



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

# **PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**2025-2026**

# WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY

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Friends of the University:

We are pleased to introduce the 2025–26 President’s Leadership Council. This distinguished group of students continues to set the standard for the values and the ambition that define UCF.

Members of the Council serve as representatives of this university. Through their leadership and commitment to service, they help convey the purpose, momentum, and impact of UCF. Each student brings a unique perspective informed by their academic journey and lived experiences. Together, they tell the story of a university designed to turn opportunity into achievement at an unprecedented scale.

This handbook highlights each member of the President’s Leadership Council and the many ways they lead – through scholarship, service, and engagement. It reflects a group of students who are passionate about this university and give generously both their time and talents. They contribute across a wide range of initiatives that strengthen UCF and make it the dynamic institution we call home.

The President’s Leadership Council is a valuable asset to UCF and a powerful example of what is possible when our people are given responsibility and trust. We hope you enjoy getting to know these students and have opportunities to support their continued growth as leaders who are helping to build what comes next.

*Alexander Cartwright*

**Alexander N. Cartwright, Ph.D.**  
*President*

*Melinda Cartwright*

**Melinda Cartwright**  
*First Lady*

# **THE PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

The President's Leadership Council (PLC) was established during the 1977-78 academic year to recognize students who exemplified well-rounded excellence through leadership, academic achievement, extracurricular activities and service to the university and community.

Our charter members established several goals for the PLC, among them to increase community support for UCF and to assist high school students in their knowledge of higher education. They launched a campaign to inform the Central Florida community of UCF's offerings to students and the community. They were also responsible for the development of a peer advisement program, the establishment of a President's Honor Roll and the Pegasus Professor award, and the implementation of a series of leadership seminars for students.

PLC members serve the university by acting as a student advisory group to the president. Its members represent the university in a variety of situations and settings, both on and off campus. During the 2023-24 academic year, the organization contributed more than 4,500 hours of public service to the university.



## **SELECTION**

To qualify for the President's Leadership Council, candidates must submit two letters of reference, along with an application, to the PLC Advisory Committee.

The candidates must be degree-seeking students of junior standing or higher by the end of the spring term in which they apply and have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better. The candidates must also have demonstrated leadership ability through involvement in university and community activities.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The members of the PLC serve UCF as official student ambassadors at special events such as commencement, President's Appreciation Receptions, and Board of Trustees' meetings. PLC members have established a tradition of leadership for students at UCF. Members of the council are also expected to maintain a commitment to personal and professional development, and to act with professionalism while carrying out their respective duties.

In return, PLC members receive training in leadership and professionalism as a result of their interaction with campus and community leaders. In return for their service, the council seeks to cultivate and refine the skills and abilities of these top students.

# MARIANA GUERRERO

**CHAIR | JUNIOR**

**MAJOR:** Accounting



## HONORS

- » Burnett Honors College
- » UCF Provost Scholarship Recipient
- » College of Business Administration Alumni Chapter Scholarship Recipient
  - » College Women on the Rise Scholarship Recipient
  - » HSI Battle of the Brains National Champion

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Vice Chair**, College of Business Ambassador
- » **Student Assistant**, College of Business Dean's Office
- » **Mentor**, Association of Latino Professionals for America
- » **Member**, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
  - » **Member**, Burnett Honors Congress

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“Coming to UCF has been nothing short of life-changing. I have made so many new connections with great companies and hardworking students that have helped me narrow my focus on a fulfilling career path. More than that, I have made amazing new friendships and feel incredibly grateful for the relationships I have cultivated. To me, UCF is more than a University; it's a community that has shaped me into the person I am today.”

# LUISA CORDOVA

## VICE CHAIR | SENIOR

**MAJOR:** Photonic Science and Engineering

**MINOR:** Bioengineering



## HONORS

- » Florida Academic Scholarship
- » International Baccalaureate Diploma
- » Dean's List

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Recruitment Coordinator**, President's Leadership Council
- » **Campus Ambassador**, UCF Undergraduate Admissions
- » **Peer Mentor/Peer Tutor**, LEAD Scholars Academy
- » **Vice President, Secretary**, Venezuelan Student Association
- » **Member**, Multicultural Leadership Council



“Being a first-generation college student here in the United States, I was worried that I would not find the right people for me. My first year showed me that I had nothing to worry about; I found the right community for me, and the right people to help me obtain my degree. I’ve met people from all over, and who I know will support me and be there for me, hopefully for the rest of my life. I found out very quickly that I chose the right place to both further my academics and become my second home. UCF provided me with a sense of belonging, more than I could have ever expected, and I am eternally grateful for that.”

# **NOOR ALARAJ**

**SENIOR**

**MAJOR:** Health Sciences



## **HONORS**

» Honors Undergraduate Thesis

## **INVOLVEMENTS**

- » **Treasurer**, Multilingual Med Speaks
- » **Animal Awareness Director**, Volunteer UCF
- » **Knight Quest Consultant**, KORT
- » Arabic teacher/mentor

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“UCF gave me the freedom to be myself and learn from so many different perspectives because of the opportunities and the people I met. It’s challenged how I think, shaped my goals, and made me more confident in the impact I want to have.”

# MEGAN BAILEY

## RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR | SENIOR

MAJOR: Computer Engineering

MINOR: Music



### HONORS

- » National Merit Benacquisto Scholar
- » Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar
  - » President's Honor Roll
  - » Burnett Honors College
- » Judge's Choice Award at 2025 Student Scholar Symposium

### INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, UCF Laboratory for Interaction of Machine and Brain
- » **Director of Academic Affairs, President**, Honors Congress
  - » **Workshop Chair, Secretary**, IEEE at UCF
  - » **Software Engineering Intern**, Lockheed Martin
    - » University Singers



"UCF has given me incredible opportunities to learn, grow, and connect with amazing people. From hands-on research to impactful leadership experiences, I have been inspired to explore my passions with the support of a vibrant community. I look forward to every new opportunity in my journey at UCF."

# LAUREN BARTHEL

## SENIOR

MAJOR: Biomedical Sciences

MINOR: Psychology



## HONORS

- » Girls Scout Gold Award
- » BSA North Florida Council 2023 Venturing Leadership Award
- » UCF Pegasus Gold Scholar
- » President's Honor Roll
- » Hospital Corporation of America Scholars Award Recipient
- » BSA Venturing Summit Award

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Associate Director, Leadership Assistant**, LEAD Scholars Academy
- » **Chairman**, Special Needs Camporee
- » **Vice President**, Black Student Union
- » **President**, Venturing Officers Association
- » **Peer Mentor**, Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences
- » **Teaching Assistant**, Immunology Lab
- » **School Informant**, Pre-Professional Medical Society Professional



“The University of Central Florida has had a profoundly positive impact on me. The staff at this institution are what truly makes this school spectacular. There is much effort to support students in all of their endeavors. The range of opportunities granted through these connections is remarkable.”

# ARNOUDLY BOSSICOT

## GRADUATE STUDENT

MAJOR: Integrated Business



### HONORS

- » Dean's Honor Roll
- » Excellence in Action
- » Student Advisory Council Service Excellence Award
- » President's Honor Roll

### INVOLVEMENTS

- » Student Advisory Board
- » **Peer Mentor**, SOAR
- » LEAD Scholars
- » Transfer Learning Experience and Research Network
- » **Coordinator**, Inspire Scholars



"UCF is shaping me into a well-rounded leader, researcher, and advocate.

Through interdisciplinary studies, mentorship roles, and hands-on experiences, I am growing both academically and professionally. My involvement in programs like SOAR, being a resident assistant, and being a member of the President's Leadership Council, I am allowing myself to make a direct impact on students while building valuable leadership skills."

# LUKE BROWN

## SENIOR

**MAJOR:** Event Management

**MINOR:** Studio Art



## HONORS

- » Dean's List (all semesters)
- » Distinguished President's Leadership Council Member Awardee (2024-2025)
  - » LEAD Scholar (2022-2024)
- » Executive Leadership Council Member of the Year Award (2022-2023)
- » Campus Activities Board Fine Arts Volunteer of the Year (2022-2023)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Event Coordinator**, President's Leadership Council (2024-2026)
  - » **Executive Director**, Rosen Life (2025-2026)
- » **Supervisor of Elections**, Student Government (2024-2025)
  - » **Member**, UCF Homecoming Court (2024-2025)



"UCF has opened me up as a person and as a leader. Growing up out of state and adapting to a totally new environment was an amazing journey and has allowed me to thrive. Meeting a new community full of wonderful and caring people quickly helped me to feel at home and welcomed. Though I came to UCF expecting to pursue a career in animation, I found a great love for event planning and management, and I couldn't be more excited for what the future holds for me here as I continue my journey at UCF."

# **OSSYRIS BURY**

## **SENIOR**

**MAJOR:** Aerospace Engineering



## **HONORS**

- » Goldwater Scholarship
- » Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship
- » Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow
  - » Knights of Distinction Member
- » Research and Mentoring Program Scholar
  - » Dean's List

## **INVOLVEMENTS**

- » **Finance Manager, Choreographer**, KeyHarmony Acapella
- » **Teaching Assistant/Mentor**, Introduction to Engineering Course



“UCF’s vibrant community, unparalleled research opportunities, and dedicated faculty have shaped me into the aerospace engineer I am today. The support and guidance I’ve received here have fueled my academic journey and instilled a sense of belonging and purpose that I’ll carry with me for a lifetime. I’m immensely grateful to call myself a knight and to be part of a university that continuously inspires and challenges me.”

# BERLINE CIVIL

## JUNIOR

**MAJOR:** Biomedical Sciences

**MINOR:** Health Services Administration



## HONORS

- » Inspire Scholar
- » National Center for Women & Information Technology (2024 National Collegiate Finalist)
  - » President's Honor Roll
- » Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholar
  - » Burnett Honors Scholar
  - » Gliman Scholar

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **President**, Every Nation Campus
  - » Dean's Leadership Council
- » **Social Media Ambassador**, Take Stock in College
- » **Member**, National Society of Black Women in Medicine (NSBWM)
  - » PRIME STEM



“The University of Central Florida has given me the opportunity to grow beyond my comfort zone and push past my limits. As a first-generation student, UCF has challenged me to embrace academic excellence, dream bigger, and recognize potential I never knew I had. It has provided me with the resources and support to make a meaningful impact, starting with my community and, one day the world. Most importantly, UCF has helped turn my aspirations into achievable goals, and for that, I am forever grateful.”

# ETHAN COHEN

## SENIOR

MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering



## HONORS

- » Kobrin Family Scholarship
- » EXCEL Program

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **President**, American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- » **Tour Guide and Recruitment Coordinator**, Office of Assistant Undergraduate Admissions
- » **Resident Assistant**, Housing and Residence Life



“UCF creates a community where learning goes far beyond the classroom. I have gained so much experience in leadership from being involved with many different UCF departments. UCF constantly challenges me to grow and develop as not only a student but a future member of society.”

# KYLE COUTRAY

## SENIOR

**MAJORS:** Computer Engineering (Digital VLSI Circuits Track);  
Biomedical Science (Neuroscience)



## HONORS

- » Astronaut Scholar (2025)
- » Daniel D. Hammond Engineering Endowed Fellowship (2025)
- » Vanderbilt School of Engineering Summer Research Scholarship (2025)
- » Medicine Engineering Dual Degree (MEDD) Scholar – Burnett Honors College
- » Rising Star Scholarship (2023)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **President**, Biomedical Engineering Society @ UCF (2024–2025)
- » **Peer Mentor**, UCF COM and CECS (2023–Present)
- » **Peer Mentor**, MEDD, UCF College of Medicine, College of Engineering and Computer Science
- » **Research Assistant**, UCF BRaIN Lab – VR Neurorehabilitation Systems (2024–Present)



“UCF has challenged and equipped me to grow — academically, personally, and as a leader. Through meaningful opportunities, mentorship, and community, I’ve learned that real impact begins with empowering others. UCF has shaped not only what I strive to achieve, but how I lead — with purpose, empathy, and a drive to build something greater than myself.”

# HANNAH DEGRW

## SENIOR

**MAJOR:** Biology (Zoo Track)

**MINORS:** Psychology; Genomics and Bioinformatics



## HONORS

- » Order of Pegasus Inductee
  - » F-L.E.A.R.N Scholar
    - » Dean's List
- » UCF Bronze Pegasus Scholarship Recipient
  - » Bright Future Florida Academic Scholar

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Socials Coordinator**, President's Leadership Council
  - » **Vice President of Ritual**, Sigma Alpha Iota
    - » Honors Undergraduate Thesis Program
      - » U-LEAD
    - » Marching Knights



"The impacts UCF has had on me are profound and everlasting. Before coming to UCF, I had a general plan for what I wanted to accomplish in my life. As a first-generation college student, I did not realize at the time the tremendous impact UCF would have on me. UCF has given me countless opportunities to find my passions and discover what I want to pursue. UCF has also provided me with a vast community and professional network to push me to become all I can be as well as provide a strong foundation for my future. From my involvement in research to music, I would not be who I am today without UCF."

# RAY ESTEVEZ

## JUNIOR

MAJORS: Accounting; Political Science



## HONORS

- » Burnett Honors College Member
- » LEAD Scholar
- » HACU Deloitte Scholar (2024)
- » Amy Zeh High Impact Virtual Showcase Winner (2024)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Student Ambassador**, College of Sciences
- » **Vice President and Treasurer**, UCF Chapter of NMDP
- » **Competing Member**, UCF Mock Trial Program



“UCF has given me the ability to pursue what I love, in both the legal field and in non-profit work, to grow as a person in ways that I never thought were possible. If there is a goal or dream that you have in life, there is something at this university that can bring you closer to it.”

# TERI FAUCETTE

## DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

MAJOR: Ph.D. in Education (Exceptional Education Track)



### HONORS

- » Order of Pegasus Inductee
- » UCF Graduate Dean's Fellowship
- » Golden Key National Honor Society

### INVOLVEMENTS

- » President's Leadership Council
- » **Student Government Senator**, College of Graduate Studies Representative
- » **Dean's Student Ambassador**, College of Community Innovation and Education
- » **President**, Association of Doctoral Students in Exceptional Education
- » **Student Lead**, Down Syndrome Foundation of Florida iCan Series (a UCF Partnership)



"As a third-time Knight, I cannot adequately put into words how much UCF has impacted my life. From the beginning, every professional opportunity I have had has been rooted in my affiliation here. I am an incredibly proud student and alumna who genuinely bleeds black and gold. I have been blessed enough to be able to pass down that pride to my sons, who are now both proud Knights themselves. I am forever honored and thankful to be a part of Knight Nation and will share that love with anyone who will listen. Go Knights! Charge On!"

# COOPER FOXMAN

## SENIOR

**MAJOR:** Biomedical Sciences

**MINOR:** Crime, Law, and Deviance



## HONORS

- » LEAD Scholar
- » UCF Provost Scholarship
- » Knights of Distinction
- » Burnett Honors Scholars
- » Order of Pegasus Inductee

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Selections Director**, LEAD Scholars Academy
- » **President**, College of Medicine Student Leadership Council
- » **Volunteer Director**, **Spirit Splash Director**, UCF Homecoming
- » **Director of Recruitment**, UCF Cardiovascular Alliance
- » **Student Advisor**, UCF College of Medicine



“UCF has provided me with countless opportunities to develop myself as a leader and a student. During my time at the university, I have been able to find my passions and learn ways to use them to help my community. I have grown immensely and have made some of the greatest friendships I have ever had. I am beyond proud to call myself a Knight.”

# BRIANNA GUINIGUNDO

## JUNIOR

**MAJOR:** Psychology

**MINOR:** Leadership Studies Certificate



## HONORS

- » UCF's President's Honor Roll (5 semesters)
- » Amy Zeh High-Impact Practice Showcase People's Choice Award (Fall 2024)
  - » Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar
- » Pegasus Program Scholarship Silver Recipient
  - » Honors Undergraduate Thesis

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Vice President**, Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology (2025-2026)
  - » **Executive Director**, LEAD Scholars Academy (2024-2025)
- » **Co-President (2025-2026), Vice President of Events (2024-2025)**, The Women's Network UCF
  - » **Teaching Assistant**, Psychology Career Readiness 1 (2025-2026)



"This university has opened new doors for me that I didn't even know were possible until UCF warmly and enthusiastically showed me its bountiful resources and opportunities. A strong network within and outside of campus, UCF has equipped me with the support to not just maximize my undergraduate experience, but to prepare me for life after graduation."

# MCKENZIE KING

## RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR | JUNIOR

MAJOR: Business

MINOR: Leadership Studies



### HONORS

- » Burnett Honors College
  - » UCF Dean's List
  - » AICE Diploma with Merit
- » Sarasota Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship Recipient
- » Gulf Coast Community Foundation Scholarship Recipient

### INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Peer Mentor**, LEAD Scholar
  - » **CEO**, King Cuts
- » **Founder**, One Bee at A Time
- » **Recruitment Coordinator**, President's Leadership Council
- » **Brother**, Delta Sigma Pi, Theta Sigma Chapter at UCF



Beyond words UCF has altered the trajectory of my life. I have met the people who I call my lifelong friends, whilst developing my skillset to strive for excellence in my own life and to give back to the communities that have given so much to me. I have found a community that I am a part of which is laced with culture, fun and determination. UCF is somewhere where I once was scared to start the chapter and now, I enjoy every page every day.

# CHLOE MILLIRON

## SENIOR

**MAJOR:** Health Sciences (Pre-Clinical Track)

**MINOR:** Nonprofit Management



## HONORS

- » Order of Pegasus Inductee
- » President's Honor Roll
- » Dean's List
- » Knights Pantry Employee of the Year

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Manager**, UCF Knights Pantry
- » **Honors Undergraduate Thesis Researcher**, UCF Burnett Honors College
- » **Scholar**, Center for Food Allergy & Asthma Research at Northwestern University  
Feinberg School of Medicine
- » **Research Assistant**, Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children
- » **Volunteer**, Cards for Hospitalized Kids



“Since my initial visit to the UCF campus, I've felt a profound sense of belonging. The array of opportunities for personal and academic growth has motivated me to pursue my dreams with unwavering determination. Throughout the past three years, my ties to the UCF community have deepened, fueling my resolve to effect meaningful change for fellow Knights. As my journey continues, UCF continues to foster a nurturing atmosphere, empowering me to develop my passions and unleash my fullest potential!”

# YAN MORRISON

## SENIOR

**MAJORS:** Kinesiology; Health Administration



## HONORS

- » Dean's List (Fall 2024)
- » Dean's List (Spring 2024)
- » President's List (Fall 2023')

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Fundraising Chair**, Black Undergraduate Kinesiology Association E-board
- » **Community Service Chair**, Men of Integrity

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“UCF has given me an environment to grow in my career field while allowing me to develop connections, friendships and garner experiences that have positively impacted me today and will continue to leave an impact for the rest of my life.”

# CHRISTOPHER MUNDRY

## SENIOR

MAJOR: Integrated Business



## HONORS

- » Alumni Chapter Endowed Scholar, College of Business (2023)
- » Dean's List (Fall 2024)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Executive Director**, Knight-Thon, Dance Marathon at UCF
- » **Vice Chair**, College of Business Ambassadors
- » **Brother for Delta Sigma Pi**, Theta Sigma Chapter at UCF
- » **Office Assistant**, College of Business Deans Office



“From the moment I arrived at UCF as an out-of-state freshman at one of the nation’s largest universities, I knew this place would quickly become my second home. With its vibrant, diverse community, I immediately felt that UCF was where I was meant to be. The university offers limitless opportunities and resources for both personal and professional growth and have seen that impact in my own life. The College of Business and the Office of Student Involvement have equipped me with invaluable tools, lasting friendships, and mentors who will continue to shape my journey—both during my time on campus and beyond. Every day, I wake up proud to say that I attend the University of Central Florida and honored to call myself a Knight.”

# GABBY MURISON

**SENIOR**

**MAJOR:** Film

**MINORS:** Event Management Certificate; Entertainment Management Certificate



## HONORS

- » Henri Landwirth Scholarship Recipient
- » COX Media Group Orlando Scholarship Recipient
  - » Dean's List
  - » President's List

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **LSA Executive Director**, LEAD Scholars (2023-2024)
- » **Associate Director (2024), Marketing Director (2023)**, UCF Homecoming
  - » **Marketing Director**, Multicultural Leadership Council (2022-2023)
    - » LEAD Scholars Academy
    - » Volunteer UCF



“As a storyteller, I know that the people create the story. Here at UCF, the community I have been able to surround myself with is truly unimaginable. Experiences in student involvement — such as serving as the LEAD Student Association’s Executive Director with the LEAD Scholars Academy or as the marketing director for UCF Homecoming have developed my skills as an artist, leader, friend, sister, and daughter. At its core, UCF supplied me with dynamic role models to propel my confidence moving forward. I credit the university with giving me guidance both inside and outside the classroom. I am confident I will leave UCF with the tools necessary to be successful in both my career and in impacting my community.”

# MARCO NETTO

**JUNIOR**

**MAJOR:** Finance

**MINOR:** Professional Selling



## HONORS

- » Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar
- » President's Scholar Award (2022)
- » National Hispanic Scholar
- » UCF Dean's List Recipient

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Executive Cabinet**, Division of Communications (UCF Student Government)
- » **Founding Student Associate**, Integrated Business Professional Association
  - » **Head of Brand Development**, ZipChip Sports
  - » **High School Ministry Leader**, YoungLife Orlando
  - » **Ambassador**, College of Business

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“Above everything, UCF has shaped me into a servant leader, an independent thinker and a doer, with every experience fueling my growth personally and professionally. My time at UCF isn't just a stepping stone towards a degree and a career- it's been the development of a lifelong family, and I can confidently call Central Florida home.”

# OM PATHAK

## SENIOR

MAJOR: Biomedical Sciences

MINOR: Music



## HONORS

- » Burnett Medical Scholar
- » Burnett Honors College
- » President's Honor Roll
- » Honors Undergraduate Thesis

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **President**, International Medical Outreach
- » **Dean's Leadership Council Member**, Burnett Honors College
- » **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Biomedical Acoustics Research Lab
- » **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Puerto Rico Research Hub



"At UCF, I found the freedom to combine my passions for medicine and music, engage in meaningful research and service, and collaborate with incredible people to create lasting impact."

# SORAYA PEARSON

## JUNIOR

**MAJOR:** Communications

**MINOR:** Journalism



## HONORS

» Miss Woman of Excellence (2024-2025), Black Female Development Circle Inc.

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Culture and Community Director**, Multicultural Student Center
- » **Housing Ambassador**, UCF Housing and Residence Life



“UCF has truly been my home away from home. It’s opened doors to amazing opportunities and helped me forge connections that I know will be with me for life. The supportive community and enriching experiences is truly life changing.”

# LAY PYAE PHOE PYI SONE

**SENIOR**

**MAJOR:** Real Estate



## HONORS

- » President's Honor Roll
- » Golden Key Honor Society
- » Excellence in Action Award (Ginsburg Center of Inclusion and Community Engagement)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **VP of Correspondence**, Beta Alpha Psi (Spring 2025)
- » **Teaching Assistant**, Microsoft Excel (UCF College of Business)

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“As an international student, thousands of miles away from home, the UCF community welcomed me with open arms and that is something I will always cherish. UCF has helped me become the person I have always hoped to be, giving me the confidence to unleash my potential. I am proud to be a Knight!”

# PHIN PONCE

## JUNIOR

**MAJOR:** Business Management

**MINOR:** Leadership Studies



## HONORS

- » Deans List
- » CAB Member of the Year Marketing Committee
- » CAB Member of the Year Comedy Committee

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Vice President of Events**, ALPFA UCF
- » Goldman Sachs Emerging Leader Series
- » Management Leaders for Tomorrow
- » **Student Assistant**, College of Business Deans Office



“UCF has opened up paths to me that I wouldn’t have ever thought of exploring as a first-gen American. The opportunities that I’ve gotten through UCF will push me so much further in life than I previously thought I could go!”

# KRYSTAL PORLLES

## SENIOR

**MAJORS:** Political Science (Prelaw Track);  
Psychology (Industrial Organizational Psychology Track)



## HONORS

- » Cambridge AICE Diploma Merit Level
- » Outstanding Cambridge Learners Award
- » MOAA JROTC Leadership Scholar

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Vice Chair**, Associate Justice and Judicial Outreach Committee (UCF Student Government)
- » **Secretary**, Peruvian Student Association
- » **Peer Mentor**, UCF Ginsburg Center
- » **Coach**, UnidosNow Future Leaders Academy
  - » UCF Speech and Debate Team
  - » Judicial Leadership Council
- » Student Government Leadership Council



"UCF has allowed me to grow by providing me with a sense of purpose through involvement with the community, where I have found a home far away from home."

# ANNA REED

## JUNIOR

MAJORS: Theater; Political Science



## HONORS

- » Dean's List
- » Top 10 Knight
- » President's Honor Roll

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **External Legislative Assistant**, UCF Student Government
- » **Communication Intern**, College of Arts and Humanities
- » **Learning Assistant**, Academic Services for Student Athletes
- » **Director of Programing and Recruitment**, UCF Model United Nations
  - » **Chief Logistical Officer**, KnightMun
  - » **Secretary**, President's Leadership Council
    - » Her Campus Writer
    - » UCF Social Media Ambassador



“UCF has impacted me in so many ways but most importantly, it helped me discover myself and my passions. I have found an amazing community through UCF that has improved my life in more ways than I could have ever imagined.”

# TYLER ROOKS

## JUNIOR

**MAJOR:** Political Science (Prelaw Track)

**MINOR:** Legal Studies



## HONORS

» President's Honor Roll (Fall 2023)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » Student Government Leadership Council
  - » Judicial Leadership Council
  - » USMC Officer Program
- » UCF Spirit Team (Team Knightro)
  - » **Resident Assistant**



“UCF has provided me with an abundance of opportunities and relationships that have made me better personally and professionally.”

# PAOLA SANTINI DOSAL

## SENIOR

**MAJOR:** Biology (Marine and Aquatic Track)

**MINOR:** Political Science



## HONORS

- » Burnett Honors College Student
- » NOAA EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholar
- » Puma of the Year (Student of the Year at Valencia College)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Undergraduate Researcher**, Marine, Ecology and Conservation Lab (MEC LAB)
- » McNair Scholar

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“UCF has provided me with the opportunities, mentorship, and resources I once had to seek out on my own. As a transfer student, I arrived with ambition but little guidance. Now, through research, leadership, and a supportive community, I’ve grown into the scientist and advocate I aspired to be.”

# PIPER SUNVOLD

**JUNIOR**

**MAJOR:** Theatre Studies

**MINOR:** Religion and Cultural Studies



## HONORS

- » UCF President's Honor Roll (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
- » Amy Zeh High-Impact Practices Showcase Award Winner

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Community Service Director**, LEAD Scholars Academy
- » **Assistant Teaching Artist**, Central Florida Community Arts
- » **Assistant Teaching Artist**, Orlando Family Stage

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“UCF has provided me with so many incredible service, leadership, and career advancement opportunities. These opportunities have given me an amazing community and the tools I need to be confident as a leader and future theater educator.”

# AXANI TURIN

## JUNIOR

**MAJOR:** Forensic Science (Biochemistry Track)

**MINORS:** Crime, Law, and Deviance; Studio Art



## HONORS

» President's Honor Roll

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Ambassador**, 4EverKnights
- » **Housing Ambassador**, UCF Department of Housing and Residence Life
- » **Student Assistant and Intern**, LEAD Scholars Academy
  - » **Scholar**, UCF U-LEAD
  - » **Scholar**, UCF LEAD (2023-2025)
- » **Intern**, UCF Study Abroad Rescate Wildlife Rescue (Summer 2025)
- » **Executive Director**, Leadership Week (2024-2025)
- » **Keynote Speakers & Workshop Director**, Leadership Week (2023-2024)



“UCF gave me the space to explore, leave, learn, and connect. And doing so, it helped shape me into someone ready to not only take on classes, but also the world beyond college.”

# JANAPRIYA VIJAYAKUMAR

## SENIOR

**MAJORS:** Molecular and Cellular Biology; Health Sciences

**MINOR:** Health Service Administration



## HONORS

- » Burnett Medical Scholar
- » National Merit Scholar
- » President's Honor Roll
- » Honors Undergraduate Thesis
- » All Academic, First Team Student-Athlete at ACRA Nationals (2025)

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Clinical Experiences Director, Presidential Director**, Pre-Med
- » **Tutor**, Burnett Honors College Inspire Program; Student Academic Resource Center
- » **Undergraduate Researcher**, Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences Bionix Cluster
- » **On-Site Emergency Medical Technician**, Addition Financial Arena
- » **Varsity Athlete**, Central Florida Rowing Club



"UCF has been a significant influence in my life from even before my freshman year. Growing up in the Orlando area, I participated in extracurricular activities at UCF and had the opportunity to explore all it had to offer. Its stunning natural surroundings and diverse undergraduate programs initially attracted me to attend. Since then, UCF has presented me with countless valuable opportunities for personal and academic growth, as well as a supportive community of professors, peers, and Registered Student Organizations) that resonate with my interests. I am proud to be a Knight!"

# OM VISHANAGRA

## SENIOR

**MAJORS:** Mechanical Engineering; Biomedical Sciences



## HONORS

- » Burnett Honors College Scholar
- » Medicine Engineering Dual Degree Program (MEDD) Scholar
- » 2025 Inspiring Excellence Nominee

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Associate Scholar**, Limbitless Solutions Research & Development
- » **President**, UCF Pre-Med American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
  - » **Member**, UCF Student Undergraduate Research Council
- » **Photography and Videography Director**, UCF Indian Student Association
  - » **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**, American Ambulance



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# HANNAH WAGNER

## SENIOR

MAJOR: Political Science (Prelaw Track)



## HONORS

- » Lead Scholar
- » President's Honor Roll
- » Girl Scout Gold Award

## INVOLVEMENTS

- » **Awareness Director**, Volunteer UCF Disabilities
- » **Special Events Director**, Volunteer UCF
- » **Program Director**, ACEing Autism Orlando
- » **Undergraduate Consultant**, University Writing Center
- » **Community Outreach Coordinator**, President's Leadership Council



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### **ORDER OF PEGASUS**

MEGAN BAILEY	CHLOE MILLIRON
OSSYRIS BURY	GABBY MURISON
KYLE COUTRAY	OM PATHAK
HANNAH DEGRAW	JANAPRIYA VIJAYAKUMAR
TERI FAUCETTE	OM VISHANAGRA
COOPER FOXMAN	

### **BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE**

MEGAN BAILEY	MARIANA GUERRERO
LAUREN BARTHEL	BRIANNA GUINGUNDO
OSSYRIS BURY	MCKENZIE KING
BERLINE CIVIL	CHLOE MILLIRON
KYLE COUTRAY	OM PATHAK
HANNAH DEGRAW	JANAPRIYA VIJAYAKUMAR
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### **LEAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

MEGAN BAILEY	BRIANNA GUINGUNDO
LAUREN BARTHEL	MCKENZIE KING
ARNOUDLY BOSSICOT	CHLOE MILLIRON
LUKE BROWN	GABBY MURISON
LUISA CORDOVA	ANNA REED
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