



Athletic Study Center *Scholar-Athlete* of the Week

Ayla Spitz

Recognized for cultivating meaningful relationships and empowering others as an authentic leader who is purposeful and lives by her core values. Ayla confidently exemplifies excellence in so many facets, immersing herself in transformational campus and community experiences that help her thrive as a scholar, athlete, and citizen. In preparation for graduating as a junior with the highest marks in the discipline of Political Economy, she continues to challenge herself to stay in the present moment and focus on the tasks at hand. Her commitment to embracing a holistic identity has led to being named team captain for the 2021-2022 season – on the heels of reaching the finals in multiple events at the Pac-12 and NCAA Championships. Beyond the classroom and the pool, Ayla serves as a Team IMPACT Fellow where she mentors a child living with a chronic illness and coordinates engaging and enriching activities for the child and her family.





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Jenea Spinks

Recognized for developing a transformative approach to academic research projects that deepen learning, better the world, and launch investigation within the field of Data Science. As a transfer student, Jenea has found her scholarly niche via exploratory data analysis, visualized factor analysis, and investigative hypothesis analysis. Beyond curricular pursuits, she has acquired business and technical acumen while building skills that can be applicable to any career path as a 2021 AT&T Summer Learning Academy Extern – enhancing her knowledge in personal development (communication, time management) and technology (AI, Data Science, Machine Learning). Jenea plans to utilize her research platform and technical skills, via the domain of Philosophical Foundations: Minds, Morals, and Machines, to identify discovery projects and graduate programs that would allow her to have an impact upon the human lived experience. Her dedication to conducting passionate and data-driven research represents the Cal tradition of excellence!



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Kuany Kuany

Recognized for managing a holistic self-development regimen via tools and resources aimed at enhancing and assessing his goals, strengths, and interests, while seeking balance between academic, athletic, and personal well-being. Kuany has been praised by academic support staff for showing significant leaps and strides throughout the semester, routinely using the bCourses management platform to meet course deadlines and stay on top of the communication process with professors. He has developed a keen sense of awareness with regard to working ahead of schedule during weeks when assignments are not due in order to reduce the mental and physical fatigue brought forth by academic rigor. Beyond the classroom, Kuany has become an impactful team member, pushing his peers to be better versions of themselves, while maintaining a lifelong learning mindset.



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Kyle Maspat



Recognized for immersing himself in meaningful and transformational campus and community experiences – applying knowledge gained, skills developed, and resources accessed to opportunities beyond the academic and sporting space. While maintaining a consistently strong curricular performance, Kyle has managed to mindfully carve out time to provide support for integrating student-athletes onto campus and identify strategies for seeking out professional development opportunities via the Golden Bear Advisory Committee; facilitate discussions and brainstorm ideas on methods for growing relationships with business institutions via the Student Athlete Business Network; and organize voluntary recreational opportunities for elderly residents and underprivileged youth via Bellevue Villa Residential Care for the Elderly and First Tee of San Diego. His commitment to leadership and service has allowed him to thrive at Cal!



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Mima Mirkovic

Recognized for merging her Haas School of Business undergraduate experience with the holistic nature of the School of Information multidisciplinary graduate track, in anticipation of developing the necessary skills needed to solve a wide-range of complex problems in the consulting field. In her time at Cal, Mima has served as a team representative for the Cal Sports Marketing Club overseeing the dissemination of information, membership feedback, and networking across teams. She has also played a significant role as a student facilitator for The Happiness Advantage DeCal course teaching students to apply aspects of happiness, mindfulness, kindness, and gratitude to their daily lives. Beyond campus borders, she has demonstrated a clear commitment to paving a relevant path between her personal and professional endeavors by respectively serving as a logistical programming and marketing intern with Ball, AVP, and Amazon.



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Morgan Zamora



Recognized for overcoming obstacles during the early stages of her Cal experience and staying committed to assessing her areas of growth via dedication to a rigorous academic support model. Morgan flipped her academic switch to "Earn It" in Summer 2019, vowing to get back on track and not let the past block her progress. With a lifelong learner mentality, she now embraces the positive and critical feedback from her professors and the academic staff. Her active approach serves as a foundation for how to successfully utilize tutoring and study hours, and build paths towards reaching your goals, especially when facing adversity. Entering her senior year, Morgan is consistently seeking avenues to enhance her skills and manage academic routines with a disciplined mindset.