

PEPPERDINE

An aerial photograph of the Pepperdine University campus, showing various buildings, parking lots, and green spaces. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is positioned in the upper half of the image.

Student Employment Office

Student Employment Awards Ceremony

April 14, 2022

Ethan Barragan

Seaver College

Department: RISE

Job Title: Student Employee

Major: Political Science

Career Choice: Communications Manager



"I'm excited to continue working together and learning how to be an encouraging and resilient student-leader." -Ethan Barragan

"Ethan has been a stellar addition and asset to the RISE Team. He is a servant leader who exemplifies resilience, strength, and professionalism in all that he does. Most importantly, he not only illustrates professionalism, but also a deep passion for the work of health, wellness & resilience. We are grateful for his contributions to our community." - RISE



Sahej Bhasin

Seaver College

Department: Pepperdine Graphic & Pepperdine Fund

Job Title: Director of Advertising (Graphic) & Associate Supervisor (Fund)

Major: Business Administration

Career Choice: Management Consultant

"I love how I am able to engage with alumni from all different schools at Pepperdine who experienced the same things I have at the university." As challenging as this position is, it feels rewarding to know my that initiatives support the communities I work with in and out of this job." - Sahej Bhasin

"Sahej is a servant leader. He is what George Pepperdine talks about when this school was founded: A purpose driven servant leader. Sahej serves his classmates, his job, and Pepperdine to the highest degree and remains confident and humble during the process. He treats all clients as important..."

Sahej Bhasin cont.

"...and he is able to maintain his own in negotiating with CEOs. Over the past year, he has exceeded our expectations in sales, professionalism, and innovation. He has earned the respect of his peers and the community." – Pepperdine Graphic

"Sahej is what Pepperdine is all about: Purpose, Service, and Leadership. From the day I met Sahej, he has consistently exceeded my expectations. His can do attitude, enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment to his job and Pepperdine is very impressive. Sahej is a servant leader." – Pepperdine Fund



Charlee Rae Bender

Seaver College

Department: Seaver Undergraduate Career Center

Job Title: Career Ambassador and Student Associate

Major: Communications

Career Choice: Marketing

"The advisors are all so warm and welcoming, but getting to help students find their future careers and put them in the best position possible is the most fulfilling." –Charlee Rae Bender

"Charlee Rae stands out among her peers in her consistency, reliability, and independent work ethic. I would only need to assign a project to her with a deadline and know that she would see it through in a timely manner. She is caring and kind as well as capable and efficient which is a rare combination of qualities." – Career Center

Jack Chase

Seaver College

"Jack has been a consistent and reliable employee for 3 years. He has grown into his position by his willingness to take on more challenges. His administrative event preparation, day of event details competence, and event closure has been crucial. Jack has been invaluable over the last 3 years prior to, during, and still in a disruptive work environment created by this pandemic. He has stayed flexible and consistent throughout. He has grown into a dependable, valuable part of our team. He does all of this with an obvious love for the Lord and a desire to give his best." – Parent Programs



Hannah Cheng

Seaver College

Department: Pepperdine Libraries

Job Title: Marketing Assistant

Major: Integrated Marketing & Communications

Career Choice: Marketing/Advertising

"I loved the creativity, flexibility and remote work opportunities the job provided." –Hannah Cheng

"Hannah Cheng, a bright student with limitless potential once she graduates this spring, has been working for the Libraries since her first year at Pepperdine. She is trustful and independent, requiring little oversight on the job. She takes initiative, bringing well-thought ideas to the table. And she is a team player, communicating effectively with collaborators on projects and seeing them to full completion" – Pepperdine Libraries

Giuli Colon-Roisenzvit

Caruso School of Law

Department: RISE

Job Title: Graduate Student Assistant

Major: 2L Law School

Career Choice: Lawyer



"I love the people I work with" –Giuli Colon-Roisenzvit

"Giuli is always ready to serve wherever is needed...Giuli demonstrates Career Management when she balances a full course load as a law student with the great deal of tasks that are assigned to her. With Giuli being a graduate student employee, the more high-level tasks are assigned to her, and she utilizes every opportunity to learn and grow." – RISE



Naya Edwards

Seaver College

Department: Intercultural Affairs

Job Title: ICA Student Intern/ ICA D.E.I intern

Major: Sports Medicine

Career Choice: Physician Assistant

"I love being able to use my platform to uplift others and amplify their voices." – Naya Edwards

"Naya is responsible for creating content in honor of heritage months and shining a spotlight on faculty/staff members to represent their respective cultures. Naya is organized and inspired to advocate for students at ICA and at Pepperdine. She is creative with her concepts in celebrating cultures and diligent in her tact. In total, Naya demonstrates not just an awareness of diversity and inclusion, but a heart for advocacy." – Intercultural Affairs

Chloe S. Edwards

School of Public Policy



Department: Community Engagement & Service Office

Job Title: Graduate Student Assistant

Major: Graduate student at School of Public Policy

Career Choice: Non-Profit Work

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Blake Farley

Seaver College

Department: Hub for Spiritual Life

Job Title: Culture and Hospitality Student Lead

Major: Religion

Career Choice: Ministry/INGO Coordination and Support

"This work has helped me deepen my commitment to showing hospitality to others, serving others through serious person-to-person connection, and offering spiritual care for peers of all different backgrounds." -Blake Farley

"Blake is one of those Pepperdine student leaders who consistently goes above and beyond. In the Hub, he is outstandingly courteous when assisting students with deep questions. He goes out of his way to encourage not just his student co-workers but also full-time staff." - Hub for Spiritual Life

Regann Flynn

Seaver College

Department: Student Health Center

Job Title: Student Worker

Major: Political Science

Career Choice: Lawyer



"The environment at the Student Health Center is helpful, collaborative, and welcoming." – Regann Flynn

"Having her steady presence amidst the chaos of the pandemic has allowed our office to continue with much needed albeit tedious tasks that are essential to the excellence of our operations. We are so fortunate to have had her talents shared with us and we will miss her when she graduates this April." –Student Health Center



Asia Ford

Seaver College

Department: Public Safety

Job Title: Student Health Ambassador

Major: Screen Arts

Career Choice: Videographer

"Working in this position has led me to being apart of a great community, and becoming a core member of such a large team to ensure the safety of our campus." – Asia Ford

"Asia's reliability has proven that she has an extraordinary work ethic. Asia's dependability is exceptional and especially exceptional for someone just starting out in the work. Asia has a grasp on what it takes to be a strong and productive employee." – Public Safety

Julianna Guerrero

Seaver College

Department: Seaver Undergraduate Office of Admissions

Job Title: Admissions Intern and Tour Guide

Major: International Studies

Career Choice: Law School



"My job has played a large role in personally building my confidence, in increasing my passion for mentoring others, and in engraining in me high standards of professionalism and hospitality." – Julianna Guerrero

"Julianna is worthy of recognition as she is a natural and charismatic leader on our team of 18, but also a leader on campus as a Posse Scholar. I am constantly astounded by her humility – she serves from the heart and her heart is full of Jesus. " – Office of Admission



Kaitlyn Ishii

Seaver College

Department: Jumpstart

Job Title: Program Assistant for Assessment & Curriculum Development

Major: Liberal Arts for Education

Career Choice: Teacher

"What I enjoy most about my job is how I am given the space and support to bring my own ideas into the program. My supervisors' constant support and belief in me has made me more confident in myself and my abilities." – Kaitlyn Ishii

"Kaitlyn has been a quiet and engaged force for good care at Jumpstart over the last four years. She is always willing to learn and to help others to learn. She is a good example for me of consistency, self-advocacy, and willingness to grow in uncomfortable or unknown situations." – Jumpstart

Jada Jensen

Seaver College

Department: ICA and Student Activities

Job Title: Social Media/Marketing/Digital Designer Intern

Major: Advertising

Career Choice: Corporate Lawyer



"I love organizing events and interacting with students." - Jada Jensen

"Beyond accomplishing tasks that are asked of her, I often lean on her input and advice when it comes to engaging the student body with particular messaging and marketing angles. Jada is also proactive and effective working with other teammates on ICA to get the job done right." - Intercultural Affairs



Bailey Johnson

Seaver College

Department: The Emily Shane Foundation

Job Title: Administrative Assistant

Major: Public Relations

Career Choice: Public Relations

"I have loved working with the Emily Shane Foundation because it gave me the opportunity to serve the community around me and I have learned so much!" -

Bailey Johnson

"Her incredible attention to detail, her impressive administrative acumen, outstanding organizational skills, record keeping, proven reliability and very easy going manner make her a truly superb addition to ESF." - The Emily Shane

Foundation

Aaron Kramer

Seaver College

Department: Seaver Dean's Office

Job Title: Office Assistant

Major: Economics

Career Choice: Consulting



"I love the chance to meet the distinguished lecture speakers preparing for the event" - Aaron Kramer

"Aaron is always professional and courteous, and goes above and beyond to not only be helpful to our department, but to students, parents, and faculty that he encounters in the position. He is patient when people call with issues, and always willing to help out when needed. He is diligent, detail-oriented, responsible, and reliable." - Seaver Dean's Office



Faith Lane

Seaver College

Department: Special Collection & Archives

Job Title: Student Worker

Major: English Literature

Career Choice: English Professor

"I love getting to work with rare books and being around others who are passionate about the humanities." -Faith Lane

"Faith is thoughtful and diligent and I enjoy not only having her as a worker in Special Collections, but also just getting to know her as a person. I cannot wait to see what she accomplishes next, and I know it'll be great." -Pepperdine Libraries

Abby Maxson

Seaver College

Department: Business Division

Job Title: Student Worker

Major: Business Administration

Career Choice: Entrepreneurship, Sales or Marketing



"What I love most about my job is the ability to interact and build relationships with the business division faculty." – Abby Maxson

"The moment Abby stepped into our division, she brought with her a commitment to serve others and our division very well. She takes initiative on every task that is given to her, she adds her creativity and puts into action, plans to achieve goals established here in the division to make our division better and better each day." – Business Division



Jillian Moran

Seaver College

Department: Human Resources

Job Title: HR Student Lead

Major: Psychology

Career Choice: Corporate Entertainment

"The people make me smile everyday with their kindness. At the end of the day administrative work can be done anywhere but the people are irreplaceable, starting with my amazing supervisor." –Jillian Moran

"Jillian is the definition of excellence. With each workday, she shows up enthusiastically and presently. She is prompt, timely, always communicates with us in advance of any changes to her schedule, and professional. She energetically answers our phones and has become a tremendous help to HR." –

Human Resources

Tammy Nguyen

GSEP

Department: GSEP Career Services

Job Title: Graduate Assistant Career Development Specialist

Major: Leadership in Higher Education

Career Choice: Passionate about serving first-generation students



"I love my team. We have had some great laughs and support each other in all aspects of our lives.- Tammy Nguyen

"Tammy demonstrates leadership, teamwork/collaboration in many different ways. She uses innovative thinking to go beyond traditional methods, seeks diverse resources and feedback from others and motivates others by encouraging them and building trust. " - GSEP Career Services



Samantha Ortega

Seaver College

Department: RISE

Job Title: Events Team

Major: International Business

Career Choice: Marketing or Project Management

"My favorite part of my RISE job is the community I have found with both my supervisors and peers." -Samantha Ortega

"Samantha's great work has been a blessing to the RISE program in many ways.

Since RISE started partnering with Campus Recreation for the weekly RISE & Shine and RISE & Rest Yoga sessions, Samantha stepped up and became our RISE ambassador during the events, representing our department and helping run the events. She also took the initiative to develop and co-lead a RISE Lunch & Learn event focused on having a growth mindset." - RISE

Florencia Padilla

Seaver College

Department: Department of Public Safety

Job Title: Pepperdine Health Ambassador

Major: Sustainability

Career Choice: International Organization Work and/or Diplomacy



"My favorite part of my job was the community of other coworkers and supervisor. Could not have done it with their encouragement and support" – Florencia Padilla

"Florencia not only demonstrated career readiness by showing she was a reliable, solid employee she showed a great deal of emotional intelligence by the way she dealt with a difficult situation. She maintained her composure and remained professional in a challenging situation." – Public Safety



Chandler Riley

Seaver College

Department: UCC Youth Ministry

Job Title: Student Team Member

Major: Sports Medicine

Career Choice: Exercise Physiologist

"Joel brings joy and light to every one he meets. He's challenged me, while simultaneously supporting me. Working with Joel made me a better human" –

Chandler Riley

"Chandler, from day one, has gone above and beyond what has been asked of her in her role. Her drive and passion have made her a powerful ally and mentor to our students. Her compassion and experience have made her reliable and real with them." – UCC

Kathleen Scott

GSEP

Department: GSEP Career Services

Job Title: Career Development Specialist

Major: Organizational Leadership & Learning

Career Choice: Educational Leadership & Policy Specialist



"I love that my team at GSEP Career Services has consistently been the most caring, supportive, and fun people to work with for the past two years." – Kathleen Scott

"Kathleen Scott deserves to be recognized due to her commitment of providing excellence in service to others and going the extra mile to provide exceptional customer service inside and outside of school. She is a role model to our student population and interacts respectfully with all people" – Career Services



Pragya Sharma

Caruso School of Law

Department: Pepperdine Libraries

Job Title: Graduate Student Assistant

Major: LLM

Career Choice: International Dispute Resolution Lawyer

"Through my exceptionally brilliant and kind supervisors, helpful colleagues and patient patrons, I have learnt to be more worldly, responsible, and attentive." –Pragya Sharma

"Pragya has been an exemplary employee, who has been reliable and punctual in her role. Pragya has always conducted herself in a professional manner. She makes every effort to communicate with library staff. Requiring very little supervision, Pragya completes all work in a timely manner. " – Pepperdine Libraries

Tepkanya (Merica) Sin

Seaver College

Department: Office of International Student Services

Job Title: Student Intern

Major: Psychology

Career Choice: Psychologist



"I like the people and the environment :) Shout out to Shane Levites!"-
Tepkanya "Merica" Sin

"Merica's continual willingness to learn, attention to detail, and overall brightness helped us stay confident that international students were receiving accurate information in a timely manner. She is an outstanding role model for the other student workers in our office" -International Student Services



Max Sprute

Seaver College

Department: Office of the Vice Provost

Job Title: Animal Care, Lab Tech

Major: Biology & History

Career Choice: PhD. Professor and Nature Photographer

"I love the animals that I get to work with, the people within the lab I get to interact with and of course my boss Dr. Kats who has been nothing but amazing and an amazing role model." -Max Sprute

"Max is a reliable, selfless, conscientious student who provides care to the laboratory's live specimens daily and also fosters an inclusive environment among the laboratory's students. Max anticipates concerns and makes suggestions for addressing them before the concerns arise. He diligently passes on his knowledge so that the team can succeed." - Office of the Vice