

*Student Employment*

# Awards Ceremony

*April 12, 2024*



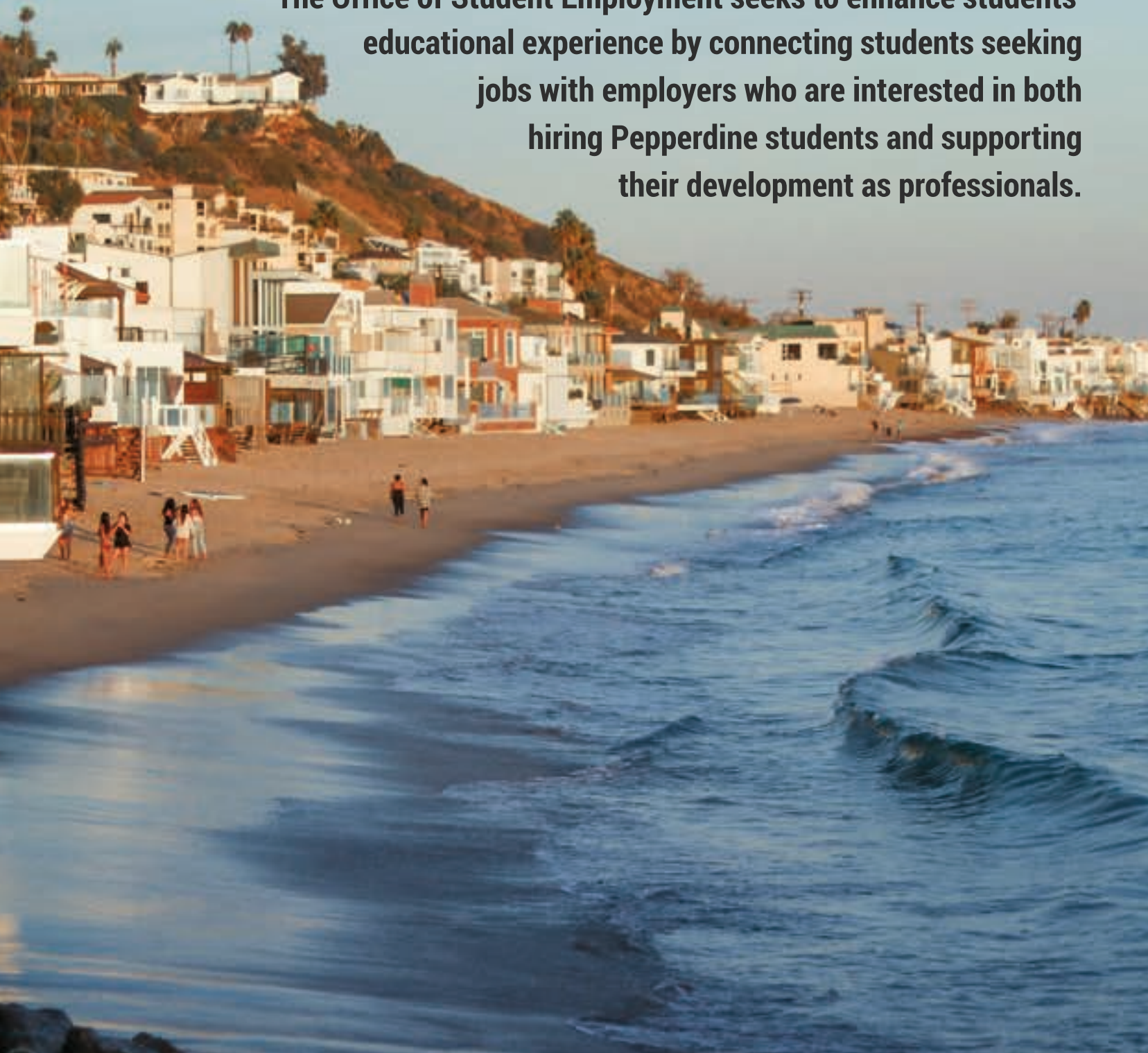
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# Pepperdine University Mission

**Pepperdine is a Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership.**

## Office of Student Employment Mission

**The Office of Student Employment seeks to enhance students' educational experience by connecting students seeking jobs with employers who are interested in both hiring Pepperdine students and supporting their development as professionals.**







## Maddie Beadle

### Seaver College

**Department:** Community Engagement and Service

**Job Title:** Student Assistant for Disability Awareness Week

**Major:** Political Science

**Career Choice:** Lawyer

"I love the opportunity and encouragement we have to pursue our passions through our work and the community we have built. Community Engagement and Service is a place where we, as students, get real-world experience and cultivate valuable personal and professional skills in a safe environment. My coworkers are amazing and because of the culture among the student staff, I have been able to cultivate meaningful friendships as well." —Maddie Beadle

"Maddie's work leading Disability Awareness Week planning has influenced the campus culture and will continue to impact the university in years to come. By promoting disability pride and centering the voices of members of the disabled community in Disability Awareness Week events, inclusion isn't an afterthought but is in the very essence of all of Maddie's efforts and work." —Community Engagement and Service



## Abby Brown

### Seaver College

**Department:** Communication Division

**Job Title:** Student Lead at the Student Production Office

**Major:** Screen Arts

**Career Choice:** Music Supervisor for Film and TV

"I adore everyone at the Student Production Office and Camera Checkout - specifically my amazing boss, Sara Fernandez, who oftentimes feels more like a friend! Through this position, I have been able to expand our office with projects such as our biweekly newsletter and craft a stronger community for film students on campus. Not only has this role opened some exciting doors for me, but it has also introduced me to some of the best people Pepperdine has to offer!" —Abby Brown

"Abby has gone above and beyond in her role. Whether it's organizing projects, leading team meetings, or spearheading new initiatives, Abby steps up with confidence and a proactive mindset. She leads by example, demonstrating a supportive and approachable leadership style. This approach not only empowers team members but also fosters an inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and heard. She has consistently behaved in an exemplary fashion with both faculty and students, and we are lucky to have her employed here." —Communication Division

# Nominees



## Emma Carter

### Seaver College

**Department:** Student Activities

**Job Title:** Inter-Club Council President

**Major:** Business Administration

**Career Choice:** Marketing Director

"I love my ICC team! I could not do what I do without them. I have learned so much about what it means to be a leader in this role, and I am so grateful to have an advisor like Philip Hong to support me as I continue to grow." —Emma Carter

"Emma is always asking how we can improve any processes or communications that ICC has, and she is usually the first to offer a solution. She is always willing to try out new ideas suggested by other members and to hear everyone's thought processes. She has taken the president leadership role humbly and with competence." —Student Activities



## Olivia Cerbie

### Seaver College

**Department:** Athletic Communications

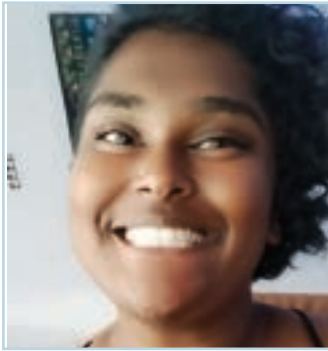
**Job Title:** Student Assistant

**Major:** Sports Administration

**Career Choice:** Work in Division I College Athletics

"Everything I know about the sport industry has come from my supervisors and the staff in Athletics. The positive environment inspires me to work hard and become the best version of myself. My supervisor, Sarah, has fostered my passion for college athletics, and has become a mentor who invests and believes in me. Working at Pepperdine Athletics has been the best experience of my college career, and I feel so lucky to go to work everyday surrounded by talented people who support and uplift me." —Olivia Cerbie

"Olivia Cerbie has largely stepped up into a leadership role within the department the past two years. Learning to love the job and what athletic communicators do, she has given herself fully into learning everything she can, she performs any job she is given admirably and without constant oversight, and is a blessing to have around the office and at games. She is simply impressive, and has taken on a huge load for our staff, helping us to continue to work without a misstep because of her expertise, attitude, and willingness to help. " —Athletic Communications



## Geethanjali "Geetha" Chandroth

### Graduate School of Education and Psychology

**Department:** GSEP Clinical Training & Professional Development

**Job Title:** Graduate Assistant

**Major:** MA Clinical Psychology, Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy (MACLP Program)

**Career Choice:** Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

"My favorite part of this job has been all of the connections I've made with faculty, the WLA staff, students, clinical directors/representatives, and of course my wonderful clinical training team! What an honor to work with and learn from such heartwarming and genuine people." —Geetha Chandroth

"Geetha has excelled in her leadership skills such as leading mentor panels and presenting to different classes. We see that so many of our students look up to her and see her as a wonderful supportive peer. Geetha's overall hard work and positive energy has allowed our team to dream big because we know she is willing to support us in any way that she can. She is always willing to jump into ad hoc projects that support our team and student body! There is nothing she can't do!" —PGBS Student Engagement & Success/Clinics



## Robert "Michael" Clark

### Graduate School of Education and Psychology

**Department:** RISE Program

**Job Title:** Graduate Assistant

**Major:** MA Clinical Psychology

**Career Choice:** Psychologist

"I am grateful for the opportunity to support my fellow graduate students by bringing opportunities to develop resilience skills in a supportive and educational environment. I believe we all face significant adversity as we move through graduate school, and, as a part of this program, I am blessed to provide space and materials to encourage my colleagues to take care of themselves and further develop skills that can help enable success. I find it fulfilling when my fellow classmates explore and apply these concepts and then later share stories of their own victories." —Michael Clark

"As soon as Michael joined our team in the fall, not only did he hit the ground running helping RISE to deliver our hallmark resilience events, but he also showed outstanding initiative and forethought by spearheading the development of new programs specifically for graduate students, as well as by improving several pre-existing systems and processes. Michael's vision for his position went beyond what was asked of him." —RISE Program



# Nominees



## Quinn Conway

### Seaver College

**Department:** International Programs

**Job Title:** Visa Intern

**Major:** Political Science

**Career Choice:** International Affairs

"The part of my job I like the most is being in the incredible working environment that the IP staff creates for both full time and student staff members. It is such a comfortable place, and I consider it my home away from home." —Quinn Conway

"Quinn's character is consistency and high standards. He has a very positive influence on our 23 other student employees in balancing fun and professional excellence. Quinn is an exemplary student who is ambitious, self motivated and never stops exploring new opportunities. He is positive and intentional when speaking to and helping people. He sets a good example for other students who works at IP, and people look up to him and seek his advice." —International Programs



## Arabella Crites

### Seaver College

**Department:** Center for the Arts

**Job Title:** Ticket Seller

**Major:** Psychology

**Career Choice:** Clinical Psychologist

"I love the people that I work with. They create a good atmosphere that is positive and encouraging, especially my supervisor, Jonathan Lizardo. He makes the job more than just another random position; he teaches us life skills and gives us valuable learning experiences." —Arabella Crites

"We've had several guests come to the show to thank her personally for her delightful customer service. She makes us all laugh in the office with her sassy storytelling and is able to light up any room she enters. Arabella leads by example with her written and interpersonal skills. She has come up with solutions on the spot and manages to do so with a smile so our patrons feel welcomed. Arabella encourages others to be their authentic selves by offering a helping hand where she can." —Center for the Arts

# Nominees



## Heather Dougan

### School of Public Policy

**Department:** Student Care Team

**Job Title:** Graduate Student Assistant for Holistic Care and Well Being

**Major:** Master of Public Policy with specializations in Dispute Resolution and American Politics and Public Policy

**Career Choice:** Public Sector Job Promoting Beneficial Community Policy

"One aspect of my job that I truly appreciate is the shared commitment to advancing Pepperdine University's reputation as an exceptional institution through our work with the Waves Food Cabinets to support students who have challenges accessing healthy, fulfilling food. Under Britney Summerville Brannan and the rest of the Student Care Team, students can access the resources they need with dignity and care, which is a crucial element for academic success." —Heather Dougan

"Heather has supported our office in maintaining all 6 Waves Food Cabinet locations, provided support in report writing, and has contributed to the overall well-being of the WFCs. Because of Heather's work with the Waves Food Cabinets students have access to hundreds of perishable and non-perishable goods each week." —Student Care Team



## Katie Emick

### Seaver College

**Department:** Boys and Girls Club of Malibu

**Job Title:** Pepperdine Intern

**Major:** Philosophy

**Career Choice:** Elementary Educator

"I love the amazing, comfortable environment my supervisors have created, and the lessons in community building they have taught me have been so valuable." —Katie Emick

"It has been a true blessing to have Katie on our team for the past several years. Katie instantly became a part of our BGCM team and formed meaningful and positive relationships with our members. You could walk into the clubhouse on any given day and teens are eager to ask about her. Several of our regularly attending teens continually stated that Katie is their very favorite staff at the Boys & Girls Club. Katie is reliable, trustworthy, consistent, kind, and lovable." —Boys and Girls Club of Malibu

# Nominees



## Justin Foster

### Seaver College

**Department:** Athletic Facilities and Operations

**Job Title:** Student Lead

**Major:** Sports Medicine

**Career Choice:** Physical Therapy

"I like how many great people are within the Athletics department that make working there fun and enjoyable." —Justin Foster

"Justin instantly became a vital part of our department and is now one of our most knowledgeable and dependable employees. Justin can manage any of our home events while guiding and mentoring the younger employees. Justin does this while working a second job for his major, Athletic Training. It doesn't matter if we need help on the weekends or late at night, Justin fills the gaps and has never once complained. He is up to any task with professionalism. The bar he has set will be difficult to replace when he graduates." —Athletic Facilities and Operations



## Sandy Galeas

### Graduate School of Education and Psychology

**Department:** Health and Wellness

**Job Title:** Graduate Assistant

**Major:** Clinical Psychology with an Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy

**Career Choice:** Marriage and Family Therapist

"What I love most about my job is having the opportunity to work with the amazing, hard working ambassadors and co-presidents in SWAB and being able to collaborate with my boss, Chelsea Nipper, who has been one of the best supervisors I have ever worked with! Truly grateful for all of what comes with being a graduate assistant for the Health and Wellness department." —Sandy Galeas

"Sandy handles those around her from SWAB, to her fellow peers, her internship environment and myself with exceptional care by embracing the needs of those around her. She has a high skillset and strength in communicating and making others feel safe. Sandy will assist in any capacity necessary." —Health and Wellness



# Nominees



## Elija Gatling

### Seaver College

**Department:** OneStop

**Job Title:** Student Employee

**Major:** Business Administration

**Career Choice:** Hospitality Management

"In my position, I learned how to communicate more effectively with people who are troubled in a professional setting." —Elija Gatling

"Elija is extremely creative when it comes to developing new ways for students to receive university information that students can relate to. We are so proud of all that Elija has accomplished with the Instagram account and getting the word out to students that there is a place for them to ask questions and get information from a student that they can relate to." —OneStop



## David Harutunyan

### Seaver College

**Department:** Office of Financial Assistance

**Job Title:** Front Desk Student Employee

**Major:** Biology

**Career Choice:** Dermatologist & Cosmetic Surgeon

"What I appreciate most about my job is the opportunity to help others. A big thanks to my supervisor for her continuous efforts and motivation that keeps our team performing at its best. Her hard work doesn't go unnoticed, and her encouragement pushes us to deliver excellent service. Thanks for everything!" —David Harutunyan

"David is an outstanding student and employee in our office. He is very professional and communicates well with our students and parents. He has been working in our office for a couple of years and has learned so much, and he even helps train our new student employees. As a biology major, David does have a heavy work load, and we are very impressed with how he manages working in our office and excelling in his academics. " —Office of Financial Assistance

# Nominees



## Erika Henderson

### Seaver College

**Department:** RISE

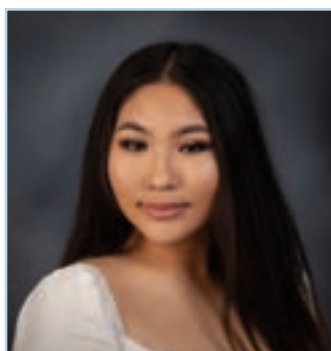
**Job Title:** RISE Events Team Student Employee

**Major:** Sports Medicine

**Career Choice:** Physical Therapist

"I love the work environment! All of the student employees and supervisors are amazing. My supervisor Jackie has been so fun to work with and I have learned so much about the behind the scenes of events and programming." —Erika Henderson

"Even though Erika was new to the events team this year, she is a leader on the RISE team. Her wisdom is valued by student employees and professional staff alike. The students turn to Erika for event support as she is always willing to lend a helping hand and is a great asset at any event. The professional staff turn to Erika to workshop ideas and solicit her feedback. Erika is the kind of student employee that you can give an assignment to with a brief explanation, and she will not only execute it, but will go above and beyond. The trust we have in her is immeasurable." —RISE



## Kyra Juan

### Seaver College

**Department:** Seaver College Career Center

**Job Title:** Student Specialist

**Major:** International Business

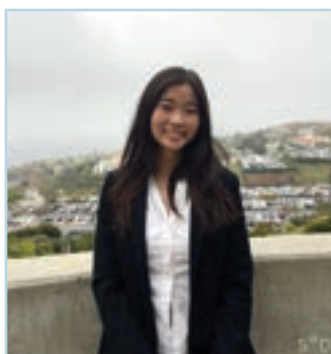
**Career Choice:** Financial Analyst

"I loved being able to interact with very motivated students and employers, along with learning from my incredibly knowledgeable supervisors and my ambitious colleagues at the Career Center." —Kyra Juan

"Since first starting the position, Kyra has expanded the role of student specialist in a unique and dynamic way. She has readily taken on increasingly complex projects that contribute to our top departmental priorities and goals. Kyra challenges her fellow student colleagues to maintain a high performance and attention to detail with every piece of information communicated and related to others. While some student employees rely on others to close out open or unanswered emails and unfinished requests, Kyra makes a point to make sure there is follow-through and resolution to any demands that come up during her shift, even if that crosses over her multiple shifts during the week."

—Seaver College Career Center

# Nominees



## Charlene Kim

### Seaver College

**Department:** SOL Law Library

**Job Title:** School of Law Library Assistant

**Major:** Political Science

**Career Choice:** Law

"I've loved working with Vania, as she has made my experience working at the Harnish Library a joyful, relaxing, and overall lovely one! She is always so kind and eager to support me in any way she can. I'm beyond grateful for her, and she has contributed so much to both my personal and professional development over the past academic year. Thank you Vania!" —Charlene Kim

"Charlene is an incredibly hardworking student and she is always very reliable. She is always on top of her responsibilities and always takes her job seriously. She is not afraid to take on extra tasks, and she always has a friendly smile for students and faculty that approach the law library's front desk for assistance. Charlene is a great team player, who always makes sure tasks are completed with great care and in a timely manner." —SOL Law Library



## Cassie Kinnear

### Seaver College

**Department:** Health and Wellness

**Job Title:** Student Wellness Advisory Board Co-President

**Major:** Biology

**Career Choice:** Physicians Assistant

"I love so many things about being in SWAB, but just a few things include all of the friends I made through working and seeing the student body enjoy and learn from the events that we put on.—Cassie Kinnear

"Cassie has accomplished and has contributed so much to the work place during her tenure as Co-President. Her leadership, communication, and pioneer skills have impacted SWAB immensely. She always shows up with diligence and integrity while accepting challenges and various changes to elevate her level of tenacity while keeping the focus on health and wellness." —Health and Wellness

# Nominees



## Hannah Lee

### Seaver College

**Department:** Alumni Affairs

**Job Title:** Social Media Coordinator

**Major:** Integrated Marketing Communications

**Career Choice:** Marketing Manager

"I love gaining hands-on experience in the field of marketing at Pepperdine. My favorite part about being a student employee are the people I work with. I receive constant encouragement and feedback from my supervisor, Joy Qiao. Joy is loving, caring, inspiring, and truly wants the best for each of her employees. She has helped me gain valuable knowledge and experience in the field of marketing and social media!" —Hannah Lee

"Hannah is an amazing student employee who is extremely organized, always sticking to timelines and ensuring smooth operations. She is eager to learn and grow, staying on top of the latest trends to bring fresh ideas to our projects. She goes above and beyond without asking and is a great helper to other students, making our team a supportive and positive place to work. She consistently elevates our online presence by infusing creativity into content creation, resulting in increased interaction and participation from our alumni community." —Alumni Affairs



## Jessica Locke

### Seaver College

**Department:** Executive Vice President's Office

**Job Title:** President's Associate

**Major:** International Studies

**Career Choice:** UN Political Affairs Officer

"During my time working for the EVP office, I have been able to establish and maintain close relationships with leaders of Pepperdine and of course, my wonderful boss, Kendal Waters!! Having such amazing mentors has pushed me to become a better version of myself. Specifically, Kendal has been such a blessing since her first day. She never fails to make a stressful time better with her smile, a cup of coffee, a bagel sandwich, and a chat about life. It has been such a pleasure to be a small part of the team that makes Pepperdine continue to grow for the better." —Jessica Locke

"Jessica is not the 'bare-minimum' type of person and it shows in her work ethic. She is driven, and she motivates others in our office to be better than we were the day before. She is so personable, with great communication skills. People genuinely enjoy being around her and even stop by the desk to engage in conversation with her. We are eager to see where the future takes her!" —EVP Office





## Declan Maddern

### School of Public Policy

**Department:** Athletics Academics

**Job Title:** Graduate Assistant

**Major:** Masters in Public Policy

**Career Choice:** Policy Analyst

"My favorite part about my job is being part of and contributing to a friendly, supportive community that enables other students to succeed. Learning from my supervisors on how to foster this has been an invaluable experience. " —Declan Maddern

"Declan has grown over the last year to be an indispensable part of the athletics academics team. Over time, as he continues to work with the same athletes, they have expressed to me how helpful he is and how much they trust him to support them when things get difficult. Our athletes have so much to do in a day, and academic mentors like Declan keep them on track. He is a vital part of the success of our programs academically." —Athletics Academics



## Esha Milan

### Seaver College

**Department:** Step Up Tutoring

**Job Title:** Step Up Tutor

**Major:** Integrated Marketing Communications

**Career Choice:** Marketing Manager

"I love the impact I am able to make on my community! It is so fulfilling to help and serve those around me, and this job enables me to do that!" —Esha Milan

"Esha's kindness and attentiveness to her student academic and personal needs creates a space of trust between her and her students. The ability to have a child open up to you is truly a gift that Esha seems to have. Esha comes in to every session with a positive, motivating attitude. She always has a sense of joy which rubs off on her students." —Step Up Tutoring

# Nominees



## Chelsea Ramel

### Caruso School of Law

**Department:** Office of the General Counsel

**Job Title:** Law Clerk

**Major:** Juris Doctor

**Career Choice:** Lawyer

"What I like most about my job is the amazing people I get the pleasure to work alongside - it's been an honor to be a part of such a welcoming and wonderful work team!" —Chelsea Ramel

"Chelsea is always willing to jump in and help when help is needed, always excitedly pursues each project and approaches each with vigor and excitement. She always does her work with a smile and shows kindness toward everyone with whom she works. Chelsea is very communicative with a stellar attitude to assist in any way. Chelsea is a pleasure to work with. She asks interesting questions and is always engaged in her work. It is clear that she cares about her work and providing the University with the best representation." —Office of the General Counsel



## Gianna Rossini

### Seaver College

**Department:** Pepperdine Libraries

**Job Title:** Drescher Graduate Library Student Assistant

**Major:** Biology

**Career Choice:** Doctor

"I love the work environment at my job. Every other student I work with is so kind, and I have made some new friends while working at Drescher Library. I am extremely grateful for my supervisor Lorene Duffy, as she is always so genuine, organized, and thoughtful. She keeps the library running smoothly each week! I also am very appreciative of our librarian, Eric, as he always helps me with any questions I may have as well as wishes me a safe trip home at the end of each day." —Gianna Rossini

"Gianna has a curious mind, and always asks thoughtful questions about items in our collection and library policies. She anticipates the needs of our team by offering her assistance before we have even asked! Gianna will often take the downtime we have at the library in the evenings to tackle extra tasks. We are so grateful for all of her hard work and for how much she cares about the library!" —Pepperdine Libraries

# Nominees



## Mary Paige Rowsey

### Seaver College

**Department:** Campus Recreation

**Job Title:** Recreational Sports Student Manager

**Major:** Film Studies

**Career Choice:** Film/Sports Production

"I love that I get paid to hangout with Julian and watch sports!" —Mary Paige Rowsey

"As a constant presence at our Intramural events, Mary Paige has consistently and uniquely connected with students and her colleagues in a variety of ways. Through personal and outward-facing promotions of their accomplishments (no matter how seemingly small), our participants feel more valued by her actions. Not only does Mary Paige serve as the Rec Sports student manager, but also as the team lead for our events and marketing teams. Never afraid to step-in and help, but also having the knowledge of when to allow others to take on responsibility, Mary Paige is regularly sought out by team members for guidance and support." —Campus Recreation



## Ulysse Saltiel

### Seaver College

**Department:** Investment Management

**Job Title:** Student Investment Associate

**Major:** Finance & Philosophy

**Career Choice:** Investment Management

"I love all of the opportunities there are to learn! Every day there's a new experience, and the Investment Office team is so willing to help me with anything and everything. Jeffrey, Michael, Faye, Anna, and Kimberlee all have servant's hearts, and genuinely want the best for me in every part of my life - not just work or school." —Ulysse Saltiel

"From his very first day of work, Ulysse has presented himself in a professional manner. He maintains an extremely strong work ethic. Ulysse is a natural leader and works well in a team environment. Recently we added more student employees to our department and Ulysse handled the interviews in a fair and professional manner. He has stepped up to be the leader of our team of student employees, due to his talents in teamwork and collaboration. Ulysse excels in a challenge because of his strengths in critical thinking and problem solving." —Investment Office

# Nominees



## Caroline Sun

### Seaver College

**Department:** Pepperdine Libraries, Genesis Lab

**Job Title:** Genesis Lab Student Employee

**Major:** Computer Science & Math

**Career Choice:** Software Developer

"I am so fortunate to have a job where I am encouraged to learn and try new things. It provides me with an outlet to show my creative side, especially as a full time student with not as much time to explore different paths. I have learned so much by having the privilege to access so many different technologies and being able to teach it to others. I have enjoyed every second working at the Genesis Lab and look forward to working there next semester as well." —Caroline Sun

"Caroline is our go-to person for weird requests – she always finds a way! For example, Caroline undertook the “MRI scan to 3D printed brain” project for Dr. Brereton. From files generated by an MRI scan, Caroline was able to 3D model and print an exact replica of a brain. Whenever a new skill is needed, Caroline initiates her own exploration and development in a way that benefits the entire Genesis Lab." —Genesis Lab