

UNICEF Campus Initiative National Council
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Amya Tulipe Hosenn | Syracuse University | New York and New England Regions



Tulipe is an honors Junior at Syracuse University, studying Political Science at the Maxwell School, with minors in Strategic Management & Public Health. She was brought up in Bangladesh, and finished high school in Boston, MA. Tulipe have been volunteering with UNICEF since the age of 7, inspired by her mother, who is an international pediatrician and a global leader with UNICEF. With the help of UNICEF, she successfully eliminated blindness amongst the children of Bangladesh through the implementation of a nationwide Vitamin A program, and Tulipe grew up watching this story become successful. I have been involved with UNICEF ever since. When I moved to Boston, I founded and presided over my high school's first UNICEF club, where my team and I successfully raised funds for vaccination

programs for the children of Somalia. In college, I was elected as VP of Syracuse University's UNICEF chapter, where I founded SU's first annual World Water Week. This year, I have been re-elected as its Co-President. Helping people is my passion. And children are my weakness. And I am a firm believer of ZERO, a number that is impossible not to reach when people work together. On another note, I have travelled since childhood, visiting almost 25 countries, am multilingual, and a huge film buff.

Andrea Colmenero | Metropolitan State University of Denver | Southwest & Midatlantic Regions



Andrea is a third-year student at the Metropolitan State University of Denver majoring in International Political Science, minoring in Journalism. Andrea got involved with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF about a year and a half ago when the UNICEF at MSU Denver chapter got established. After attending the Annual UNICEF Summit in 2014, Andrea became intrigued by UNICEF's work to help children worldwide, and began as part of the officer board for her school's chapter. As a UNICEF leader, Andrea has been engaged in creating events for UNICEF's annual campaigns to raise awareness on human trafficking, clean/safe water, world poverty and hunger. After her engagement with

UNICEF at MSU Denver, she volunteered with the United Nations Association of Denver by partnering to create educational events for the community that raise awareness on world and local issues. In addition, she has volunteered at events such as the United Nations Film Festival and UN Day 2014. In 2015, Andrea began her volunteer work with the Friendship Bridge organization with events and as a translator. She is part of the Girl Up community, a United Nations Foundation organization that unites and empowers girls and women to change the world, and a member to the United Nations Association of Denver. In her community, Andrea has participated in the animal rights movement with local organizations, and animal shelters.

Isabella Rodriguez | NOVA Southeastern University | Southeast Regions



Originally from Cali, Colombia, Isabella Rodriguez is one of the founding members and former President of NOVA Southeastern University's UNICEF chapter. Isabella is going into her senior year of her undergrad career. She is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Legal Studies with a minor in International Studies. As an under developed country native, Rodriguez has witnessed the consequences of poverty and how they affect the development of children. As a result, she has grown to have a strong passion for human rights and women empowerment. Rodriguez plans to attend Law School in the near future in order to empower others by fighting for their natural rights. She was a member of the Key Club and French

Honor Society during her high school years and was recently acknowledged by UNICEF as one of the 62 remarkable volunteers of the 2014-1015 academic year with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Isabella is honored that she was selected to be part of the UNICEF Campus Initiative National Council to lead those that share the same passion of educating the youth. Rodriguez considers that student organizations play a pivotal role in globalizing the young citizens by making them understand that they can be the change they want to see in the world.

Jocelyn Rios | Utah Valley University | Northwest Region



Jocelyn is a third-year Pre-Med undergraduate student. She is majoring in Criminal Justice, and plans to attend medical school after graduation. Jocelyn first served as secretary for UNICEF during its founding year at UVU and the following year she was elected Club President. During her engagement with UNICEF she served for two years as a department representative for the college of Science and Health on campus. In this position she represented all Pre-Med students and worked to build a bridge between UNICEF and the Student Body Association. Due to her dedication to volunteer work and

the medical field she spends time every week volunteering in the local ER and other service organizations including Mobility Mission. As a member of Mobility Mission she was able to travel to Guatemala to work one on one with patients and assisted in building prosthetic limbs for eighteen amputees. Through this she gained the opportunity to fundraise and had the opportunity to restore life and limb to patients. This furthered her passion for service and her desire to improve the quality of health around the world. Throughout this experience she assisted in international research studying amputee's ability to walk with new prosthetic legs to improve their structure and quality for future humanitarian trips. As she has worked as a translator for doctors and patients she aspires to work for Doctors Without Borders and continue to make a difference in the global community.

Thao Luu | Cornell College | Midwest Region



Originally from Vietnam, Thao Luu is currently a senior majoring in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology with a minor in Business at Cornell College in Iowa. After volunteering at a UNICEF Next Gen Vietnam event during her first summer of college, Thao and her best friend came back to the States and co-founded the Believe in Zero—UNICEF at Cornell club. She has served as the Vice President and now the President of BIZ for more than 2 years. Along with BIZ, Thao has also been involved with ENACTUS, Student Senate, Hall Council, etc. Communications and media are also part of her interests. She is now the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper The Cornellian. Thao's dream career is to become a global physician and a community server. She has had a research internship at the University of Colorado, Denver, and will be working on another research project at Mayo Clinic this summer. She has

also presented her research project on Antioxidant Peptides as a Treatment for Pulmonary Hypertension both at the International American Thoracic Society 2015 and at the previous Student Symposium at Cornell. In January 2015, Thao went on a service trip to Guatemala with a group of 15 students and faculty. The trip confirmed her ambition to provide improved healthcare service to the underserved population of the world.

Zineb Alfath | University of Minnesota Twin Cities | Southern California Region



Zineb is a junior at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, College of Biological Sciences, majoring in Neuroscience and Spanish Studies with a minor in Public Health. After becoming involved with the university's UNICEF club as a freshman, she served first as Public Relations Chair, then as President. During this time, the Believe in Zero campaign and its aim of eliminating preventable child deaths were the major inspiration for the advocacy and fundraising projects she worked on. Serving as an intern for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, and as a volunteer for a global health course for healthcare professionals has given her a deeper understanding of the underlying challenges faced by low-resource nations. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and volunteering at a local emergency department. She hopes to pursue a career as a pediatric physician and have the opportunity to raise awareness about the role of social and economic infrastructure in global health and preventative medicine.