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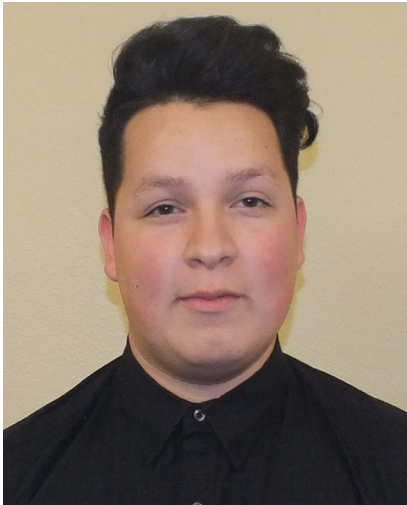
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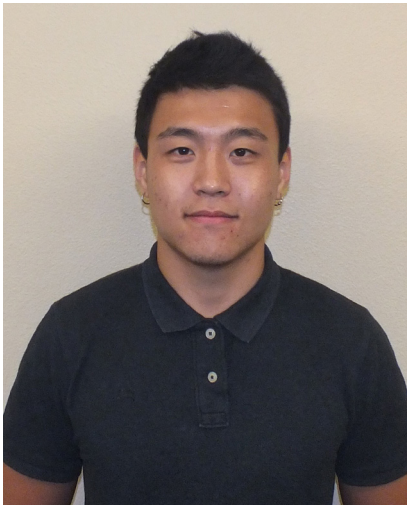


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Christian Aguirre is a second year student from Fresno majoring in Political Science and Sociology, with a minor in Writing. Christian became an editor in order to help students publish their research and so that he can one day submit a research paper of his own to the journal. Christian likes to give back to his community and regularly volunteers at Community Regional Medical Center-Fresno. Christian's interests include: hiking, spontaneous trips and Game of Thrones. Christian hopes to attend medical school and become a world-renowned cardiovascular surgeon.

Web Editor



Temuulen Bat-enkh is a II year Mechanical Engineering student from the city of Menlo Park (Silicon Valley). He aspires to become heavily invested in the automotive industry, due to its absence in his country (Mongolia). He relieves his stress through physical activities like hiking, tossing around pigskin, weight lifting, and his favorite, wrestling.

He chose to be a part of the UCMURJ because he enjoys punctuating; where he uses it not necessarily for grammatical correctness; but for rather, conveying the correct tone of the author. He enjoyed being part of the team; not only because he was able to correct people's grammars, but because he was able to do what he likes, apply creativity in visual design.

Graphic Designer



Jazmen M Edwards is currently a fourth year English major and a writing minor at UC Merced from Los Angeles, CA. Jazmen decided to be a part of the UC Merced undergraduate research journal, and be an editor, because she finds the research at UC Merced to be very interesting and likes to connect with students who take part in that research. Previously, Jazmen assisted with the undergraduate research journal when she was a freshman so being able to come back as a fourth year is a great experience as she can see how much the school, and herself, have grown in terms of research. Jazmen's interests are literature, music, and sports. Jazmen's future goals consist of graduating college and being hired by a PR firm that deals with Music and Entertainment so that she can gain experience and work as a publicist.

Public Relations



Born in Norwalk Connecticut, and raised in the central Los Angeles area, Francisco Lima is a first generation college student from a Salvadoran household. Francisco majors in Management and Business Economics, with a dual minor in Political Science and Writing. Francisco's Interests range from cooking to spending his time in various extra-curricular activities such as the Law Clinic at UC Merced, Martial Arts Club, and an active member in Hermanos Unidos. The UC Merced Undergraduate Research Journal presented itself as an opportunity to hone and perfect Francisco's editing skills as he looked forward to pursuing his minor. The research journal is an excellent opportunity to exhibit students work and to elevate the school's prestige, and in turn Francisco looks forward to helping the student body. After graduation from UC Merced, Francisco is hoping to get into Law School.

Class Presentation Manager



Hazell Montes De Oca was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in a town within Los Angeles by the name of Boyle Heights. Hazell is currently attending UC Merced, majoring in Sociology with a minor in writing. Hazell's interests include playing and watching sports, collecting sneakers, and makeup artistry. Hazell became interested in becoming an UCMURJ editor because she enjoys writing and she liked the idea of being able to help someone become published, while doing something she enjoyed; essentially, benefiting the research community and enhancing her editorial skills. Hazell's future goals begin with graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, going on to graduate school, and work toward a Master of Science in Criminology, in order to become a Criminologist for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Photographer



Christian Rivera is a second year at UC Merced and is pursuing a major in Management and Economics with a double minor in writing and political science. Christian is originally from Sacramento, California. Christian has many interests such as: volleyball, surfing, driving, chess, and video games. Christian joined as an UCMURJ editor to see behind the scenes of what editors do to help get someone published. In addition, Christian saw this as an opportunity to improve his writing. Christian's future goals are to attend law school and eventually run his own firm of immigration lawyers. However, Christian's immediate goals are to graduate within his set time frame and participate in as many internships as possible.

Treasurer



Alfonz Joseph Tiu is a second year at UC Merced and is pursuing a major in Management and Business Economics. Alfonz was born in Quezon City, Philippines. Alfonz migrated to the United States when he was 11 years old and has lived in Merced for the past six years. Alfonz joined the UCMURJ staff because he wanted to learn more on the technicalities of writing and editing. Alfonz enjoys playing basketball, and during the winter he goes up to the mountains to snowboard with friends. Alfonz has always been interested in starting his own business and becoming self-employed. Alfonz plans to take the LSAT in two years so he can go to Law School because he wants to be able to do business while having a good knowledge about the law.

Assistant Treasurer



Giovanni Toscano was born and raised in Sacramento and is currently a sophomore at UC Merced majoring in Political Science with a minor in Writing and Business Management. Giovanni's interests include writing poetry and photography. Giovanni chose to be an editor because of an inspiration drawn from one of his English high school teachers. His teacher always stated "good writing is just clear thinking on paper" and to him, an editor is supposed to guide those with good research to clearly write their discoveries. Giovanni wants to attend law school in the future because of his desire to be involved in politics

Tabling Director



Tommy Tran is a third year at UC Merced and is pursuing an English major with a minor in sociology. Tommy is originally from Oakland, California, which also happens to be the headquarters for the University of California. Tommy's interests include: building model kits and collecting transformer toys that he displays in his room. Tommy also likes to watch Show Mask Riders on his computer since it is broadcasted from Japan. The reason Tommy became a UCMURJ editor was to develop his editing and leadership skills. As well, Tommy found it useful for exploring other subjects that students were researching, which increased his knowledge. Tommy's goal for the future is to find a good job after college, so he is thinking about going to graduate school or continue at another school to prepare himself as a paralegal.

Senior Editor



Aymee Varela is a third year Political Science Major at UC Merced. Aymee is originally from a small town in the Central Valley called Dos Palos. Aymee joined the UC Merced Undergraduate Research Journal because another passion of hers is writing and she really hopes to one day pursue some sort of part time job in writing. Aymee joined the UCMURJ staff because she believes becoming part of the editorial team will help her become a better writer, as well as allow her to expand her writing techniques. Besides writing, Aymee also enjoys playing softball and reading different genres of books like fiction and mystery. Aymee's plan after college is to attend Law School and hopefully find work as a District Attorney. Where ever life takes Aymee, she hopes to do something she loves, be it writing, or prosecuting the criminals of the world.

Assistant Tabling Director



UCMURJ 2015 Spring Team