almost a senior in the college of Science and am majoring in Biology. However, I enjoy studying many other things: business, law, politics, education, the Bible, communication, history ... or whatever. I love the beach, cooking and eating, teaching, talking, spending time with my family and playing basketball. I've been able to travel to almost all of the 7 continents (still have to visit Antarctica) and have really enjoyed getting to know the many different cultures that I've experienced! I'm really looking forward to meeting the incoming students and sharing the university experience together!

Pedro Sanchez-Herrera

I'm a junior majoring in Biological Science/Pre-med. I'm from Costa Rica, and I consider myself to be a good student that likes to play soccer, to workout and to eat seafood.

Olympia Kiriakou

My name is Olympia Kiriakou and I'm from Toronto, Canada. I'm in my third year at FAU, and my major is Film. My three favorite films are "My Man Godfrey", "To Be or Not To Be" and "Gone With The Wind". My favorite food is ice cream. I love going to the beach, playing tennis and going to Disney World.

Caitlin "Ella" Connolly

Hi my name is Ella! I am a junior at FAU. I have transferred from Virginia and am very excited to start this semester. I love drinking tea (it's my favorite pass-time) and watching anime. Favorite food= gummy worms!

Shakeera Maragh

Hello my name is Shakeera, I am currently a junior, majoring in biology. I like most foods except horseradish. I enjoy going fishing with my dad and also watching the ocean. I like reading books. I try to sing but I don't know how to dance. All in all, I enjoy meeting new people and sharing stories.

Karl Schreiber

My name is Karl Schreiber and I am originally from Peru. My father is of Jewish-German descent and my mother of native Peruvian descent. That explains a lot the interesting mixture in my family. We all practice Christianity regardless of our heritage.

I came to the United States (Boston) at the age of 18 and fell in love with the American culture ever since. I did not cost me too much to adapt to a new environment.

I am starting my senior year and my major is Chemistry/Pre-Med which allows me to work towards my goal of becoming a doctor. In addition, I like to get involved in research and volunteer service. I am planning to apply to medical school the next cycle so I can have an extra year to work in the medical field-clinical research for instance.

In my free time, I really enjoy reading. I do not have a favorite book but what I do not forget to read every day is my Bible. I also love playing sports in my free time. I am very active when it comes to participate in intramurals soccer during the regular semesters at school.

If I had to pick a type of food to live off for the rest of my life, I would definitely choose Peruvian food. However, I am always trying and enjoying new dishes from different countries around the world.

Overall, I consider myself a multifaceted person.

Marissa Lewis

I graduated from the University of Florida in 2009 and I am finishing up the prerequisites to hopefully go to medical school. I love live music, animals, and the outdoors. I studied abroad in Italy in spring 2008 and I am dying to go back. The mentors there were amazing and made me want to do the peer mentor program at FAU!