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**INTERNATIONAL SECURITY &
CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
CLASS OF 2021/2022**

**VIEJAS ARENA
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**

2022 ISCOR GRADUATES

Abby Therese Arcillas Alano

Birthplace or Hometown: Zamboanga City, Philippines

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Double major: Language, Culture, and Society

Minor(s): Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Minor

Languages: beginner Arabic and Korean; intermediate Spanish and Tagalog

Graduate school/career plans: Master's in Peace & Justice + Peace Corps!

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: I really loved the simulations I did in Greb's class (ISCOR 200 + ISCOR 320). They really helped solidify my understanding of the motivations of each country (and other actors) represented in the simulation. Plus, it was a good way to socialize on Zoom with my classmates!

Makani Isabel Ash

Birthplace or Hometown: Oxnard, CA

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Double major: Linguistics

Minor(s): (1) Psychology; (2) Islamic and Arabic Studies; (3) *Also receiving the TESL Basic Certificate*

Graduate school/career plans: I will be teaching at the Institute of Reading Development this summer. I am currently starting the Fulbright process in hopes of attending graduate school abroad in fall 2023, to study something in the field of Peace and Conflict Studies or Diplomacy.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: My very first semester at SDSU I went with the ISCOR Student Society to visit the Nevada National Security Site, and it was an amazing experience.

Gener Bantog Abdon

Birthplace or Hometown: San Diego, California, United States

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor(s): Leadership Development and French

Study abroad experience(s): Latin American Studies (LATAM) 320: Culture & Society of Tijuana: My class was in Tijuana mostly every Tuesday night.

Internship(s): Office of Energy & Sustainability: Sustainability Data Analyst & Project Manager Student Intern. San Diego Audubon Society Advocacy Trainee.

Languages: French

Graduate school/career plans: One day at a time!

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:

My most memorable experience as an ISCOR major is taking ISCOR 324: Politics of Global Resistance & Solidarity. I learned about resistance to global neoliberal food production such as food sovereignty. This has made me think about humans' basic needs and what it would take for marginalized communities around the world to live a better life.

Samuel Baeza

Birthplace or Hometown: Santa Rosa, California

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Double major: Political Science

Study abroad experience(s): Israel Birthright Summer 2019

Internship(s): Scott Peters Congressional Campaign

Graduate school/career plans: I plan to move abroad in the coming year to work in the international humanitarian aid/development industry. Ideally, I'll be working out of Western Europe to do field work in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: My most memorable experience was finding the ISCOR major when applying for colleges and realizing it was perfect for me. My favorite class that I took was National Security Policy with ISCOR Director Dr. V.

Nicole Balamoti

Birthplace or Hometown: Prague, Czech Republic

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Study abroad experience(s): International Student

Languages: Czech, Greek, Spanish, English

Graduate school/career plans: Return to Europe and work for a nonprofit helping to mitigate the refugee crisis.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Simulations of international issues and policy.

Osman Barud

Birthplace or Hometown: Somalia

Major area of emphasis: Environment & Security

Languages: Somali, English, Kiswahili

Graduate school/career plans: I was accepted to Brandeis University and managed to secure a 100 percent tuition scholarship. I was admitted with a dual master's degree in Sustainable International Development and Conflict Resolution and Coexistence. This coming fall 2022, I'll be going to Boston to continue with my academic journey.

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Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:

Dr. Greb's simulations were the most memorable experience for me. One of the most difficult responsibilities was representing countries and organizations in efforts to resolve major global problems. The issue of Ukraine and Russia was a particularly remarkable event for us. Our mission was to find a diplomatic solution to the problem. Despite the fact that it took us several days, we eventually came up with a win-win solution. When Russia recently invaded Ukraine, I wondered, "What is Putin up to?" I was under the impression that we had resolved the issue and reached an amicable agreement! Jokes aside, there is reason to be optimistic about the future of our world. My ISCOR classmates came from all across the world, and I believe they will one day be policymakers in their own countries. When that day comes, we'll gather again to represent our respective countries and solve problems, but this time in reality rather than simulations. In the meantime, let's keep our fingers crossed!

Patrick DalCerro

Birthplace or Hometown: Chino Valley, Arizona

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor(s): Leadership Studies (AFROTC)

Languages: Persian-Farsi

Graduate school/career plans: USAF Intelligence Officer

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:

The major as a whole is an incredible experience. No other schooling that I have been through compares to the broad yet unique understanding of world relations, cultures, and politics—or the potential for change that ISCOR classes provide.

Tracy Dankberg

Birthplace or Hometown: Kirkland, Washington

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Minor(s): Certificates: Peace Corp Prep - Education & Human Rights

Internship(s): United Nations Association - San Diego Chapter

Languages: Russian

Graduate school/career plans: Law School with plans to become a Judge

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:

Being able to find the discord of my passion of equal international rights.

Emily Katherine Davis

Birthplace or Hometown: Laytonville, California

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Languages: English and Spanish

Graduate school/career plans: I will be commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps on May 27, 2022.

Jordi De La Vega

Birthplace or Hometown: San Diego, CA

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor(s): Spanish

Languages: English and Spanish

Graduate school/career plans: Job opportunity in Homeland Security

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:

Simulations during Professor Greb's classes

Marla Gallegos

Birthplace or Hometown: Red Bluff, CA

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Languages: English and Spanish

Graduate school/career plans: After graduating I plan to work at a local nonprofit organization that helps immigrants and asylees become integrated into their new lives or apply to US State Department jobs.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:

My most memorable experience as an ISCOR major was learning about world conflicts as they were occurring. I got a better understanding of global issues and became motivated to get involved and informed about important world events.

Perla Crystal Echeverria

Birthplace or Hometown: San Diego, CA

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Double major: Social Work

Minor(s): Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies

Study abroad experience(s): Yonsei University Mirae Campus, concentration in International Relations; US-UK Fulbright: Summer Institute: Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland; Programme: Education for Transformation

Internship(s): Global Village Program, South Korea:

English mentor for college students at Yonsei

University; International Rescue Committee Safety and Wellness Team- BSW Intern

Graduate school/career plans: Fulbright ETA in South Korea 2023

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Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:
My most memorable experience as an ISCOR major was being able to take courses offered by such passionate professors who were inclusive of multiple ideological and cultural perspectives. Their passion fueled me to seek out my own experiences abroad in both Northern Ireland and South Korea to learn more about peace and conflict resolution first hand.

David Anthony Gamble II

Birthplace or Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System
Minor(s): Leadership Development; Human Rights Certificate
Internship(s): Associated Students Chief of Staff
Languages: French
Graduate school/career plans: Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:
Finding the ISCOR major as a first-year freshman. ISCOR 200 not only convinced me to change my major but also the trajectory of my future. Thank you Dr. Greb for your inspiration and sense of community.

Edwin Hernandez Armenta

Birthplace or Hometown: San Diego, CA
Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System
Study abroad experience(s): Unable to do because of COVID-19
Internship(s): Michelson Foundation (OER) / Calbright College (Accreditation)
Languages: Spanish
Graduate school/career plans: Get Masters and PhD and eventually work in the Department of State. At the moment working in the District Attorney's Office - Economic Crimes Division at the Hall of Justice
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:
Surfing and Sailing Classes were super fun. Also, going to events and meeting new people from all over the world was amazing.

Owen David Hitchcock

Birthplace or Hometown: Pleasanton, CA
Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution
Study abroad experience(s): Estonia/Russia/Sweden Winter Program 2019/20
Languages: French
Graduate school/career plans: I will be commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps on May 27,

2022, heading to Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, in October.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:
Celebrating New Year's on a cruise ship from Estonia to Sweden in the middle of the Baltic Sea during our study abroad trip.

Jessica Hofmann

Birthplace or Hometown: Hauptstuhl, Germany
Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System
Study abroad experience(s): Unfortunately none, due to the pandemic; was planning to attend Dr. Greb's study abroad program in Estonia in winter 2020/21
Languages: German
Graduate school/career plans: Either pursue a Masters in German and European Studies within the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University or take a year off to save some money and study for the LSAT, followed by applying to different law schools across the US.
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:
Taking on the position of President of the ISCOR Student Society after almost everyone from the previous executive board graduated and building it back up with the help of some amazing executive officers. I was able to serve in this role for two consecutive years, cumulating in ISCOR's First Annual Gala, an event attended by not only the founding faculty members of ISCOR but many alumni and faculty members of other SDSU departments, such as history and political science.

Natalie Johnson

Birthplace or Hometown: Grass Valley, CA
Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System
Internship(s): Refugee Resettlement Program at Alliance for African Assistance
Graduate school/career plans: Work in a nonprofit organization in Northern California
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major:
The simulations that allowed us to immerse ourselves in the negotiating interests and role playing of countries, international institutions, and civil society groups, which expanded our ways of thinking.

Maryana Khames

Birthplace or Hometown: Baghdad, Iraq
Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution
Internship(s): Partners in College Success (PiCS)- helping refugees from East County to apply and attend

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higher education institutions; intern at HP, Policy in Cybersecurity Intern at XQ MSG

Languages: Arabic, Chaldean

Graduate school/career plans: I will begin working at Qualcomm as a legal analyst. In the long run, I'm planning to go to law school.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: I think my most memorable experience as an ISCOR major was the simulation project at the end of my Junior year, where students were put into groups based on assigned delegations in Dr. Greb's class. I learned many great things about debating, compromising, and meeting people half-way. It was a wonderful experience!

Allison Kim

Birthplace or Hometown: Sacramento, California

Major area of emphasis: Environment & Security

Minor(s): Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Study abroad experience(s): Was not able to participate due to COVID-19

Internship(s): Campaign Intern at Brynne Kennedy for Congress; Community Engagement Intern at the International Rescue Committee; Development Intern at One Digital World

Languages: English, Korean, Spanish

Graduate school/career plans: Pursuing an M.S. in Public Relations at Boston University in fall 2022

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Participating in group debates and class simulations, explaining to people what ISCOR stands for, and learning about different issues from ecosocialism to gender-based violence and national security policy.

Alexia Susan Landry

Birthplace or Hometown: Dracut, Massachusetts

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Double major: Criminal Justice

Study abroad experience(s): University of Oxford

Internship(s): Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (Human Trafficking)

Graduate school/career plans: Queen Mary University

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Assisting with Prof. Greb's classes.

Amanda Lindsey

Birthplace or Hometown: Napa, CA

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Graduate school/career plans: I am currently working as a paralegal. I plan to attend law school in fall 2023, to pursue a career in international human rights law.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Being involved in the ISCOR Student Society!

Owen Madaus

Birthplace or Hometown: Hollister, CA

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor(s): Human Rights Certificate and Peace Corps Prep Program

Internship(s): California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG)

Languages: Spanish

Graduate school/career plans: Intending to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Eswatini

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Representing the Marxist perspective in a climate change simulation.

Madison Mayne

Birthplace or Hometown: San Jose, CA

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor(s): Economics

Internship(s): Southern Sudanese Community Center

Graduate school/career plans: Traveling and volunteering abroad

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Getting to pick and focus my classes on things that interested me, such as Human Trafficking in Europe, Natural Disasters, and Political Violence. These classes (and others) helped shape my career path and made going to college an amazing experience.

Thelonious Maxwell Moore

Birthplace or Hometown: Newton, Massachusetts

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Study abroad experience(s): Junior year at University of Haifa in Israel

Internship(s): District Office of Congresswoman Sara Jacobs of CA-53

Languages: Arabic

Graduate school/career plans: Foreign Policy legislative aide and/or Foreign Service Officer

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Visiting a nuclear testing site (the Nevada National Security Site) and Las Vegas with the ISCOR Student Society during my sophomore year.

Cummings Hornsby Nelson

Birthplace or Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

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Study abroad experience(s): ISEP Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona, Spain
Graduate school/career plans: UC Irvine Law School
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Studying abroad

Daniela Narvaez

Birthplace or Hometown: Guatemala City, Guatemala
Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution
Minor(s): Spanish
Internship(s): San Diego Diplomacy Council
Languages: Spanish
Graduate school/career plans: I plan to work as a coordinator for STEM students at the Women's Resource Center at SDSU after graduation!
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: My most memorable experience as an ISCOR major was being able to participate in the simulation with my classmates in ISCOR 200 with professor Greb, for my very first semester at SDSU.

Adam David Pacheco

Birthplace or Hometown: Sacramento, CA
Major area of emphasis: Environment & Security
Double major: Political Science
Study abroad experience(s): Mundt Peace Fellowship in Amman, Jordan
Internship(s): National Center for Research and Development
Graduate school/career plans: Working gap year (current junior paralegal), then Law school
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Interacting with global issues via class simulations.

Hannah Peeters

Birthplace or Hometown: Munich, Germany
Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution
Minor(s): Interdisciplinary Studies
Study abroad experience(s): Amsterdam in fall 2020
Internship(s): Yazidi Legal Network in Amsterdam and remote
Languages: English, German, Dutch
Graduate school/career plans: Attending University of Amsterdam in fall 2022, to complete a Masters in International Relations
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Participating in simulation projects which allowed us to apply our theoretical knowledge in practical situations and also having incredible guest speakers, such as

Francesco Bellina, who talked about the conflict and human rights violations in Nigeria and Central Africa.

Abraham Quintana

Birthplace or Hometown: Sacramento, CA
Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System
Minor(s): Spanish
Languages: Spanish/English
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Simulations among groups, and having the most caring and supportive professors anyone could ask for.

Kimberly Quintana

Birthplace or Hometown: San Diego, CA.
Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution
Study abroad experience(s): LATAM 550: Mexico-US Border Latin American Perspective
Languages: Spanish and Arabic
Graduate school/career plans: Law Enforcement-LAPD
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Simulations

John Joseph Sheley

Birthplace or Hometown: Savannah, Georgia
Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System
Study abroad experience(s): One semester at the University of Maastricht in Maastricht, Netherlands
Languages: Spanish
Graduate school/career plans: Nothing in stone, but I hope to attend graduate school and find work in NGOs relating to refugees.
Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: The ISCOR Student Society, creating events and sharing many experiences with our board members and faculty members.

Megan Soares

Birthplace or Hometown: Auburn, CA
Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution
Minor(s): Leadership
Internship(s): Humanitarian Operations intern at Millie's Bookshelf; External Outreach intern at United Nations Association, San Diego; Legal Analyst at Tactical Rabbit
Graduate school/career plans: Taking a gap year before attending graduate school

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Tyler An Trieu

Birthplace or Hometown: San Diego California, United States of America

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Languages: French

Graduate school/career plans: Analyst within an agency under the Defense Department

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Simulations were a memorable experience for me as they force you to work and collaborate with your peers within and outside your groups. They also force you to consider the perspectives of the real life equivalents to at least gain some kind of understanding for their rationales, which is different than the American perspective we are constantly focused on.

Ike Robert Sugitani

Birthplace or Hometown: Pleasant Hill, Oregon

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Study abroad experience(s): Quito, Ecuador, Volunteer Program Winter 2021

Internship(s): Southern Sudanese Community Center

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Participating in Simulations/Debates

Zachary Joseph Urbine

Birthplace or Hometown: Annapolis, Maryland

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Languages: Russian

Graduate school/career plans: Graduated in December and went to Army Basic Training on January 4, 2022. Completed basic training and am now in Advanced Individual Training for my Military Occupational Specialty code 11X, Infantry Soldier due to graduate on June 24, 2022. I aspire to become a Special Forces Soldier specializing in intelligence.

Adam Dennis Wingett

Birthplace or Hometown: Okinawa, Japan

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Internship(s): UBS Financial

Languages: Greek, English

Graduate school/career plans: Technology, finance industry

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: Study groups outside Oggi's

Denisse Vera Romo

Birthplace or Hometown: Chula Vista, California

Major area of emphasis: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Double major: Political Science

Study abroad experience(s): Because of Covid, I was not able to study abroad, but I did take a great course in the city of Tijuana

Languages: Spanish (Native-speaker)

Graduate school/career plans: After graduating from SDSU, my plans are very set on going to law school. My next immediate goal is to take the LSAT and start applying.

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: ISCOR is a wonderful major that allowed me to expand my interests and learn from various cultures and perspectives. One of my best memories was writing my thesis with the help of Professor O'Brien and winning the Dean's Award in the Student Research Symposium. Although it was a very strenuous time for me, I had never felt so supported by my friends and ISCOR faculty. I always felt encouraged to strive to do better and get involved as much as possible. In addition, I was able to become the Vice-President of the ISCOR Student Society, where I've made lifelong friends and developed a closer relationship with the faculty. Building networking connections with SDSU alumni and meeting with professors weekly helped me organize my future career path. Also, my role as president of the Political Science Student organization allowed me to create ties between my two majors. I was very happy that we could collaborate in some of our meetings! All in all, I believe that I will forever hold a very fond memory of ISCOR as an outlet for me to branch out and explore my interests in a way only this major would allow.

Jack Charles Yerem

Birthplace or Hometown: Canyon Country, CA

Major area of emphasis: Justice in the Global System

Minor(s): Interdisciplinary Studies

Study abroad experience(s): Panama

Internship(s): The Counterterrorism Group (CTG)

Languages: Spanish

Graduate school/career plans: Going into Army Intelligence

Your most memorable experience as an ISCOR major: The ISCOR 200 simulation