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IBTISSAM ALLAWA

LEARN MORE ABOUT IBTISSAM:

Hi everyone! My name is Ibtissam Allawa. I am a biochemistry major aspiring to become a pharmacist. I was born and raised in Lebanon. I have lived in Las Vegas for about 6 years now. In my spare time, I enjoy watching horror movies, going on long hikes, and spending valuable time with my loved ones.

IBTISSAM'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

I am very happy that I was part of a committee.

IBTISSAM'S FAV AED MEMORY:

Bonfire!



JASNEET BRAR

LEARN MORE ABOUT JASNEET:

Hello, my name is Jasneet! I am graduating with a bachelors in Biology and plan to apply to medical school in the future! I am one of the co-chairs of the educational outreach committee and I've had such a blast going to various high schools in the Las Vegas valley to give presentations! Nowadays, you will find me cherishing all the time I have left as a senior and trying to make as many memories as I can before I leave!

JASNEET'S FAV AED MEMORY:

There were so many amazing volunteer opportunities that I simply cannot choose one. However, one of the funniest moments I experienced is when a student asked me about research during a high school presentation and asked "If the rats bite you, can you bite them back?" I will definitely miss funny moments such as this!!



CHEYENNE BROKAW

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHEYENNE:

I am earning an Economics degree, but am pre-med meaning all my electives were the hard sciences like ochem and my degree courses were easy in comparison. AED has been a highlight of my college career by introducing people who are like-minded and dedicated.

CHEYENNE'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Persevere....some days you'll ask yourself why are you doing this, is it worth it, and can I do this? The answer to those questions are on you. Nobody gets anywhere in life without struggle. These difficult classes, many clinical/shadowing rejections and endless hours of volunteering are challenging but hopefully they will make you better for it.

CHEYENNE'S FAV AED MEMORY:

Being on the optometry committee and trying it different volunteer opportunities.



ADRIANNE DIZON

LEARN MORE ABOUT ADRIANNE:

Hi AED! I'm Adrienne, and I'm a biology major with minors in Family Studies and Neuroscience. I was honored and humbled to serve as your Humanitarian Chair for the past year. I love the opportunity of coordinating our donation drives and seeing your beautiful faces at our Humanitarian events. My hobbies are cooking, baking bread, and sewing. I will be taking a short break and applying to graduate school in the future. I hope to continue volunteering and maybe join a non-profit board!

ADRIANNE'S FAV AED MEMORY:

I loved everything about AED! If I had to pick my top highlights, I really like the Opportunity Village: Magical Forest events because it was nice to meet people of all ages having a blast while serving a greater cause. I loved it so much that I went every year! I also liked the AED National Conference in Nashville. So many great memories. :)!

TAYLOR FRAZIER

LEARN MORE ABOUT TAYLOR:

Graduating is surreal and after many long nights of studying, tears, and dread, it all seems worth it. My obsession with animals, including all the fur, has gotten me this far. Currently, I work as a full time dog groomer and volunteer with the cutest small exotics. I love what I do and the idea of going to vet school is scary but invigorating. Those steps have gotten me here and I cant wait. I wish everyone well in professional school!

TAYLOR'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

There is more to life than academia. Go on a hike, take a mental health day, hang out with friends. Take care of yourself, study hard, and have fun!

TAYLOR'S FAV AED MEMORY:

Cat clinic! It was my first AED and clinical experience. Watching Leann and other members work hard to help the lives of numerous cats really enriched my expectations of undergrad and vet school.



NABIH GHANI

LEARN MORE ABOUT NABIH:

Hello! I am Nabih, the former webmaster for AED. I am excited to graduate this semester with bachelors in biological sciences and minors in neurosciences and psychology. I hope to attend medical school after a gap year. In my free time I enjoy drawing, watching YouTube videos, hanging out with friends and family, and playing Super Smash Bros.

NABIH'S FAV AED MEMORY:

I have a lot to choose from, serving on the Eboard as webmaster and having fun volunteering at events like Special Olympics and Parents' Night Out, but my favorite memory was attending the national conference in Nashville. Running around the town during the day and night and getting absolutely destroyed by Dr. Bubb in UNO are just some of the parts that made the trip a great experience!

ARSEN KHACHATRYAN

LEARN MORE ABOUT ARSEN:

I am a part of blood drive and wellness committees in AED. Im graduating in spring of 2022 majoring in biology. Some of my hobbies are playing video games, listening to music, playing on my guitar but my favorite activity would be spending time with people, making friends and memories in process. After graduation I'm planning to take a gap year and invest myself more into the medical field with the intent of learning and preparing to get into med school as well as discovering myself. I am also planning to stay in touch with AED and continue supporting new members in their journey.

ARSEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Mental health is one of the greatest aspects the anyone must be mindful of throughout their life. Don't forget to enjoy small but ordinary things through life such as the good weather or maybe a walk in a park. Life is much more beautiful than we notice. Keep in mind that Our life is what our thoughts make it.



RACHEL KIM

LEARN MORE ABOUT RACHEL:

I am one of the co-chairs for the Bone Marrow Committee! It was amazing to lead our first Bone Marrow Drive since the pandemic. I will be graduating with a degree in Pre-Professional Biology. My hobbies consist of creating fun makeup looks, trying new restaurants and boba places, and scrolling through tiktok.

RACHEL'S FAV AED MEMORY:

My favorite memory of AED definitely has to be leading our Bone Marrow Drive, but also when I was on pretzel duty during one of the fundraising events.



MEGAN MIKELIONIS

LEARN MORE ABOUT MEGAN:

Hi everyone! My name is Megan and I am a Pre-Professional Biology major. I will be the third-generation physician and first woman to attend college in my family. I transferred to UNLV my second year and I am grateful to AED for helping me find my place on campus!

MEGAN'S FAV AED MEMORY:

My favorite memory was organizing the dental hygiene kit drive!



AHMED NADEEM-TARIQ

LEARN MORE ABOUT AHMED:

4th year major in biology and minor in neuroscience. Treasurer in AED for 1 year, Research at UNLV School of Medicine Down Syndrome Program, Enjoy a casual game of tennis with the boys. Overall have loved being apart of AED since freshman year.

AHMED'S FAV AED MEMORY:

My favorite memories of AED are the special Olympics Bowling events as well as the Blanket Drive that we coordinated last fall. Overall these two experiences were incredibly fulfilling

AHMED'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

"If they can make penicillin out of moldy bread, they can sure make something out of you." - Muhammad Ali



KATELYN NISWONGER

LEARN MORE ABOUT KATELYN:

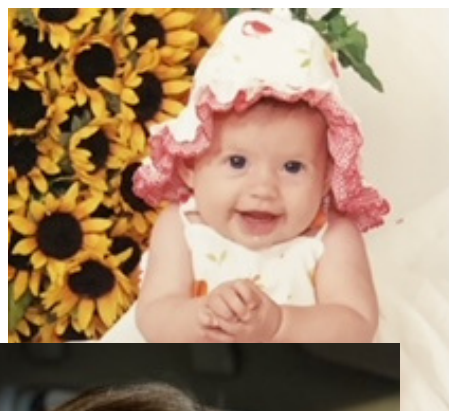
I am graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Microbiology. I am planning on taking a gap year while applying to medical school, during which I will continue my jobs as a pre-K teacher and a Certified Nursing Assistant. I am very grateful to AED for a lot of fun memories!

KATELYN'S FAV AED MEMORY:

My favorite memory was the Winter Bonfire as it was a lot of fun (and because I love setting marshmallows on fire)!

KATELYN'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Don't stress too much. You are where you are supposed to be now and you will be where you will be later. :)



SABA NOROUZIFAR

LEARN MORE ABOUT SABA:

When I have free time, I enjoy swimming and hiking. I am majoring in pre-professional biology and I love challenging my limits. Continuing my education in the U.S. was one of those challenges. Despite the fact that I did not attend high school here, I challenged myself by taking all of my university courses in English (my second language), which was a difficulty in my freshman year. My future plan is to apply to medical school.

SABA'S FAV AED MEMORY:

AED was a bridge between me and the resources I needed for my journey, as well as a way for me to connect with Nevada's society and get to know them better. My favorite memory is from the Magical Forest, as I was able to help and see so many happy little faces there.

SABA'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Trust yourself!



DAVE PATEL

LEARN MORE ABOUT DAVE:

Hello, my name is Dave Patel, and I am a 4th year UNLV student majoring in biological sciences and minoring in psychology and neuroscience. I am an officer of the Bone Marrow Committee. My hobbies are to watch football and basketball games. My future plans are to be a cardiologist.

DAVE'S FAV AED MEMORY:

The fundraising events

DAVE'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Don't slack off, study courses



JOHN RAFANAN

LEARN MORE ABOUT JOHN:

Hey guys! My name is John Rafanan, one of the secretaries for AED! My future goal is to pursue a career in internal medicine as a physician! When I am not at school, you can find me scribing in the emergency department of hospitals across the valley or volunteering at local organizations. I love to spend my time outdoors rock climbing, hiking, or working out. Somedays, I love to be indoors and I love trying new foods with friends and playing games as well!

JOHN'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

A word of wisdom I would share with the membership is to stay proactive! Know why you are doing something and make sure you put meaning into the work you do. Don't do things because other people are doing it. Do it cause you find joy and meaning to it! You'll have a much more pleasant experience by doing this.



OJAS SALI

LEARN MORE ABOUT OJAS:

My name is Ojas Sali and I'm graduating with a biochemistry degree. While being in the AED organization, I majoritatively participated in the Bone Marrow Committee which I hold dear to my heart. The committee and its past chairs significantly influenced my outlook on leadership and managing a team. It's notable distinction and specificity encouraged my collaborative efforts and pedagogical intrigue. I'm saddened to leave my position as chair on this committee, but I'm assured it is in good hands for posterity. My future plans entail doing a 1 year biomedical engineering/bioengineering graduating program while I apply for medical school this upcoming cycle. I plan to also conduct research in the radiochemistry depart here at UNLV. My hobbies include playing tennis, basketball, and learning to play classical piano.



SELENA SANCHEZ-GIANCOLA

LEARN MORE ABOUT SELENA:

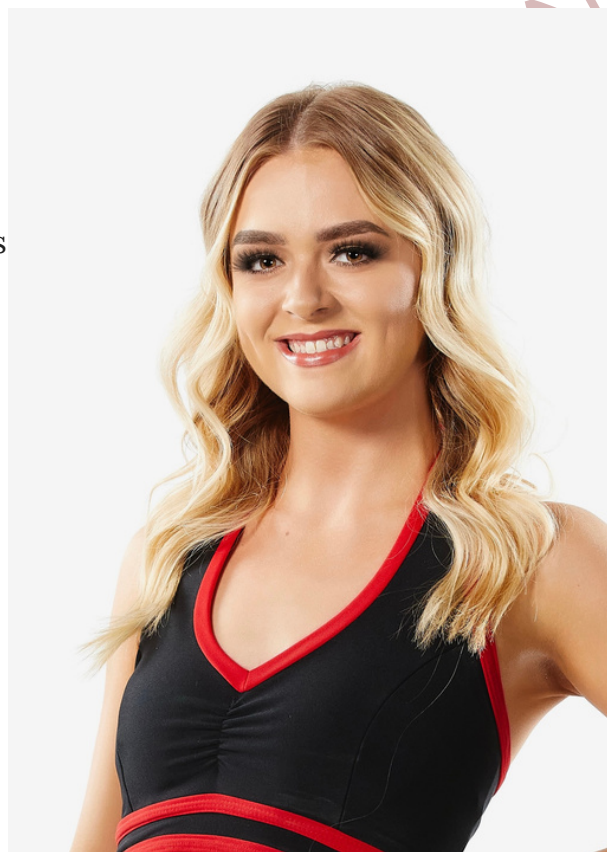
I was born and raised in Las Vegas and am a veteran of the United States Air Force. I attended VTCTA for high school where I graduated in 2015. I am dual-degree student and graduating with one Bachelors of Science in Business Management and another Bachelors of Science in Biology Pre-Professional. With both of these degrees, I'm planning on going to medical school and opening my own practice in an underserved community. I am in the Honors College and have served as a Lee Business School senator in CSUN since August 2021. Within CSUN, I have served in the Diversity Competency, Ways & Means Committee and University Initiatives Committee to better improve student life at UNLV. In my free time, I am a figure skater and love spending time cuddling my cat. I'm excited for this chapter to close and see where life takes me next!



MEGAN SILTZ

LEARN MORE ABOUT MEGAN:

Hey guys! I'm so grateful for the experiences I have gained being with AED. I took a shot with my boyfriend and moved here to Vegas with his family in the middle of my undergraduate career. Since transferring here, I have been warmly welcomed and have had the opportunity to gain new friends and experiences not only through AED, but also through the Scarlet Dance Line. I can't wait to network around even more and see what opportunities arise after graduation. I decided to take a gap year and gain as many new experiences as possible and perfect my application before applying to professional school. I plan on continuing to volunteer/research/shadow around as much as I can, so I hope to see you all around!!



SHIVANGI SINHA

LEARN MORE ABOUT SHIVANGI:

Having been in AED for three years I'm so glad I joined this organization! I plan on applying for my Master's program this fall, but in the meantime I'm looking forward to cooking, playing with my dogs, and traveling.

SHIVANGI'S FAV AED MEMORY:

Coordinating and attending the high school outreach events. Also, any RMHC event.
Always so much fun!



LAZARO SOTOLONGO

LEARN MORE ABOUT LAZARO:

Hi I'm Laz I am so grateful for all the wonderful experience that AED has offered over my undergrad career. My future plans are to continue my education in the dental field and provide service to those who are most underserved in our community, since my community helped me so much to become the person I am today. I just want to give them back all the help that they gave me and more! I am so grateful for everyone that's helped me and in my undergrad career.

LAZARO'S FAV AED MEMORY:

Definitely the Special Olympics!

LAZARO'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Live and love as much as you can!



ALEXANDRA LANE VASQUEZ

LEARN MORE ABOUT ALEXANDRA:

Despite being in AED for only a year, I'll cherish the memories and experiences I've had for a whole lifetime. It was an honor serving as treasurer, and I'm thankful to graduate my undergraduate career with a group of lifelong friends. After graduation, I'll start to study for my MCAT and continue gathering clinical experience to eventually apply to medical school! Outside of academia, my goal is to travel to at least two countries outside of the U.S. and start sticking to a proper weightlifting routine.



LEANN ALADHAM

LEARN MORE ABOUT LEANN:

Hello AED! Before becoming Vice President and then President of AED, I was chair for the formerly known Heaven Can Wait Committee (Vet Clinic). Being a part of AED since 2018 has been such a ride, I even met some of my closest friends through this organization. Until matriculation, I plan to continue my work for KSOM's UNLV Community CARES, slowly bettering my local community.

LEANN'S WORDS OF WISDOM:

Don't be afraid of asking peers or professors (PI's) for opportunities, and practice your networking skills; but most importantly, always be honest, especially with yourself.

LEANN'S FAV AED MEMORY:

Aside from Cat Clinic events, attending the 2022 National Conference was definitely memorable.



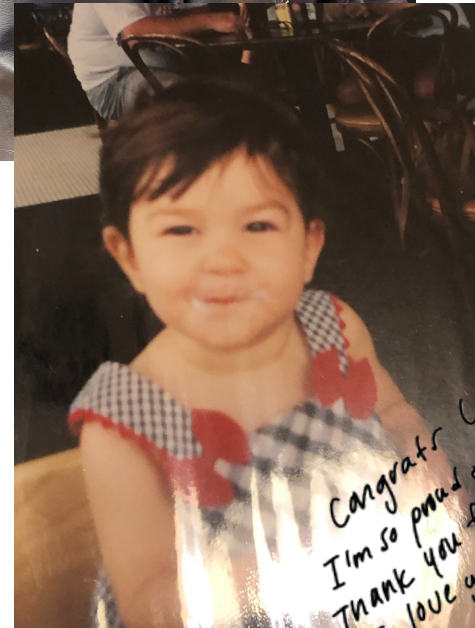
Congratulations Leann!

Forever my Narmik hndog partner ♡

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Leann ♡

congratulations!! I am still in shock of how fast we became friends through VCC, though I think 85% of it is because you are so kind and welcoming to everyone you come across. I'm forever thankful for your friendship. Thank you for all you do madame president! <3

Congratulations Leann!

Mashallah so proud to see you graduate :).

I'm really happy I got to work with you and can't wait to see all the success you'll have in the future!

- Nelli

[Signature]

Leann!
Thank you so much for all of your hard work and amazing leadership. You are going to do great things ♡

Leann! Congratulations Madame President! ♡
I am so proud of you. Love you lots!

- Alexandra Caballero

Congratulations, Leann!

I am so proud of you and I can't wait to see all that you will accomplish in the future! I'll be rooting for you every step of the way! You have truly built AED into an incredible organization and I hope you are proud of the legacy you are leaving behind!

With much love,
Emma ♡

Deast Leann,

I am super duper proud of all that you have become. Most importantly, thank you so much for not just being an incredible friend, but an AMAZING role model. Love you lots ♡

- Mat

Congrats Leann!!
I'm so proud of you T-T
Thank you for everything I love you! ♡olae

Congrats Leann!
I am forever amazed of what you accomplished w/ AED! I am sure that you will be successful in anything you put your heart to. Can't wait to see it! :)
- John Profano