

## Athletic Study Center *Scholar-Athlete* of the Week



### Gagik Gharibyan

Recognized for broadening his portfolio of opportunities with a proactive mindset toward enhancing his skill set beyond the academic and athletic space. Gagik has clearly demonstrated an initiative to explore multiple endeavors, seeking avenues to boost his knowledge and expand his network. During the past year, he served as a Facilities and Events Manager, gaining valuable experience during athletic events. Beyond campus, he recently interned with Self Made Marketing and gained insight on building connections between clients and their potential customer base.

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### Antzela Dempfi



Recognized for propelling a consistent standard of scholarly excellence within her team culture and throughout the competitive Hass School of Business environment. Antzela has never let her foot off the academic and athletic pedal, setting high expectations for herself and peers in both spaces. Beyond the campus community, she has served as a motivating tutor and mentor for youth at a local elementary school. She is also a dedicated premier coach for the Golden Bear Volleyball organization, providing instruction and leadership via practice and competition.

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### Connor Callahan



Recognized for solidifying his presence as a STEM scholar by prioritizing his academic and athletic opportunities in order to reach his full potential on campus. Connor utilized the summer months to attain the highest marks possible in both his Human Nutrition and Performance Theory courses. Simultaneously, he maintained a rigorous and disciplined routine in the pool that not merely qualified him for nationals, but more notably, enhanced his leadership capacity to better serve the diving team and his fellow peers. He is truly a positive force to be reckoned with!



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### Sofia Rivas



Recognized for encompassing a range of diverse experiential opportunities to enhance her holistic growth as a Berkeley scholar. Sofia truly epitomizes an exceptional standard of meaningful engagement by establishing her presence with stellar academic performance at Cal and beyond campus borders. She has extended her professional interests via internships focusing on investment research and analysis. Furthermore, she is currently an active member of the Deutsche Bank GROW (Graduate Outreach for Women), Berkeley Finance Club, Brazilian Student Association, Cal Student-Athlete Business Network, and Athletic Study Center Tutoring Program.

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### William Aldred

Recognized for pioneering a self-tailored approach toward his academic, athletic, personal, and professional development, with a mindful focus on interconnectivity. William proudly carries the Golden Bear mantle of leadership and excellence appreciating that a collection of individuals working toward a common goal reaps numerous benefits. As a disciplined Astrophysics major, he maintains a stellar academic track record, while extending relevant lessons from his athletic team experience toward personal and professional pursuits beyond Cal.

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### Stephanie Trzcinski

*Recognized for implementing an interconnected approach towards her academic, athletic, and professional development. Beyond her proven success within a rigorous STEM major, Stephanie has served as a peer advisor, providing freshman student athletes with academic and campus life guidance during their transition process. She has also worked as a Cal Athletics intern, implementing technology to monitor performance via rated perceived exerting logs, and analyzing data via cardiovascular and global positioning system monitoring.*



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### Halil Beqaj



Recognized for envisioning a fascination with the science of the body into an academic reality within the Molecular and Cell Biology program at Cal. Halil has set the bar high and excelled in classroom pursuits, on the field leadership, and beyond campus borders, via lab research. He has been praised for his level of maturity, enthusiasm, determination, and attention to details. His perspective and experience as an athlete compelled him to focus recent summer research on femoroacetabular impingement (FAI), a condition that affects hip bone development.

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### Sara Anastasieska

*Recognized for holding herself accountable to a high standard of achievement within rigorous STEM courses through a systematic approach to note-taking and analysis of lecture content. Sara has been praised by academic support staff for showing impressive growth in organization and planning, while maintaining a positive outlook and attitude toward her overall work ethic. She is a focused student that utilizes resources beyond the classroom space, and a person who expects the same level of commitment toward academics and athletics of herself, and her teammates.*



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### Gianni Taranto

Recognized for promoting a developmental and accountable platform for communal academic engagement within the scholar-athlete population. For Gianni, it all starts with a consciousness of self and being aware of one's own strengths and areas of growth. He has accumulated a tremendous amount of knowledge and skills through a wide array of rigorous yet pertinent courses. As a peer tutor and advocate, he assists with the academic transition and development of incoming freshman and continuously enhances the critical reading and writing skills of students enrolled in various courses.

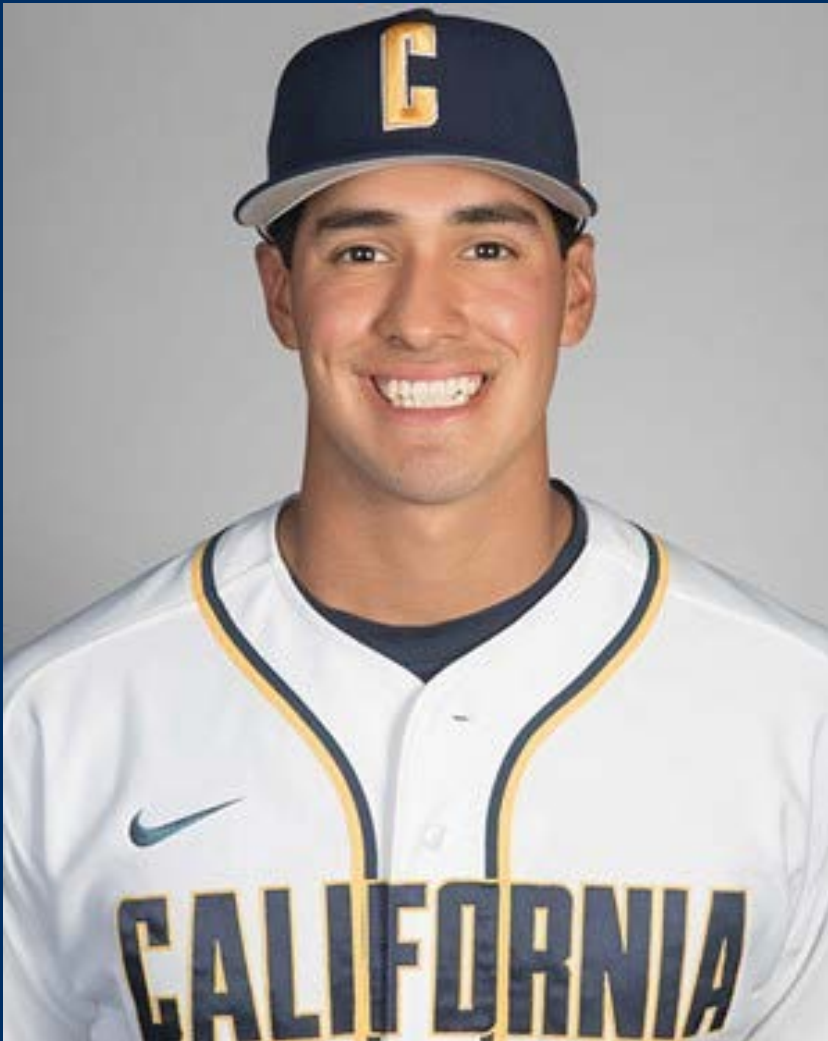
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### Janaye Sakkas

Recognized for bolstering a productive approach toward maximizing her knowledge of complex concepts by maintaining a high level of disciplined preparation. Janaye's dedication to setting the bar high in the classroom and on the field is quite evident in the results she has produced in both spaces that demand rigorous attention to detail. Beyond challenging herself through a selective STEM-based curriculum and routines on the field, she has served as a coach and catalyst for USA Field Hockey, enhancing the development of future prolific athletes while growing professionally.

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### Erik Martinez

Recognized for extending his scope of leadership via professional engagement with both campus and private sector organizations. Erik represents the Golden Bear standard of excellence with a proven track record on the mound and in the classroom. He has also served in short-term roles on the Events Management Team with the Board of Regents and as a Facilities Specialist with Latham Centers, Inc. - compassionately and creatively helping children and adults with complex special needs, including Prader Willi Syndrome, to lead meaningful, abundant lives.



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### Robin Neumann

Recognized for fostering an uncompromisable approach toward academic and athletic growth via a high caliber of expectations set upon herself. Robin has been praised by academic support staff for juggling multiple commitments effectively; expressing genuine curiosity for course material; cultivating strong relationships with faculty/staff; networking with fellow student athletes and peers; and exploring issues of athletic identity and engagement within the campus community. The passion, purpose, and perseverance that ignite her path to success are representative of the Cal brand!