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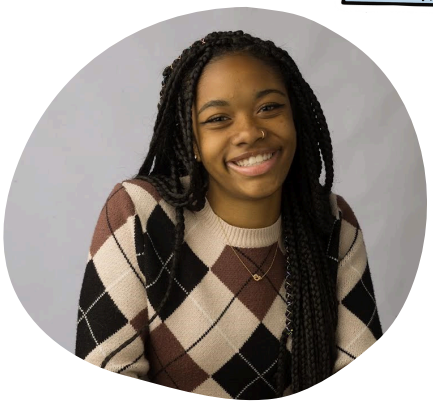
NAILAH CANNON

Nailah is currently a senior at Archbishop Mitty High in San Jose, California with plans to attend University of California-Riverside. There, she will major in Neuroscience and minor in French Studies on the pre-med track. She aspires to a career in Obstetric Anesthesiology where she will advocate for greater diversity, equity and inclusivity in medicine and community health care.

Eighteen-year-old Khalil attended The Academy SF and recently graduated from high school. With his acceptance at San Jose State University, he will begin his journey toward becoming a doctor this fall. Khalil was inspired to enter the medical profession by his grandmother whose hospital stay made him aware of the dearth of healthcare resources available to low income communities.



KHALIL COHEN



DE'YANI DILLARD

De'Yani is a Black artist, activist, leader, and high-achieving scholar. She was born and raised in San Francisco and is presently a junior at Dilllard University in New Orleans where she is studying Psychology. She plans to pursue a career as an Expressive Art Therapist. At Dillard, De'Yani serves as Communications Director and Social Media chair for the University's environmental club and is the alumni mentor for the Radical Monarchs, a social justice and identity development organization for girls of color based in Oakland, California. She is eager to leverage her studies in Psychology and passion for art to develop innovative approaches to mental wellness. By combining therapeutic techniques with creative expression, she hopes to empower individuals so they can reclaim their narratives, heal from their past, and cultivate resilience.

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HILLARY KHUU

Hillary is the eldest child of three and the daughter of Vietnamese refugees. At UC-Berkeley, she is studying Public Health and Computer Science and plans to apply her skills in the field of Bioinformatics. She aspires to integrate engineering and equity to advocate for diversity in research and improve healthcare technology. She is currently a Student Director at Cal NERDS where she helps to connect students to STEM resources. Further, she has blended her interests in public health and computer science into a real-life project involving curriculum development and DNA sequencing. In addition, Hillary mentors incoming historically marginalized students at UC Berkeley. The Mr Q Scholarship will enable her to continue advocating for youth. She envisions a career that allows her to leverage her prior community service efforts and expand access to STEM for students in the Richmond and San Pablo areas.

Gael will be pursuing studies in Psychology and Public Health in the fall of 2024 at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA). He will embark on the pre-med track as a first generation college student motivated to assist underserved communities overcome their mental health needs as a psychiatrist.



GAEL ANGEL LOPEZ



LAURA KHUU

As a current senior at Middle College High School in San Pablo, California, Laura is majoring in Bioengineering, a discipline that intertwines her passions for STEM with community service. The lack of social equity in healthcare motivates her to conduct research and improve health outcomes by engineering medical devices. Through her education, she hopes to better understand and help others understand why a high percentage of Asian ethnic groups develop lung cancer and what health interventions are possible. Growing up in multiply marginalized communities has developed her commitment to empowering the voices of all minorities so that their brilliance and power can be unlocked and an inclusive community created. At every workshop she facilitates, Ms. Khuu plans to revolutionize education and to encourage new generations, especially women and others from minority backgrounds, to address social issues such as health disparities and the lack of representation in medicine.

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NORA LOPEZ

A first-generation college student and daughter of Mexican immigrants, Nora's experiences growing up in a low-income community fueled her desire to study Public Health at UC Berkeley. In her third year, she discovered a passion for maternal and child health advocacy and actively contributed to initiatives like Birth by Us, an app supporting birthing people in perinatal and postpartum care. At the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) PTBI, Nora focused on birth equity and healthcare disparities, showcasing her commitment to creating social change. After graduation, she plans to integrate her knowledge of public health, particularly emphasizing the impact of social determinants on health inequities, into her ongoing pre-medical journey and intends to enhance accessibility to high-quality healthcare in currently underserved communities.

Zi Hui Zhou is a first-generation, low-income student who is pleased to be given the opportunity of education that was denied her parents partially through the Mr. Q Scholarship. An incoming freshman at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) majoring in Public Health, she will be fulfilling her desire to become a Physician's Assistant so that she can assist underserved communities with access to quality health care through preventative intervention.



ZI HUI ZHOU



ANGELINA UZZLE

Having graduated in 2022 from the University of California, Davis (UC-D), Angelina currently holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish with a minor in Chicano Studies. Following her commitment to quality healthcare, she became a nationally certified EMT in 2023 and fulfilled 500 hours during her internship with the San Francisco Fire Department. Additionally, she is a certified Medical Interpreter. Ms. Uzzle is enthusiastic about starting her Master's degree in Nursing this summer at Emory University where she will study to become a Nurse Practitioner.