



LATINA COALITION S I L I C O N V A L L E Y

ENGAGED LATINA LEADERSHIP ACTIVIST PROGRAM CLASS OF 2013

Jocelyn Barragan

Civil Engineering Major
Santa Clara University

Jocelyn aspires to have a career in the construction aspect of Civil Engineer. She hopes to see more Latinas interested in engineering in the near future. She wants to reach out to not only Latinas, but also students in low-income communities such as the one she grew up in and inspire them to pursue a higher education.



Yvette De La Torre

B.A., Biology
Santa Clara University

Yvette has always had a strong passion for science and an interest in justice. She will soon start interning at the Santa Clara County Crime Lab with the dream of one day becoming a Criminalist. Yvette wants to help encourage and see more Latina scientists in the future.



Gladys E. Compeán

BA Org. Psychology
Monterrey Institute of Tech

Gladys aspires to be an organizational planner and H.R. professional in a business environment where society is positively impacted. She is passionate about education, social justice and the community health. She recently worked as an H.R. specialist at Citigroup, and in the education field.



Cristina Garcia

Business Marketing Major
San Jose State University

Cristina is a full time student whose passion is Marketing. Her ultimate goal is to be Chief marketing officer for a company who shares the same values and goals as her. Her passion for helping Latinas motivates her to encourage and inspire Latinas to become leaders in Business and in their community.



Nancy Gonzalez

B.A., Sociology
San Jose State University

Nancy is a catalyst. She is active in Silicon Valley's social movement. She believes that gender equality is essential for balance in society. Her career goal is to become a social worker and work along with non-profit organizations to provide services for the marginalized minority women in her community.



Sarah Gonzalez

Communications
Gavilan Comnty College

Sarah is passionate about communication studies. Upon graduation, she plans to work with a non-profit organization that promotes Latinas to become leaders and to achieve their dreams. Sarah is currently volunteering with Junior Giants and the San Martin Animal shelter. She hopes to become a leader in the community.



ELLA CLASS OF 2013

Nereyda Guzmán

Senior, Sequoia High School

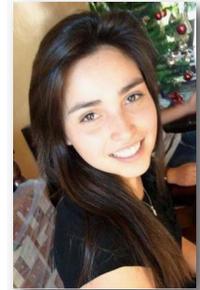
Nereyda is an unstoppable, proud Latina who cares for humanity and stands up for what she believes in. She shows dedication and determination. She plans to attend college and strives to make a difference in her community.



Delma Hernández Villaseñor

Social Welfare Major
Evergreen Valley College

Delma is enthusiastic about education and self-advocacy. One of her goals is to work in social policy analysis for minority groups. She promotes higher education and social justice through mentorship. She looks forward to seeing more Latinas engage in self-advocacy, and become change agents in their communities.



Cristal López

Ethnic Studies Major
Mills College

Cristal is a passionate immigrant rights activist who is determined to make a difference in the lives of undocumented people. As a student leader she advocates for equal access to higher education regardless of citizenship status. Her passion for social justice has inspired her to become an immigration lawyer.



Lidia López

B.S., Political Science
B.S.C., Business
Santa Clara University

Lidia is passionate about education and assisting people in need. Having graduated from Santa Clara University in 2010, she has committed the past two years to volunteering in her community. She will attend law school in the fall and looks forward to expanding and building bridges in the Latino community.



Ashley Ortiz

Biology Systems Major
San Jose State University

Ashley is passionate about helping people and her career goal is to become a dentist. She interns at a dental office and has volunteered at community health fairs as a stepping stone to reaching her goal and gaining knowledge and experience to provide services to low income communities. She hopes to encourage Latinas to pursue higher education in fields of science.



Stefanie Pérez

B.A./B.S. Comparative Studies of
Southeast Asia & Latin America
Georgetown University

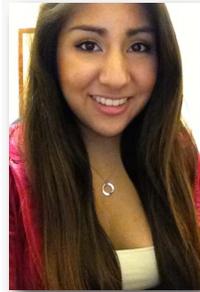
Stefanie is passionate about becoming more involved in her community. She is excited to focus her energy on becoming a more active citizen, developing new skills, and contributing her knowledge. She is an avid reader and hopes to dive deeper into the issues that affect her hometown of San Jose.



Nova Rivera

Political Science Major
Santa Clara University

Nova is passionate about social justice and law. She aspires to study law and work for non-profits and organizations that advocate for human rights through the court system. Upon graduation, she plans on joining the Peace Corps and educating young girls in impoverished areas of the world.



Amanda Rojas

MSW program
San Jose State University
B.S., Sociology (SCU)

Amanda is a graduate student and works at Alum Rock Counseling Center. She is passionate about social justice, crisis work, counseling and advocacy. Her goals are to provide therapy within the correctional system as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and impact social policy.



Laura I. Torres

Int'l Business Major
San Jose State University

Laura's career goals are to empower low-income communities by education enhancement programs and advocating for unprivileged households. She plans on pursuing her MA and study law. She is currently active both on and off campus with the community to acquire the skills and experience needed to better serve people.



Naomi Villalpando

Political Science, Public Health Major
Santa Clara University

Naomi's interests include public policy and public health. Her goal is to practice medical law. Recently she has led an enrichment program at Sacred Heart Community Center. She also will be leading an immersion trip for SCU students in spring 2013.

