



Athletic Study Center *Scholar-Athlete* of the Week



Kiki de Bruijne

Recognized for exploring disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas of interest via innovative lived experience research and informal passion-driven projects essential to establishing credibility as young scholar-practitioner. Kiki is an accomplished and decorated rock star, both on and off the field, who inspires her teammates and peers to challenge themselves outside the comfort zone - *physically, intellectually, and socially*. As a Psychology major and Journalism minor, she seeks to increase her vast knowledge with clear intent to apply what she has learned in a visionary manner upon graduation. She embraces both academic fields and believes that understanding human behavior and thinking, along with gathering, assessing, constructing, and presenting information can advance society.

Kiki has identified her professional goals to specifically target human psychology and the creative global industry with a focus on seeking unique opportunities via marketing, advertising, film, and media information & communication technologies. Beyond a disciplined commitment to her own academic and athletic pursuits, she also serves as an ASC tutor focused on assisting her younger peers with the necessary skills and tools to improve their growth and performance in both lower and upper division courses.



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Adriana Ellard

Recognized for seeking out STEM-based experiences and opportunities to elevate her leadership knowledge and enhance targeted interdisciplinary skills and competencies. Adriana takes a proactive approach to connecting with relevant medical and health organizations that align with not only her professional interests, but also serve the needs of the community at large. Beyond her stellar performance in the classroom, she has worked with Cal Athletes in Medicine to create a unique space that provides and connects student-athletes with the resources they need in order to become competitive applicants for health related careers or graduate programs. Furthermore, she has served as an intern with MEDLIFE addressing health, education, and developmental disparities while also focusing efforts in sustainable aid via outreach, facilitation, and planning. Adriana is quite active in working with select coalitions and associations in a leadership capacity. Through her role as a Pre Collegiate Initiative Chair with the UC Berkeley Black Engineering and Science Student Association, she has assisted chair members with club tasks and logistics, and organized and facilitated student outreach events for Black elementary, middle, and high school students interested in STEM. Also, she has committed time to the Professional Development Committee/Minorities in Health Committee for the Cal Undergraduate Public Health Coalition, assisting students with developing themselves professionally within the field of Public Health, as well as, conducting outreach to healthcare professionals for various workshops and panels.



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Santiago Hopkins



Recognized for exemplifying self-efficacy via application of course content to projects, pursuit of relevant disciplinary skills; and creation of a personal brand.

Santiago epitomizes the highest standard of being a Cal Golden Bear via his relentless work ethic, both on and off the field. As a high caliber Mechanical Engineering student-scholar, he has systematically explored career pathways aligning with personal interests and professional pursuits, and developed requisite career-readiness skills and career competencies using his intellectual bandwidth to set himself apart from others by applying his expertise within the major. Beyond his stellar commitment to the Cal Men's Soccer Team, Santiago serves as a Autonomous Vehicles Hardware Engineer and Drive-b-Wire Project Lead for Formula Electric at

Berkeley, designing and building electric race cars for the Formula SAE EV competition. He is also interning as a Wave Systems Engineer with the World Surf League, collaborating on cutting edge technology advancement. Most recently, Santiago secured a position as a Smart Cities Research Assistant with Institute of Transportation Studies Berkeley, co-creating innovations that influence movement of people and goods, advancing sustainability, economic health, and quality of life. His approach and dedication to getting the most out of the Berkeley experience in a meaningful and innovative manner serves as a premier example for not just Cal student-athletes, but all students on campus.



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Cami Brown

Recognized for exploring identity, interests, issues, and resources within and beyond the curriculum while developing requisite career-readiness skills and career competencies to successfully transition to life after Cal. Cami has demonstrated a deep commitment to her field of study while competing at a high level on the court. Beyond the academic rigor and athletic competition, she has dedicated an extensive amount of time to transforming her experience via co-curricular pursuits. Some of her Cal journey highlights include, working as an Intern with the Cal Athletics Sports Medicine Program and gaining experience in workshop development, tailoring, and facilitation by serving as a Peer Liaison between Inclusive Access and PATH to Care staff – working closely with peer educators and Cal athletes to provide input on content and create effective facilitation. Furthermore, Cami has studied research practices within the Public Health discipline as an apprentice for Genentech, attending clinical trial study team teleconferences, learning the process of molecule development and clinical trial execution. In this role she also gained an understanding of the principles of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and the history and importance of GCP across the industry while learning the phases of clinical trials and the goals of each phase. Cami has also prioritized her leadership development and community outreach by serving as an Executive Board Member for Athletes in Medicine at UC Berkeley – collaborating with team members to provide a safe community for peers who are interested in helping people through healthcare by assisting them with resources to aid their journey; educating athletes on campus about the vast array of careers in medicine; and hosting meetings and planned service trips to increase exposure to the medical field and different communities and health inequities in the Bay Area.



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Nikolaos Papanikolaou

Recognized for maintaining the highest standard of excellence with a consistent dedication to academic and athletic performance, and intentional service that meets a community-defined need focused on identity and sense of belonging. Nikolaos is an incredibly gifted, yet humble, individual who underwent a big transition to the U.S. school system, the English language, and the American way of life. Upon arrival at Cal in Fall 2019, he quickly adapted to the rigorous demands and expectations, challenging himself to not merely survive, but intentionally thrive, both in the classroom and in the pool. Nikolaos is currently pursuing a demanding major and minor, that serve his professional interests, and is preparing to graduate in December 2023, with solid marks. His many accolades include being a two-time national champion; a two-time national championship MVP; a three-time finalist and a two-time winner of the Cutino Award, which is equivalent to the Heisman Trophy for water polo. Beyond the academic and athletic space, Nikolaos has served as the Vice President of the Hellenic and Cypriot Association, spearheading efforts to bring Greeks and Cypriots in UC Berkeley together by organizing monthly events; developing a strong community through constant communication, ensuring member inclusion via outreach; promoting a collaborative effort that helps Greeks acclimate to a new reality; and serving the community members by assisting them in resolving complex immigration and educational issues.