

USF La Raza's Member of the Semester



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What drove you to law school?

My drive came from a combination of family and work experience, which ultimately tied together. Through my time volunteering and working for a variety of non-profits, I began to see reoccurring issues affecting the same groups of people. Their legal issues and problems overcoming them reflected the same issues I had seen my family face while growing up. I felt the best way tackle these problems was to address them in a legal setting where I hope to deconstruct the systematic ways the problems have taken root and grown.

What has helped you succeed so far in your first year?

I'd have to say balance. I've done my best to try to balance my studies, my personal life, and my spirituality/health.

What do you look forward to doing in terms of legal work?

I look forward to addressing issues such as housing discrimination, language discrimination, and working with Spanish speaking and Indigenous populations.

Why join La Raza?

I was attracted to the energy coming from the group and felt I could both draw and give back to this energy during my time here.

What does being Latino mean to you?

I have mixed feelings about Latinx. In terms of creating solidarity, I see and appreciate the need for the creation of a strong collective identity to bond people together in taking on social issues. In terms of my personal identity, Latinx seems to subtly reinforce the erasure of Indigenous identity from a larger global context by emphasizing a Eurocentric history.