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Achievement Awards FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



JULIANA LUPITA GARCIA MAN

Major: **Biology**

High School: **Bonita High School**

Women's Basketball

Julie began her Citrus College women's basketball career in the fall of 2019. She went on to appear in 27 out of 28 games with 25 starts, averaging 7.4 points per game and a team-leading 11.4 rebounds per game. Julie has been a Citrus College Scholar Baller twice, and she was also named to the Citrus College President's List and the Citrus College Dean's List. Along with her academic prowess, she represented Citrus College as one of a small handful of student athletes across the state of California on the SB 206 (the "Fair Pay to Play Act") Working Group. Julie is slated to return to Citrus College for the 2021-2022 season.



HAILEE MADISON REINERT

Major: **Kinesiology**

Transfer Institution: **University of La Verne**

High School: **Edgewood High School**
Softball

During the spring of 2020, Hailee started all 14 games for the Owls before the COVID-19 global pandemic shut down college competition across the state. Hailee was well on her way to All-Western State Conference honors, hitting a team leading .426 with four doubles, two home runs and eight RBIs when the 2020 season abruptly ended. Since then, Hailee continues to work hard at home to stay in shape and keep ready, despite not having access to in-person coaching or a field. Her hard work has paid off in the form of an offer to continue her collegiate career at nearby University of La Verne where she will have four years of eligibility remaining.

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Achievement Awards MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



NICHOLAS HITOSHI ISHIBASHI JUNG

Major: **Pre-Engineering**
Transfer Institution: **Cal Poly Pomona**
High School: **Home School**
Cross Country

In the fall of 2019, Nick went out for the Citrus College men's cross country team and blossomed from a fringe prospect to a team leader in the matter of two years. From the beginning to the end of his first-year campaign, Nick saw his time drop by almost three full minutes and positioned himself for a breakout second season. Along with his improvement out on the trails, Nick was a two-time Citrus College Scholar Baller and also served on the executive board of the Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC). Nick will transfer to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in the fall of 2021.

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DESTINY MIRANDA CONTRERAS

Major: Sociology, Administration of Justice
Transfer Institution: University of California, Los Angeles
High School: Upland High School

Destiny began her journey at Citrus College in 2015 when she enrolled in the cosmetology program. In 2018, she decided to return with the goal of earning an associate degree and transferring to a four-year university.

"I didn't let my previous failures in high school determine how I was going to strive for greatness in my college career. It is truly something I wanted for myself, and I made it happen regardless of the circumstances and previous roadblocks," she says. In the future, Destiny plans on attending a nursing program in the hope of becoming a registered nurse.



MISSAEL AYRALDO CUEVAS CHAVEZ

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Transfer Institution: Cal Poly Pomona
High School: Azusa High School

Missael enrolled at Citrus College after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He considers veterans' counselor David Rodriguez and Veterans Success Center Director Maria Buffo as the two greatest factors in his successful transition

from a military mindset toward an academic mindset. He plans to complete a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and then continue his education by pursuing an MBA or a master's degree. He would like to use his education to help veterans, immigrants and other minorities gain upward mobility in life.

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ILEANNA DANIELLE GARCIA

Major: **Sociology**

Transfer Institution: **University of California, San Diego**

High School: **Bonita High School**

When Ileana first began her college career, she did not have a clear path in mind for her education. However, that changed when she joined the college's honors transfer program and became a student employee. Ileana found guidance from honors counselor Eileen Sin, as well as a sense of community and encouragement from her place of employment. She plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in culture and communication and a minor in international studies. She would also like to pursue a master's degree and work for a nonprofit organization that helps survivors of human trafficking or child marriage.



AYAH RACHID HALABI

Major: **Applied Mathematics**

Transfer Institution: **California State University, Fullerton**

High School: **Glendora High School**

Alpha Gamma Sigma, STEM TRiO

Ayah credits her mother for providing her with the recipe for success: "patience, determination and diligence." She plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and eventually attend graduate school, participate in research that targets climate change and/or teach math in the Middle East. She would like to thank Dr. Marianne Smith, counselor Leina Saikali and STEM TRiO facilitator Evelyn Uribe for supporting her and making her Citrus College experience an unforgettable one.

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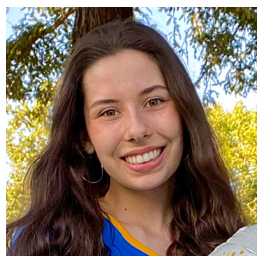
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LEAH AMEZQUITA HARTWELL

Major: **Communications**

Transfer Institution: **University of California, Los Angeles**

High School: **Glendora High School**

ASCC Commissioner of Activities, Vice President of Fellowship (Phi Theta Kappa)

For Leah, attending Citrus College has given her a fresh start. "I have completely transformed my identity as a student and rewritten my academic narrative," she says. Leah's future educational goals include attending graduate school to earn a master's degree in business administration, marketing or both. During her involvement in student government, Leah worked hard to create an environment for students to connect with each other amid the new virtual landscape. She hopes to continue bringing students together at her next institution.



PAULINA GABRIELA PIMENTEL-MORA

Major: **Political Science, History, Spanish**

Transfer Institution: **Yale University**

High School: **Bonita High School**

Honors Transfer Program, STEM TRiO

Paulina plans to double major in political science and history and minor in Spanish. After receiving her undergraduate degrees, she would like to enroll in law school in order to pursue a career in health law and ultimately shape the policies of the United States health care system. During her time at Citrus College, she has been involved in student government, worked at the Student Health Center, and is part of the honors transfer and STEM TRiO programs. She credits faculty members Brian Waddington, Dr. Senya Lubisich and Dr. Jennifer Miller-Thayer as her keys to success at Citrus College.

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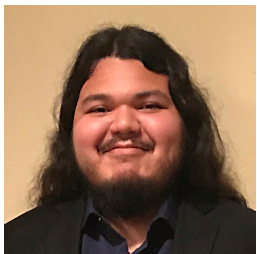
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AUSTIN G. RIGGS

Major: **Political Science and Philosophy**
Transfer Institution: **University of California, Los Angeles**
High School: **Glendora High School**
ASCC Student Trustee, Honors Transfer Program

Austin plans to obtain dual bachelor's degrees in political science and philosophy. He would then like to pursue a teaching credential, a master's degree in educational administration and a Ph.D. in philosophy. His goal is to teach high school students in the subjects of philosophy, American government and art history. Above all, he would like to become a superintendent of public instruction. "I want to ensure that equity is something that is at the forefront of all education moving forward," he says.



DANIEL ANGEL ROÇA

Major: **Liberal Arts**
Transfer Institution: **Loyola Marymount University**
High School: **Damien High School**
Honors Transfer Program, Book Owls, Wise Owls Philosophy Club

Daniel will be transferring to Loyola Marymount University in fall 2021 to major in screenwriting. He would like to eventually write comic books or work in the television and film industry. Daniel plans to use his education for "crafting tales that will speak to people, offering hope and philosophical enlightenment through the creation of modern myths." He credits instructor Jamie Love for introducing him to the field of humanities and all that it has to offer.

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RITA KATELANH TA

Major: **Biology, Psychology**
Transfer Institution: **Cal Poly Pomona**
High School: **Saint Dominic School**

Rita plans to obtain dual bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology. She would then like to attend school to become a physician's assistant. During her time at Citrus College, Rita worked for EOPS and admissions and records, and was part of the cross country team. She credits instructor Nora Sullivan for inspiring her to pursue biology and to "love and trust the process." She would like to use her education to bring attention and awareness to mental health.



MARINA ZAZA

Major: **Biology**
Transfer Institution: **University of California, Riverside**
High School: **International Honors Transfer Program**

For Marina, receiving a Key of Knowledge was one of her greatest dreams in life. "This award represents years of challenging missions, patience and consistency," she says. Her goal is to become a medical doctor and researcher so that she may eventually achieve another dream of hers: to contribute to the invention of a new medicine that will improve lives around the world. She also gives thanks to her counselor, Nathalie Miramontes, for supporting and encouraging her every in step of the way at Citrus College.

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SERVICE LEADERS OF THE YEAR



KENNETH MAURICIO FRANCO

Major: **Business Administration**

Transfer Institution: **University of California, Los Angeles**

High School: **San Dimas High School**

Mauricio is currently an Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) senator, and he was previously the president of the college's Inter-Club Council (ICC). He is also part of the men's soccer team, the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society and the college's honors transfer program. Mauricio has volunteered at the South Bay Boardriders Club with the goal of encouraging youth in and out of the water, and at the San Onofre Surfing Club with the goal of preserving and maintaining San Onofre Beach and its coastal line. He plans to graduate from a four-year university with a bachelor's degree in business administration and would eventually like to pursue a law degree or an MBA.



LEAH AMEZQUITA HARTWELL

Major: **Communications**

Transfer Institution: **University of California, Los Angeles**

High School: **Glendora High School**

Leah is the commissioner of activities for the Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) and the vice president of fellowship for the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She is a volunteer for Penny Lane Centers where she mentors transgender youth, cares for disadvantaged families, and assists with events and recruitment. She is also a youth ambassador for the Embracing the Diversity of GLBTQ Youth and Families (EDGY) Conference where she works to educate others on LGBTQ+ issues at events and within her community. Leah would eventually like to pursue a master's degree in marketing or business and work for a brand that represents her values of women's leadership, LGBTQ+ inclusivity and sustainability.

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