

BAILEY LEADERS 2011-2012

Alex Moroz (Senior) is passionate about educational equity. He is a campus ambassador for Teach For India and has taught music to children in Chicago Public Schools and the SOS Children's Village. His work has brought music into the lives of foster children who had never had access to musical education in school. In the future he plans to continue teaching lessons to underprivileged kids and to start a choir at a Decatur correctional facility.

Jose Sanchez (Senior) is campaigning for the rights of undocumented students as president of La Collectiva. In 2010 his organization fundraised \$1000 to send 50 people from the CU community to a DREAM Act rally in Washington, DC. He also led a drive to collect over 800 petitions which resulted in a statement of support for the DREAM Act from President Hogan.

Joseph Sawa (Senior) is the project leader for EWB's Nigeria Water Project. He has worked on campus and traveled to Nigeria to implement a water system that provides clean, reliable water to 5,000 villagers. He is currently developing a student exchange program with Nigerian universities to ensure continued support for the project.

Rebecca Spizzirri (Senior) is a women's advocate and a crisis hotline volunteer. She volunteers 18 hours a week counseling and empowering victims of sexual assault and domestic violence through the Community Advocacy Project and RACES. She is also fighting the stigma of mental illness as a hotline volunteer for Community Elements and as president of To Write Love On Her Arms UIUC.

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Hira Aamir (Senior) is taking action on social justice issues through fundraising and awareness. She was instrumental in launching the "Illinois for Pakistan" initiative, which raised \$75,000 to aid the victims of the 2010 flooding disaster. She is also working in the community as an urban planning student, helping to publicize and raise awareness about a community garden.

Viviana Afanador (Sophomore) has been fighting generational poverty since she was a high school student in Columbia. In Champaign, she has been working with poverty-stricken students at the Booker T. Washington School and is involved with World Vision ACT:S. She has distributed health information and surveys in the Caribbean and the Amazon jungle and returned to Columbia for the summer to intern for the micro-financing nonprofit Opportunity International.

Natalie Bradford (Senior) promotes health care access for underserved populations. She has worked with McKinley Health Center to increase student awareness of their services, and designed an entertainment and health series for disabled adults at the Circle of Friends Center in Champaign.

Nicole Coppola (Junior) is dedicated to helping others through service. She is a tutor and a volunteer at Salt and Light and the Salvation Army. She also is involved in student programs such as the Phi Sigma Pi honors fraternity and served as an Alternative Spring Break site facilitator.

Melanie Cornell (Senior) is a student senator and the former Outreach chair for ISS. She is passionate about getting students involved in voting and campus issues and is also an avid environmentalist. She traveled to Tanzania to research improvements to their wildlife management policies, and while there she became involved in bringing computers into the local school.

Holly Curia (Senior) is passionate about social justice. As a member of UNICEF and other groups, she has participated in many fundraisers to support causes such as ending atrocities in Darfur and helping children in Haiti. As a student abroad, she was able to raise money and awareness for a struggling animal shelter in Bilbao, Spain, which resulted vaccines for the animals and many adoptions.

Amanda DeGroot (Senior) is an active feminist and supporter of women's rights. She is the president of both the National Organization for Women UIUC and the Gender Action network, a coalition of gender rights groups that she helped create. She has created education and awareness events on campus to increase support for gender equality issues.

Leslie Drane (Senior) is dedicated to serving others and engaging students through Alternative Spring Break. After participating in several trips herself, she took on an even bigger role by joining the planning board and helping create trips to impact the lives of other students.

Lihy Epstein (Senior) believes in helping others through service, and volunteers as a writing tutor and a personal assistant for differently abled people. Lihy is in the process of creating a LGBTQA professional Greek organization so that no student will be denied a Greek college experience because of their orientation.

Julie Fry (senior) has served as Social Chair, Fundraising Chair, Recruitment/Publicity, and Renewable Energy Campaign Leader for Students for Environmental Concerns. As an intern for the Illinois Green Business Association, she wrote a curriculum to train students to do energy audits of

campus apartments, and this summer she interned for the University YMCA's Dump & Run recycling program.

Eduardo Galvez (Senior) is working for increased health care and education in the Latino community. As part of the Illinois Migrant Education Program, he reaches out to out-of-school youths to inform them about opportunities to continue their high school education or learn English.

Leah Guadagnoli (Senior) is an artist who believes in helping other young artists find success and in teaching people about the importance of art in any culture. She created the Professional Development for Emerging Artists organization, and helps fellow artists create exhibits and display their work online.

Victoria Hogle (Junior) is a member of World Vision ACT:S who is working to support social justice issues through fundraising on campus. Through her fundraisers at coffee shops and pancake houses, the group has raised \$2500 for various issues. She is a volunteer at Carle Hospital and an active member of the InterVarsity Christian fellowship.

Stephanie Maldonado (Senior) is the founder of the Bachelor Social Work Association, whose mission is to serve the community. She has been involved with Latino/a issues including the lack of bilingual workers in service organizations and is a Multicultural Advocate in her residence hall.

I-Chuan Ning (Senior) is passionate about resolving gender inequality through activism and education. She is a Teach For India campus ambassador, and believes that improving education will improve the situation for Indian and Pakistani women. She is also involved in women's programs in the community, including sexual assault victim counseling and the IUB Women's Programs board.

Karla Ortiz-Flores (Senior) is active in promoting Latino issues, both on campus and in the community. She educated Latino families on healthy eating habits and behavior through Abriendo Caminos and then used her experience to improve the program. She also participated in a Latino Mental Health Caregiver Lab and created health and wellness educational materials in Spanish.

Obinna Osuji (Senior) is focused on giving back to the community through service. He has planned campus events such as a self-defense workshop, and organized a fundraiser that collected \$1000 for the American Diabetes Association. He has also volunteered outside the University by reaching out to youth in Champaign and Chicago to encourage them to attend college.

Trisha Phadke (Senior) is passionate about improving the situations of disadvantaged people. She is a tutor and a mentor for students in CU, and is the Philanthropy chair for Phi Gamma Nu professional fraternity. In 2010, she created a conference to encourage female students from disadvantaged areas to consider business as a career.

Rebecca Rodgers (Senior) is led by her Christian faith to reach out to communities in Latin America and to homeless people in Illinois. She has participated in three mission trips to Choluteca, Honduras where she assists in bringing housing and food to the impoverished village, as well as building a soccer field and playground for the children.

Matthew Rundquist (Senior) is a vocal environmentalist and an active member of Students For Environmental Concerns. He has used his experiences studying in Aberdeen, Scotland to compare environmental activism at home and abroad. He has also helped build the environmental program at a YMCA summer camp, which allows young people to experience and appreciate nature.

Sara Salmon (Junior) is informing the campus about sexual health through Sexual Health Peers. She organizes workshops and outreach events to bring accurate information to students and to fight STDs and unintended pregnancies. She has also organized fundraisers such as Dance Against AIDS to provide health care and other resources to HIV positive individuals in the community.

Bianca Serrato (Senior) is making positive change through her service to a variety of causes. On campus, she has assisted with blood drives, registered people to vote, and volunteered at a soup kitchen. In winter 2010 she traveled to Kuxeb, Mexico where she translated for visiting doctors and dentists, and taught the local children English in the evenings.

Colby Silvert (Sophomore) is passionate about nature and the environment. In high school he planted dozens of trees, started a natural landscaping service, and helped to save a struggling local nursery. Last winter he traveled to the Dominican Republic to study their environment and agriculture programs, which also allowed him to work with impoverished children.

Sonny Song (Senior) is using his position as an RA and Multicultural Advocate to inform students about social justice issues. He also does extensive community service through programs such as I-Help and Salt and Light, and takes pride in educating and inspiring his students.

Brigitte Viard (Senior) is the creator of the LIFT program, which connects minority high school students in Urbana with University student mentors. She is passionate about eliminating education inequity for minorities and is eager to expand the LIFT program to provide college access to

more underrepresented students in the CU community.

Ona Wang (Senior) is an activist for social justice issues on campus and around the world. She has worked to create a positive campus environment for discussing social change, including workshops on intercultural communication and discussing gender and racial stereotypes.

Kevin Wolz (Junior) is a tireless advocate for sustainability at the University. He runs a campus wide composting project and manages the Sustainable Student Farm's finances through the Student Sustainability Committee. He has also created programs for aspiring student activists such as a lecture series called Passionate Pursuits.

Amy Yanow (Junior) is a passionate environmentalist who uses her position on the Student Sustainability Committee to make change on campus. She manages the committee's PR and website and is in charge of the residence hall Eco-Reps program. She also writes press releases about biology and bioenergy that are published online.