

## **2023-24 OSURA Scholarship Recipient Information**

### **1. Anusha Vasudevan**

Anusha, from Corvallis, is a junior with plans to graduate in 2024. She is majoring in BioHealth Sciences with a Pre-Med Option. She has a career goal of becoming a primary care physician.

She has an excellent academic record as well as commendable activities of leadership and volunteering to benefit OSU and the community. Her thesis research is in the laboratory of Emily Ho.

Anusha feels that as a primary care physician she will be able to help her patients achieve optimal physical health and also contribute to their emotional wellbeing – both so important to healthy aging. Through her volunteer work, particularly in managing the Community Outreach Clinic for the past two years as well as Albany InReach Services last year, she is illustrating her passion for helping patients receive quality and equitable care to lead healthy lives. Anusha serves as the president of PERIOD@OSU, planning and leading outreach services for the campus and community. Her letters of support are outstanding. She was awarded an OSURA scholarship last year.

### **2. Olivia Hulbert**

Olivia is a junior from Eugene, with a major in Public Health/option in Health Promotion and Health Behavior and a minor in Spanish with a career goal to become a physical therapist and athletic trainer. She is an advocate for marginalized communities to receive proper health care. By becoming fluent in Spanish, she will work with immigrant populations to achieve an equitable healthcare system. Through her work with a community engagement and leadership program, she led a student group to work with elders and others in improving shelter, addressing food insecurity and health issues. Among the tasks was building ramps for homes of elders in the Yakima Nation Reservation. Her work in this field extended to San Francisco and Ashland.

One of her references indicated Olivia “... aspires to build more equitable communities so that all members of society might experience healthier and fuller lives mentally, emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually, thus promoting healthy aging.” Her letters of support are very enthusiastic. Olivia believes that a healthy aging process needs to begin early and she has demonstrated that in her works and goal setting. She was awarded an OSURA scholarship last year.

### **3. Denna Nour Alnasser**

Denna, from Mill City, Oregon, is a major in Public Health, focus in Health Promotion and Health Behavior, Pre-Dietetics with a minor in Psychology. She has excellent

grades, is fluent in Arabic, and earned excellent letters of recommendation. She plans to be a dietician to guide elders in kinds of food they should eat to be a healthier person and also wants to work in public health to implement programs that include prevention and treatment of diseases.

She has worked for the OSU-Oregon Health Authority Surge Bench for the past three years where she investigates COVID-19 cases, enters data and is a vaccine navigator. During high school she had an unpaid Oregon Connections Academy internship providing in home care for an elderly patient. She has many other volunteer activities. She is a member of several Public Health related associations and is Vice-President of the OSU Student Public Health Association. She was awarded an OSURA scholarship last year.

#### **4. Emily Bourne**

Emily is a sophomore from Corvallis, majoring in Kinesiology at Oregon State University. While compiling an exceptionally strong academic record, Emily also has engaged in a number of service activities. This diverse range of activities include volunteering at the Vina Moses Center, serving on and chairing the Student Athlete Advisory Committee at OSU, and volunteering at Camp Attitude (a program for special needs individuals).

Emily's letters of recommendation are highly supportive of her candidacy for this award. They remark on both her academic abilities and her character; she displays an infectious enthusiasm and a drive to succeed. Emily's career goal is to become an occupational therapist and, in her own words, "to educate individuals who are aging with the knowledge of how to keep themselves safe and their bodies healthy."

#### **5. Adeline Rang**

Adeline is an OSU major in both Agricultural sciences and International Studies from Sumner, Washington, with expected graduation in 2024. Her goal is to become a teacher of agriculture. She believes that working to improve the environment will make an impact on the health of people as they age. To this end she has performed service in the Future Farmers of America and in many other agricultural service organizations. Her list of work is diverse. It includes maintaining her own bee hives and working at OSU's Honey Bee lab, plus summer work as a farm hand in Kent and in Auburn, Washington over the past four years. She has served in the ASOSU Legislature, the Greek Council, and the Collegiate Farm Bureau.

The depth of Adeline's interest and commitment to learning is attested by her reference letters. One is from the Lab Manager at the Honey Bee Lab and the other from her adviser in the College of Agricultural Sciences, who wrote; "I feel very privileged to have been connected with Adie through the Leadership Academy -- I feel I get just as much as

I give in our relationship." , and this reference also pointed out that Adie has a business of her own. Another letter added to end of a very enthusiastic recommendation that Adie is also a very good farm truck driver.. Adeline was awarded an OSURA scholarship last year.

## **6. Duc (Bill) Hoy Le**

Duc is a junior major in the College of Business, with a major specialty in Supply Chain and Logistics Management. This is an unusual major for an applicant for a scholarship awarded from OSURA. However, Duc is an unusual applicant in that his first language is Vietnamese, and he is also a strong speaker and writer in English. His career has included international travel and studies. His goal is to apply to work with the United Nations World Food Program where he will volunteer "... in a foreign country to deliver food assistance, logistics, information technology, administration, and finance." He believes the WFP will allow him to experience challenges in an environment that is different from what he is accustomed to. In his application he mentioned that he has had years of study abroad and he has a desire to improve the quality of life for "as many individuals as possible." His fluency with Vietnamese and with English should help him reach his goals.

## **7. Skylar Anne Diteman**

Skylar is Nutrition major in the College of Public Health and Human Science with an option in Dietetics and a minor in Public Health. She has maintained a perfect GPA while taking difficult classes in math, chemistry and biology. She plans to obtain a Master's degree and take the Registered Dietician exam. She hopes to improve people's health through diet leading to healthy aging.

In addition to excelling academically, she has been involved in volunteer work such as working in a food pantry and leading small groups of participants on grocery tours to help them choose more healthful foods. As a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, she has worked in CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). She is the Public Relations Officer for the Nutrition and Dietetics Club at OSU. Skylar worked for several years taking a couple of courses a term at community colleges before starting at OSU. She maintained a perfect GPA at these institutions also.