

Gateway Scholars Program



Overview

Gateway Scholars Program, which began during the 2012–2013 academic year within the Calvin E. Bright Success Center, is an invite-only student support and scholarship initiative designed to help students from the Merced area, particularly those from underrepresented or under-resourced backgrounds.

Serving as a pipeline program through the college readiness academy, it was established as a donor-funded effort to expand college access and promote social mobility throughout the region.

The Gateway Scholars Mentorship program is designed to provide Gateway Scholars with ongoing support, which is comprised of academic coaching and personal support to ensure scholars' retention and graduation while at UC Merced.



Contact US



Kolligian Library (West Wing) #222



9:00am - 5:00pm



gatewayscholars@ucmerced.edu

Requirements

While being a student in the Gateway program, these requirements must be fulfilled.

First Year	Required to attend fall semester orientation	Attend weekly mentor meetings
		Attend 1 social
	Attend 3 Workshops • (2 must be Gateway)	Have a 2.0 GPA
Second Year	Attend 1 lead scholar meeting (during the semester) - can be during office hours or scheduled through email	Attend 3 workshops (2 must be Gateway)
		Attend 1 social
		Have a 2.5 GPA
Third Year	Attend 1 lead office hour meeting (during the semester) - can be during office hours or scheduled through email	Have 1 professional development event/meeting (will require filling out a Microsoft form)
		Attend 2 workshops (1 must be Gateway)
		Have a 3.0 GPA
Fourth Year	Attend 1 lead office hour meeting (during the semester) - can be during office hours or scheduled through email	Have 1 professional development event/meeting (will require filling out a Microsoft form)
		Attend 2 workshops (1 must be Gateway)
		Have a 3.0 GPA

Pro-Staff



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MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Kelly Flores
NAME

English/NSED
MAJOR/MINOR

4th Year
SCHOOL YEAR

HOMETOWN: San Fernando Valley, CA

FUN FACT: I enjoy reading comics, and drinking matcha

MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
Don't be scared of new experiences! You are here for a reason, please don't sway away from everything you can get here! ❤️



Kelly Flores





MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Alvarez McDaniels
NAME

Psychology
MAJOR/MINOR

4th Year
SCHOOL YEAR

HOMETOWN: Barstow, California

FUN FACT: I was in drumline for about 5+ years and I can play a drum set pretty well.

MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
If you're ever nervous about stepping into a mentor role, I was too. But I quickly discovered an incredible support system within the Gateway Scholars Team who reminded me that I don't have to do it all alone. We lift each other up, and you'll do the same for future mentees.



**Jessica (Jess) Alvarez
McDaniels**

Mentor Student Staff



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Ashley Calvillo
NAME
Sociology & Psychology
MAJOR/MINOR
3rd Year
SCHOOL YEAR



HOMETOWN: Lodi, CA
FUN FACT: I like to dance!
MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
I'm excited to have the opportunity to help guide you and answer any questions you may have through out your academic school year. through dedication and ambition we will have a fun and successful year :)



Ashley Calvillo



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Cesar Ruiz Amaya
NAME
Civil Engineering
MAJOR/MINOR
3rd Year
SCHOOL YEAR



HOMETOWN: Mountain View, CA
FUN FACT: I have never traveled out of the country.
MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
You fail when you decide to fail.



Cesar Ruiz Amaya



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Erika Reynoso
NAME
Public Health & Psychology
MAJOR/MINOR
4th Year
SCHOOL YEAR



HOMETOWN: Turlock, CA
FUN FACT: I have won and competed in film competitions in Modesto!
MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
Don't feel like you have to have it all figured out from the start, being a first generation student means figuring it out as you go. Ask for help when you need it, that's what your mentors are here for.



Erika Reynoso



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT


Joy Ezeibe
NAME
Public Health
MAJOR/MINOR
3rd Year
SCHOOL YEAR



HOMETOWN: Antioch, CA
FUN FACT: I love going to concerts!
MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
Never doubt your light. It shines in ways you can't even imagine yet.



Joy Ezeibe



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Madinson Calderon
NAME


Bioengineering/MSE
MAJOR/MINOR

2nd Year
SCHOOL YEAR

HOMETOWN: Vallejo, CA

FUN FACT: I do research on how proteins regulate inflammation at the molecular level.

MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
Never overlook the little learning opportunities. They just might be the stepping stones to your success!!



Madinson Calderon



MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Ricardo Martinez
NAME

Mech. Engineering
MAJOR/MINOR

2nd Year
SCHOOL YEAR

HOMETOWN: Merced, CA

FUN FACT: I like cars and music

MESSAGE FOR FUTURE MENTEES:
College can feel overwhelming at times, but you don't have to figure everything out on your own whether that's with academics, campus resources, or personal life. Biggest advice is to stay consistent and ask questions.



Ricardo Martinez