

### **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 and is fluent in Arabic. She plans to be a dietician to guide elders in kinds of food they should eat to be a healthier person but also wants to work in public health to implement programs that include prevention and treatment of diseases.

She presently works for the OSU-Oregon Health Authority Surge Bench 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.

### **Caden Buck**

Caden is an OSU major in music whose goal is to produce music. He grew up in Albany and as a Senior in High School traveled to Europe to take part in an educational music tour. He has performed as a soloist and a chorister with the OSU Meistersingers and he is a member of the OSU Chamber Choir, which is OSU's top choral ensemble. Additionally, Caden works part-time.

His goal is to make and to produce music. As he is studying song writing, production, and aural engineering, he is learning the technology to produce music. He has had an internship with a professor who gave him experience running live sound for a church in Monmouth. As Caden wrote in his essay for the scholarship application, he hopes "to be able to provide music that will elevate people's mental health." Music, he wrote, can reduce stress, stimulate memories, and reduce pain. Caden is on track for graduation in 2024.

### **Timothy Drury**

Timothy is a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Sustainability through the College of Engineering and Agriculture. He is from Red Bluff, CA, with

outstanding grades in his courses. He plans to use technology to assist farming and livestock practices. This will make farmers more efficient so they can supply the public with more crops and livestock. This will give more people access to high quality food and in turn better their nutrition and health.

He is involved with many community activities. He participated in the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) his first year at OSU and was hired as a Beaver Connect/LSAMP Peer Mentor his second year. This involved leading a group of 60 incoming STEM students through their orientation to campus. This program prioritizes students of color, first generations students and students with high financial need. He was also selected as the Lead for the OSU Robotics Club.

### **Kayleana Green**

Kayleana is a second-year OSURA Scholarship Awardee from Coquille, OR. This fall she will be entering her fourth year at OSU. Her major is Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a Pre-Med Option. She has a career goal of obtaining a Doctorate of Neuroscience and increasing our understanding of brain functions.

She has an excellent academic record including significant involvement in undergraduate research. She also has commendable activities of leadership and volunteering.

Kayleana feels her chosen professional area has great potential for improving brain knowledge, brain health, overall health and quality of life. She feels increased knowledge of brain functions can provide substantial contributions to society and positively influence healthy aging where cognitive disorders presently have such negative impacts. For over two years she has been involved in a project of direct relevance to healthy aging where the overall goal of the project is to increase understanding of the circadian rhythm and how hormones as well as other factors can lead to improved sleep cycles and thus improved health.

## **Olivia Hulbert**

Olivia is a sophomore 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 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 community engagement and leadership program, in the Spring Term, 2022, she will lead a student group to the Yakima, Washington area to work with elders and others in improving shelter, addressing food insecurity and health issues. Among the tasks will be building ramps for homes of elders in the Yakima Nation Reservation.

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." Olivia believes that a healthy aging process needs to begin early and to that end she has demonstrated that in her works and goal setting.

## **Amanda Mellor**

Amanda is a junior from Corvallis majoring in BioHealth Science with the goal of becoming a physician assistant. She is an excellent student and serves as research coordinator in the lab of Dr. Siew Sun Wong. For this past year she has served as a PT aide in two Corvallis physical therapy clinics where she has worked with an older clientele. Her supervisor characterizes her as one who has the ability to establish genuine rapport with the aging population, understanding their needs and developing an important working relationship with them.

Amanda's goal is to focus her practice as a physical assistant on patient care that targets the root cause of problems which will lead to a much happier and healthier end of life for her patients. As she indicates in her application essay, "Aging is something that all those who get old will have to deal with. Although there is not much choice in the matter, getting old can be difficult when bodies start to age. By targeting the root of the patient's problems to prevent chronic conditions and encouraging active lifestyles, aging can again be made easy."

## **Matthew Morgan**

Matthew, from Sammamish, Washington, is superbly qualified for the OSURA Scholarship. A junior in Computer Science with top grades, Matthew performs, according to his faculty mentor, at the level of a PhD graduate student. In fact, MS students seek his help.

Matthew is involved in an astounding variety of volunteer efforts, including designing and co-founding a website to enable senior women to learn golf and stay connected with partners (he is the CTO of this operation, currently implemented in Arizona and Washington), designing an autonomous camera and AI system for a hospital in Central Oregon to detect seniors' problems maintaining their compliance with dietary plans, working outreach in Portland to help with homelessness, and soon to become involved in designing software for the new venture Motional, to control self-driving taxis for older folks who can no longer drive themselves. He has participated in several internships and undergraduate research. His letters of recommendation are detailed, extensive, enthusiastic, and mention some of his contributions which he himself neglected to include in his essay.

## **Adeline Rang**

Adeline is an OSU major in Agricultural sciences from Sumner, Washington, with expected graduation in 2024. Her goal is to become a teacher. 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, in 2019 and 2018.

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."

## **Anusha Vasudevan**

Anusha, from Corvallis, will be entering her third year at OSU in fall of 2022-23. 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.

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 clinics at Community Outreach and Albany InReach Services, she is illustrating her passion for helping patients receive quality and equitable care to lead healthy lives. She has also gained valuable insights with relevance to healthy living through undergraduate research in the field of nutritional epidemiology.