



Athletic Study Center *Scholar-Athlete* of the Week

Asha Thomas



Recognized for illuminating each academic and athletic engagement she takes on with a growth mindset of not just empowering others through her leadership traits, but bettering herself as a young professional. Asha's overall journey at Cal has been of the highest standard of excellence – paving an interdisciplinary academic path within Media Studies; leading her team to record accomplishments via competition; and tending to peer and community development via meaningful service opportunities. Her dynamic impact can be seen and felt through the relationships she has fostered, the local youth she has impacted via coaching, and fellow student-athletes she has mentored.



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Cindy Oh



Recognized for grasping the significance of clarity, competitiveness, and connections in her pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Cindy has made it a priority to get the most out of her time at Cal while leaving a meaningful mark in the classroom and on the golf course. She has identified her scholarly interests and applied her strengths towards exploratory paths; sought relevant courses to enhance her interdisciplinary knowledge and skills; and tapped into the expertise of faculty and staff to broaden her perspectives. With a critical eye on addressing gender-specific public health concerns in relation to social media norms, she has found a way to connect passion, purpose, and pursuit.



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Damon Wiley



Recognized for investing in numerous aspects of his personal and professional development with a vision for leadership enhancement and perpetual performance. Damon is a highly cognizant individual who embraces his core values via intentional actions, challenging his peers to pursue the best version of themselves. Within just the past year, he has led and advised a group of 1st year student-athletes in their academic and athletic transitional pursuits; served in a rotational position for a property management company gaining exposure to several facets of business; and guided a group of diverse high school scholars in attaining familiarity with the Bay Area via exploration of the Berkeley community.



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Grace Campbell

Recognized for nurturing a versatile game plan for success, focused on personal and professional interests, that has equipped her to strategically navigate a variety of campus and community spaces. Grace has worked with the Fox Network Group creating pitch decks for client presentations, participating in creative brainstorming sessions, and fostering alternative integrated marketing projects; served as an intern with Plaza Bank assisting the leadership team with innovative alternative branding to promote the bank's image and awareness; spent a summer studying Spanish Language and Literature along with Catalan History in Barcelona; and volunteered with Reading is Fundamental, enhancing local youth literacy.



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Halil Beqaj

Recognized for generating a transformative game plan for success via consequential personal and professional endeavors. Halil has consistently broadened his horizons beyond the campus, finding challenging opportunities as a student observer, research assistant, and intern within the public and private medical sector. In the process of building a feasible bridge between a rigorous Cal curriculum and research in the neurobiological industry, he has gained admittance into Columbia University's Graduate School. Beyond his own pursuits, he has served as the President of the National Society of Leadership and Success facilitating biweekly board meetings, communicating closely with a national advisor, and promoting events for the UC Berkeley chapter. His accomplishments are far-reaching!





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Jacob Orender

Recognized for expanding his personal and professional growth beyond the academic and athletic space. Jacob truly lives up to the Golden Bear pillar of excellence in his pursuits on and off campus, pushing his peers to embrace the notion of undergraduate education as a journey of self-discovery. Through internship opportunities he has gained valuable insight on media, merchandising, marketing, operations, entertainment, catering, promotions, and branding partnerships. On campus, he has an active role with the Student Athlete Business Network, the Cal Surf Team, and serves as an officer of health and wellness for the Golden Bear Advisory Committee.





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Kyana George



Recognized for establishing an academic routine that encompasses utilizing support resources and building relationships with professors and peers in order to get the most out of her scholarly experience. Kyana has instilled effective study habits and consistency within her team culture, encouraged group study formation, and sought community opportunities for her team via meaningful engagement. Within the Sports Tech Challenge Lab (IndEng 185), her cohort was praised for creating a wearable technology concept that tracks and records data (muscle fatigue, weight displacement, pressure/stress on joints/ligaments) for athletes recovering from serious injury (i.e., ACL).



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Lauren Martinez



Recognized for forming an intellectual identity within a rigorous STEM curriculum via specific discipline-oriented engagement principles. As an Integrative Biology major, Lauren has strategically mapped out her professional trajectory targeting the field of medicine as a future landing spot. Beyond the numerous accolades she has accrued within the sporting space, she stays grounded via service. Some of her commitments include being a note taker for the campus Disabled Students' Program; assisting youth with literacy support and reading acquisition as a BUILD mentor; and addressing poverty alleviation via community engagement with Hands and Feet.



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Mia Corbin



Recognized for tending to holistic growth by seeking input and feedback from others and capitalizing on opportunities by setting, evaluating, and revising her expectations while pursuing her passion for Media and Marketing. Mia has been praised by academic support staff for being willfully open-minded in her engagement with campus resources to help ensure her academic success, leading up to an early graduation. Beyond campus borders she is committed to serving the community by coaching youth at sports camps so they can fulfill their potential dreams, and providing logistical and manual assistance at local food banks, making sure the needs of those less privileged is met.



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Mariko Kondo

Recognized for charting her own major, tailored to how social media and marketing strategies impact social movements around the world. Beyond the classroom and the field, Mariko has promoted and showcased content on various platforms for MFactor as a Social Media Specialist; provided digital support for media relations as a Cal Athletics Media Intern; and most recently, has started working on market segmentation, consumer research, social media campaigns, and brand /content development as a Marketing Intern for ZBiotics. She also sets aside time to enhance her peers experience as an outreach representative for the Cal Golden Girls Club.





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Olivia Hauger



Recognized for implementing an academic and athletic development plan that relies on intellectuality as a key mechanism for growth via daily routines. Olivia has always approached physical and mental undertakings, both within and beyond sport, as active learning opportunities. She has utilized the knowledge, skills, and abilities gained, along with her inner drive, as a path to transcend sports and extend to other aspects of life. Some of her achievements include researching and implementing investment strategies; promoting functional programming that enhances character development, career preparation, community engagement, and leadership; and directing / coaching sessions with local teens to aid in excelling via school and exercise.



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Pawel Sendyk

Recognized for navigating the rigorous academic and athletic terrain of Berkeley with a focused perspective on curiosity, competitiveness, and collaboration. Pawel is a highly talented STEM scholar who has earned relevant acknowledgment for accumulating specific data analysis proficiency via courses in the Computer Science discipline. He has strategically tapped into the expertise of faculty, staff, and coaches to enhance his growth within the classroom and the swimming pool. While setting high standards of performance through daily routines, he has become an impactful role model for fellow peers, exemplifying his leadership potential via team camaraderie.

