



GSRI Council Bios

ZOILA JURADO QUIROGA

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Mechanical and Civil Engineering

I was born in Macas, Ecuador and immigrated to America at 4 years old. I grew-up as an undocumented immigrant for the first decade of my time here. Now, I am a graduate student at Caltech pursuing a PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Who would have thought this possible?

GRACE CHEN

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Chemistry

Grace was born in Taiwan and grew up in Taipei, Taiwan and Irvine, California. She then moved to Middletown, Connecticut to pursue her undergraduate studies at Wesleyan University, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. Currently, she is a second-year graduate student in the See group at Caltech. She is working on using nonaqueous electrolytes to control the concentration and activity of water and other proton donors to understand their roles in CO₂ reduction. Outside of lab, she enjoys playing golf, hiking, and swimming.

JEAN BADROOS

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Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics

I am a rising third year in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics program at Caltech working on beetle proteins in the Parker Lab. Though proteins are my specialty, diversity work through a number of outlets is a big part of what I spend my time thinking and working on. Outside of the campus (or campus VPN for virtual work) I am a long distance runner and an arts and crafter.

DAVID CAGAN

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Chemistry

Hadt Lab member studying physical inorganic chemistry and nickel photoredox catalysis in CCE. Former community college art student. WAVE alum 2018. Cal State LA 2019. NSF GRFP. NASEM Ford Foundation. Proud advocate for diversity in science! President of @CaltechDICI.

JOSE MARTINEZ

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Biology

My name is Joe Martinez and I am a G2 in the Elowitz lab. I am interested in therapeutic applications of synthetic biology, and previously explored this field both at Baylor College of Medicine and Carnegie Mellon University. I am originally from Houston, TX, where I sadly had to leave behind my five dogs when I moved to Pasadena. When I'm not in lab, I enjoy gaming and watching movies (the scarier the better!). I am excited to work with incoming students, so please feel free to ask me anything; I will do my best to help. Good luck and welcome to Caltech!!



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DANIEL MUKASA

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Materials Science

Hey I'm Daniel Mukasa, a second year graduate student in the materials science department. I work under Wei Gao in medical engineering designing medical devices with ab-initio physics simulations. I'm originally from Riverside California but when to Oberlin Ohio for undergrad. Looking forward to meeting y'all!