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Master of Advanced Studies in International Affairs



The most important six inches on the battlefield is between your ears. - General James Mattis, United States Marine Corps

Sean Alexander

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Keep all three of mind, strength, and heart, and you will be complete, outstanding from others.

- Abai Qunanbaiuly, Kazakh Poet.

Shynar Baitukina

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Daniel Beebe

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Everything happens so much -@horse_ebooks

Anjali Bhatt

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Dean Black

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Philip DeFord

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To fly as fast as thought, you must begin by knowing that you have already arrived. - Richard Bach, Johnathon Livingston Seagull

Gantuya Larkins

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Thank You God, Jazmin, Adonis, AJ, and family for all your support and patience

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Woojong Lee

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Omar Sebastian Ortiz

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Yuhei Ota

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“A mis padres con amor. A lifelong journey, moving to a new chapter in life setting new goals and dreams.”

Francisco Javier Palomo

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Thomas Phillips

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Christy, thank you for being so incredible during the past two years. Mom, I hope you dance...

Robert Anthony Quihuis IV

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Evan Richards

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Damarias Russell

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As I reflect on my academic journey that began in 2022. It reminds me the values of consistency and hard work that led me to this incredible end. I'm immensely grateful to my family for their unwavering support and encouragement. Thank you for being integral to my success.

Sonny Safee

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Jakob Kendall Schwam

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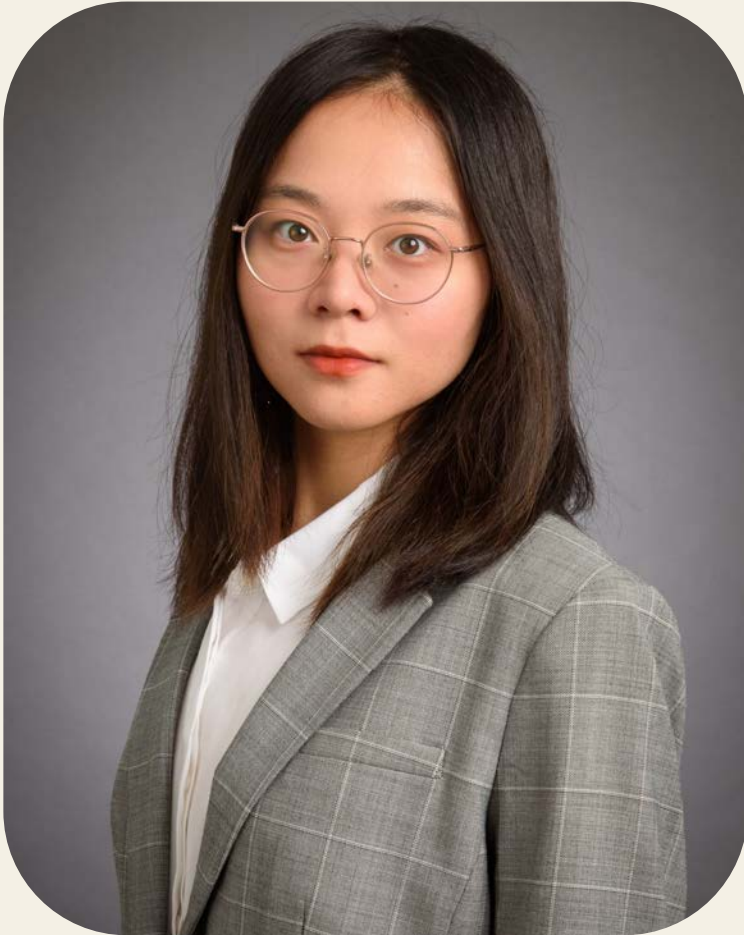
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Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs



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Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.
– Albert Camus

Zhuohan Fang

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We were born from the stars, and we will return to the stars

Michelle Lai

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李中强 Zhongqiang Li

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To my mom and dad, I cannot thank you enough for your guidance and support. To the friends I've made at GPS, thank you for shepherding this awkward near-30-year-old through my range of faux pas. To my professors—and in particular to Sam Bazzi, Barry Naughton, Victor Shih, and Craig McIntosh—I do not yet know how to put into words what a difference you have made in how I make sense of the world.

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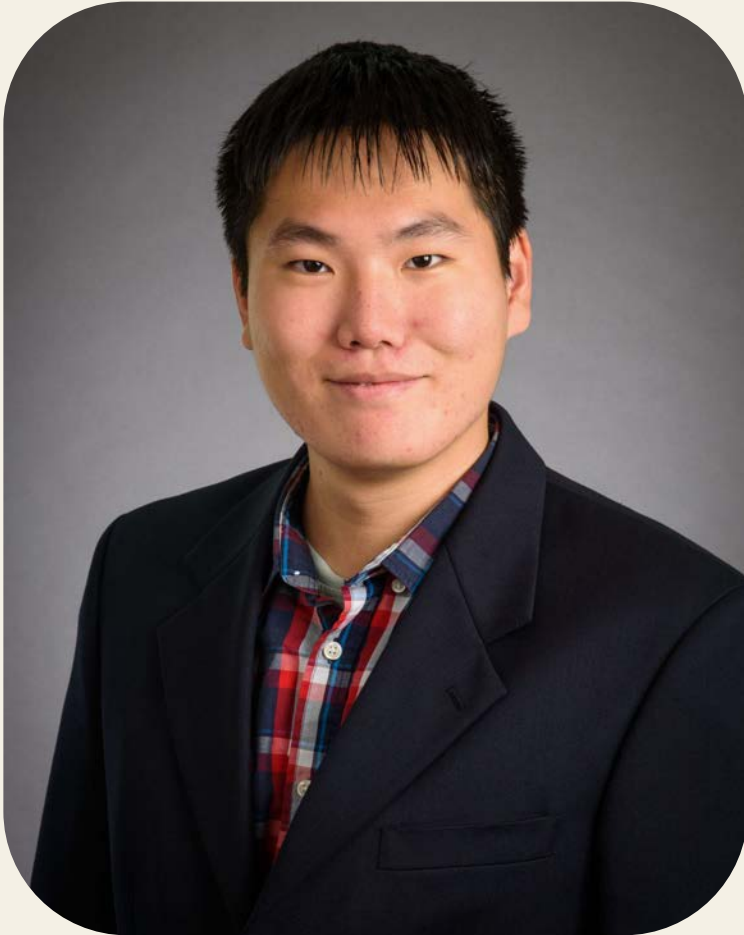
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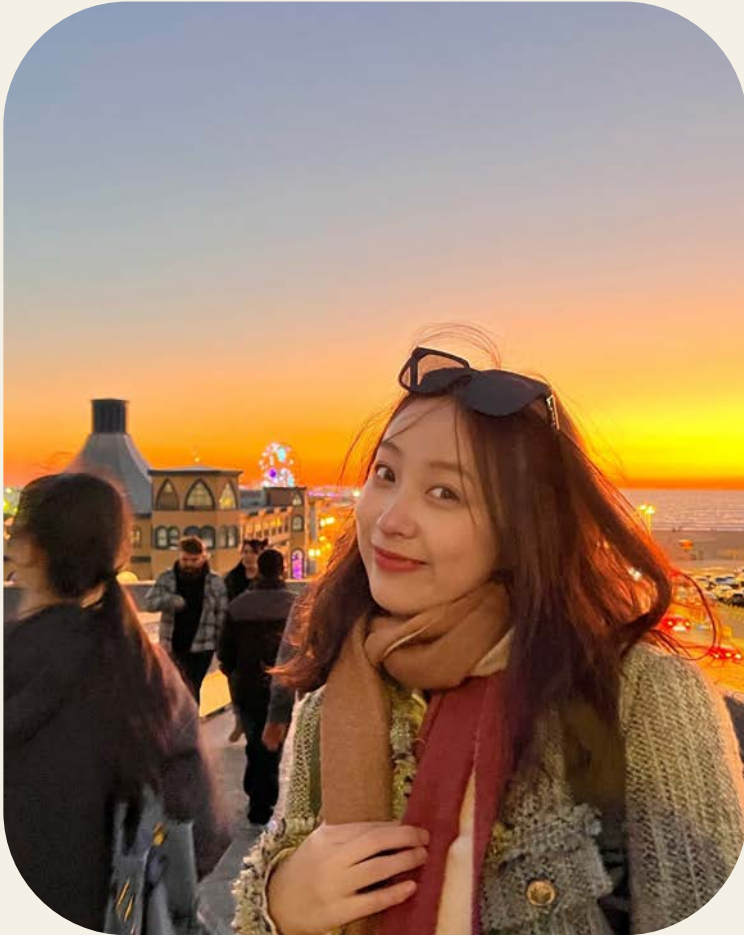
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I am very grateful for the support of my family and friends, which gives me the courage and confidence to face every new challenge in life. I also thank myself in the past two years, becoming more courageous, determined, and strong time after time. Through hardships to the stars. I will always remember what it felt like to fall apart, bounce back, and improve. The memories will end here, and I will cherish them forever. Every end has a new beginning. Let's keep embracing the new life.

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"ChatGPT wrote it, or did I? As you ponder this quote, you become its author too. Welcome to the fourth dimension of writing."

- ChatGPT 4.0

Putra Farrel Azhar

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"Magic happens when you don't give up. The universe always falls in love with a stubborn heart." - J.M. Storm

Mounisha Balasubramanian

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Skylar Belden

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Beyond grateful to the friends and family who have supported me throughout this incredible journey. I love you all and I would not be where I am today without you.

Ray Andrew Berman-Schneider

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Cats, basking in the sun, savoring the taste of orange-infused beer, and the embrace of love have enriched my life immeasurably.

Yutong Bo

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*Don't try to be all clever, cute, or even sly
Don't have to work that hard
Just be yourself and let that be your guide*

Alex Bogisich

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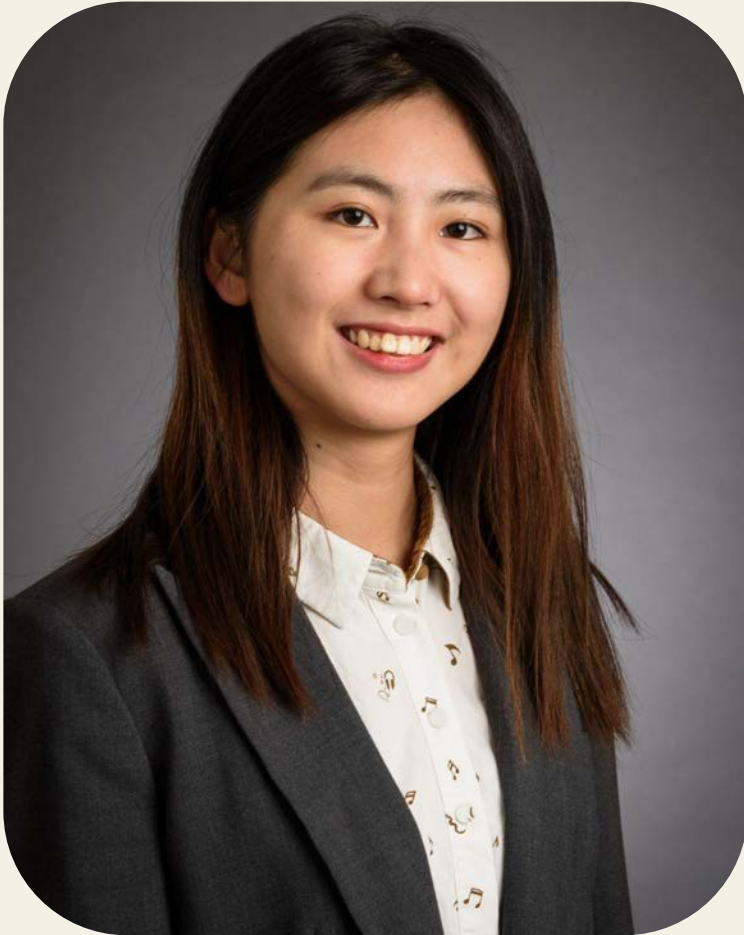
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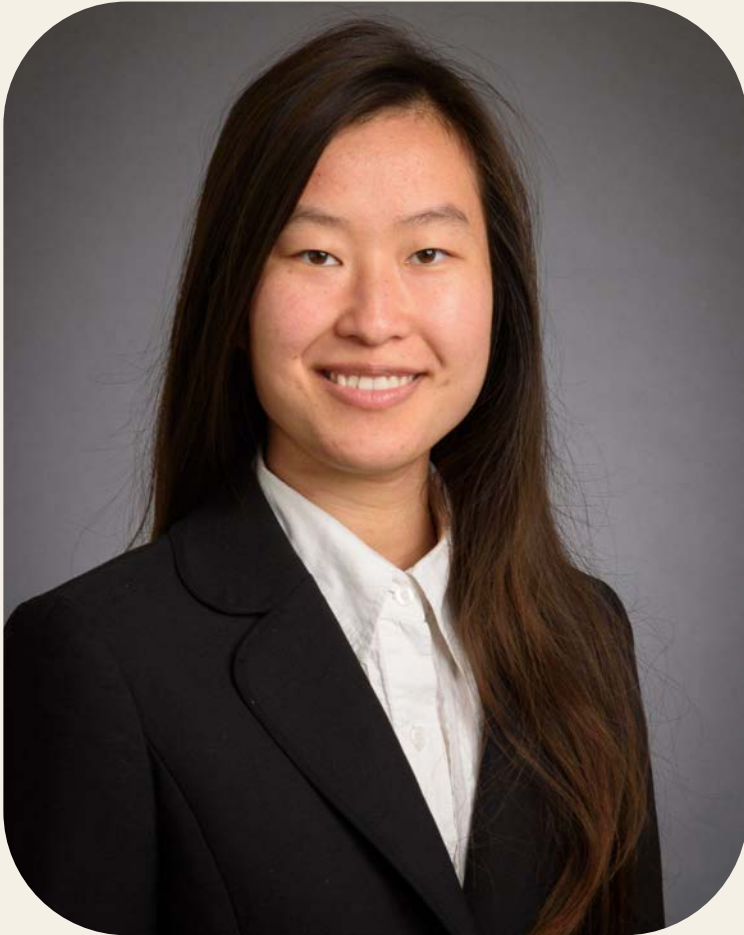
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If you're good at something, never do it for free.
- Joker, The Dark Knight

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Samuel Crolla

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'As we step into the future, let us carry the lessons learned and the memories cherished, for they shape the foundation of our journey ahead.' - Unknown - ChatGPT

Jeremy Cronig

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Thanks, bye.

Christopher Cuevas

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The squeaky wheel gets the oil

Alexander Curry

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Cyrus Dettle

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Dephny C Duan

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To my parents, Sophia, Salim, family, and chosen family, there are not enough days in a lifetime for me to thank all of you for the life you've given me. How did I get so lucky?

Lauryn Edwards

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Alperen Efeoglu

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Anna Enkhtur

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"Life's just one big deadline, and I've become the ultimate time-juggling maestro. Between classes, work, and extracurriculars, I've mastered the art of squeezing every second for all it's worth. They say time waits for no one, but with my schedule, it's practically running laps around me. Here's to the thrill of deadlines and the adrenaline rush of getting it all done – because who needs sleep when you've got ambition!"

Nima Esfandiari

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Danielle Hannah Eve Groper

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Good news - I've graduated!
Bad news - My boss still requires presentations in work.

Kevin Guo

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McKenzie Hartman

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Move well, study well, play well, eat well, rest well - That is the turtle master way!'——Akira Toriyama

Taylor He

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Ashley Hernandez

BA-MIA



Like everyone else, you want to learn the way to win, but never to accept the way to lose. To accept defeat, to learn to die is to be liberated from it. So when tomorrow comes, you must free your ambitious mind, and learn the art of dying. - Bruce Lee

Guanhao (Edison) Hu

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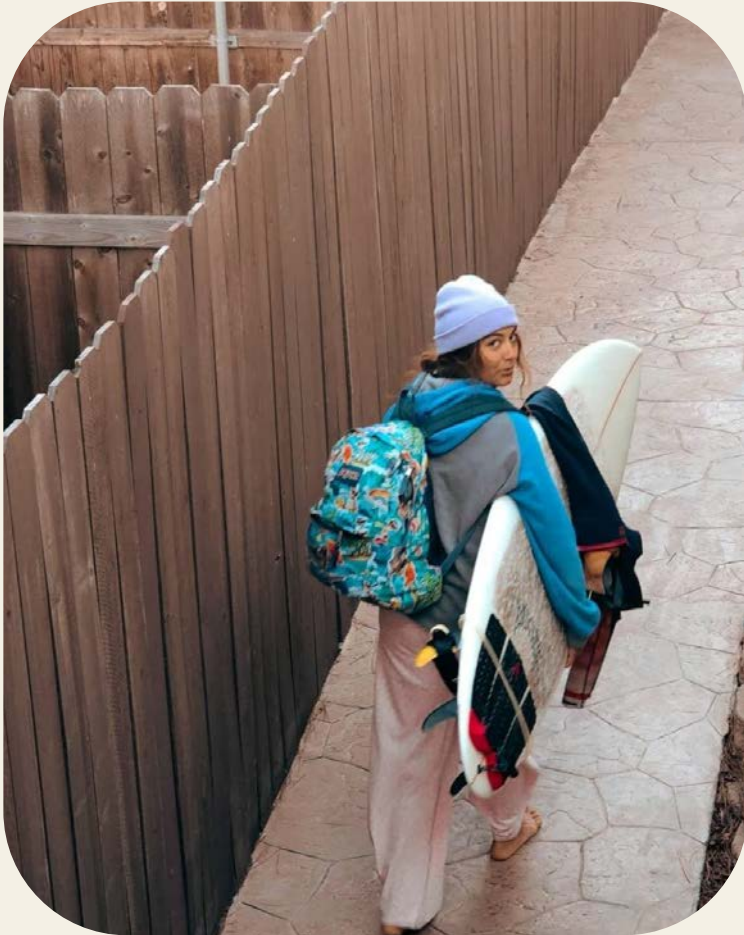


Never feel ashamed of my efforts, always remember the passion I have now. Love those who love me, cherish family, treasure every person and every moment. Stay true to myself and go with the flow.

“You’re on your own, kid. You always have been.” -Taylor Swift

Zhenyang Hu

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Gracias al Jefe, La Dura, hermanitos, tephie, sunshine, & the mother provider ocean <3

Paula Jaramillo

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Yongsun Jin

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*Thank you to family, friends, and all I've met along the way!
Grateful for all the challenges and opportunities at GPS; looking
forward to future adventures!*

Gloria Kalt

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Matthew Kazdan

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"I haven't really slept properly in about eight days." - Tom Wambsgans

I would like to thank Red Bull for keeping me awake, both the energy drink and the F1 team.

Mary Khachatourian

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Upon this auspicious rise of new morn, my spirit doth overflow with fondness and solemn thanks. To mine own kin, whose love hath been both shield and harbour; to companions, whose mirth hath filled my days with laughter as sweet as nectar; to my mentors, under whose guidance I have navigated the vast seas of knowledge.

Tianning (Tini) Lan

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Thank you to my family for the last two years of support, to my friends both at home and at GPS for being unwavering in their love and to many here, a reminder.

Proverbs 6:16-19

Taysia Fu-Jan Leung

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Sarah Lewis

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Alex Li

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Boyue (Harry) Liu

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*"If you don't take risks, you can't create a future" Monkey D. Luffy,
One Piece*

Josephine Lowery

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Henry Mo

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“Your education has prepared you for what lies ahead.” — Conan O’Brien

Anushka Mokta

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I will forever cherish the time I spent at GPS. Special thank you to my family, my partner, and my best friends for supporting me during this chapter, I can't wait to see what is next <3

Angela Rose Molina

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Without your contribution, this could never be possible. Thank you, dear my wife.

Hiroshi Muroi

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Shake the dice and steal the rice - Paris is burning

Elliot Nguyen

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Stephanie Orosz

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Remember ladies, if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.-Wise Man, Sucker Punch

Fernanda Padilla

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Patrick Perrin

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Thanks everyone who has gone through this adventure with me! It has been a blessing to meet all of you!

Nam Pham

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Thank you to everyone in the GPS program, go Tritons!

Evan Pizzurro

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Pavan Raghavendra R. M. V

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Hyeong Cheol Ro

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Adam Rosario

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Junna Saito

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"Balance" - Kris

Thank you to my family, lovely "chaotic good" friends (who are essentially family), numerous supporters...and to my naysayers as well, because a life without challenges isn't interesting or fun :)

Megha Sanjay

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Riley Sutton

BA-MIA



Kentaro Tahara

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Wei-Hsin Tang

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Studying at GPS has been an extraordinary journey for me. It's opened up new worlds beyond my professional boundaries, thanks to an inspiring and dynamic environment crafted by our professors and the school itself. Here, I've found lifelong friends with whom I've shared countless study sessions, unforgettable birthday celebrations, and exhilarating parties. I cherish these memories and hope our bonds remain strong. This community will always have a special place in my heart.

Anastasiya Uspenskaya

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kynedi Verrett

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"Just you wait" - Hamilton

Calynn Yanji Wang

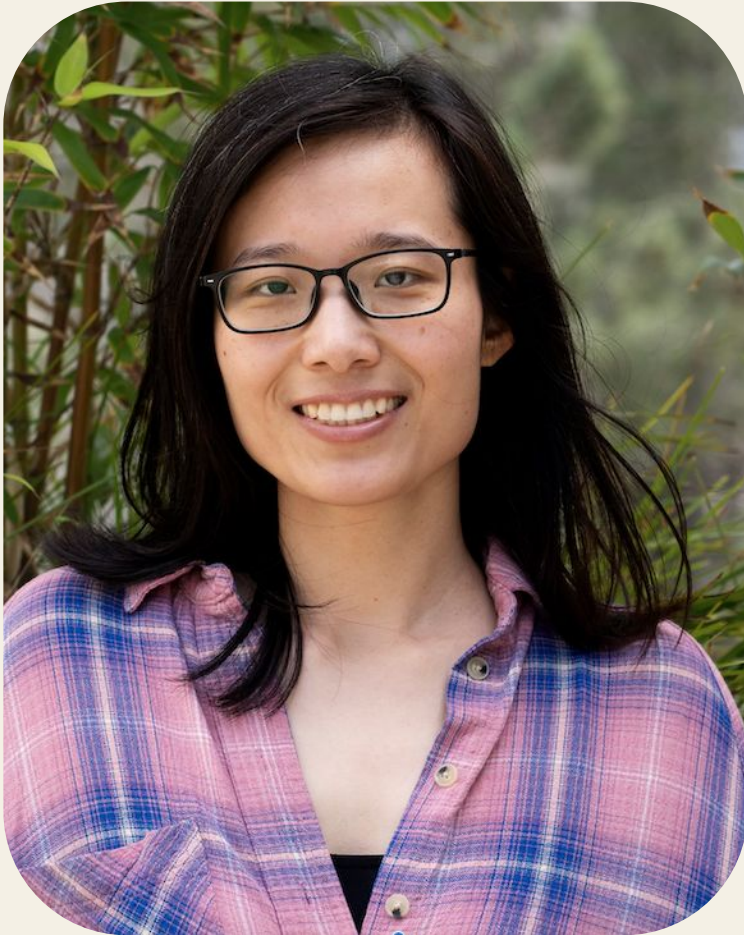
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It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves. — William Shakespeare

Xuan Wang

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I am deeply grateful for the incredible individuals I've encountered at GPS; your kindness and support have been indispensable on my journey. To my friends who stood by me during my UCSD undergraduate years and continue to do so throughout my graduate studies, your unwavering support means the world to me. I count myself fortunate to have such a strong network of friends and connections. As I embark on the next chapter, I'm filled with excitement for what lies ahead, both for myself and my classmates. The future is indeed bright!

Yelaine Wang

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*Dear family and professors,
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And to my professors, thanks for all the wisdom, for putting up with my endless
questions, and for guiding me through this adventure of learning. Your patience
and knowledge have been key in getting me to this point.
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way. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

Yifei Wang

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Nick Watson

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Henry Ziyi Wong

BA-MIA



People say you should never meet your heroes, but Taylor He met me in 2022

Kimothy Wong

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Thanks for all the help and support!

Akshay Yeddapanudi

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What is central limit theorem? -Professor Teevrat Garg

Qing Yin

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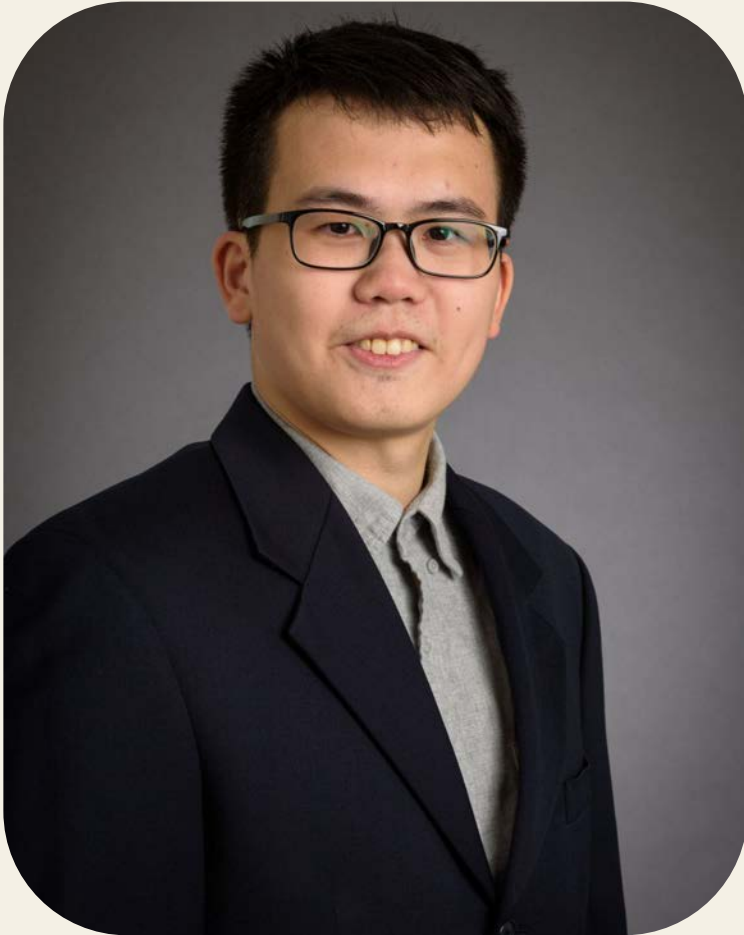


Thank you all for supporting me and being a part of my life. Here's a quote that fit what I learnt from GPS:

"Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise; seek what they sought."-Matsuo Bashō

Ye Yuan

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Genghua Zhuang

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“The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction.” - Rachel Carson

Amanda Pinilla Appel

MPP



Thank you hooyo and aabe for all you have done for me. Aad baad u mahadsan tihiin!

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Warsan Artan

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Anne Charles

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Made it alive to graduation. Can't believe it.

Wenxin Chen

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Kay Chen

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Arturo Chiquito

MPP



Harrison Cho

BA-MPP



*"What is the Charge? Eating a Meal? A Succulent Chinese Meal?" -
Jack Karlson*

Jordan Chu

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"May we all overcome adversity and reach the stars"

Yihan Duan

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"Mom, look, I finally got my cap and gown photo!"

Fedor Dukhnovskii

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Grateful to be graduating with such amazing friends, scholars and changemakers. Thanks to my family, friends and our amazing teachers for supporting us in our journey. Onwards!

Mir Muhtadi Faiaz

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*"To study public policy is to acknowledge that we can't all be cynics. As Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah wrote:
"Remember that just because something is, doesn't mean it can't change, and just because you haven't seen something before, that doesn't mean it's impossible."*

Alberto I. Fragoso

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You don't need to be intelligent; you don't need to be smart; you don't need to have a certain weight; you don't need to have any other kind of advantage and yet you can be a leader. Now, I have joined a new team and my goal is clear. To inspire the leaders in this next generation to fight for love, not money, not fame, not success, but to fight for love.

Ray Lewis

Daniel Jefte Garcia Gomar

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Shake the world in a gentle way.

Yuxin Guo

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GPS has offered me so much more than I expected. Beyond the academic perspective, I learned about global cultures and realities, enriching my understanding of the world. The program has also made me more confident to navigate my professional journey and enabled my career transition. Moreover, the community at GPS, including my friends, has become the closest bond to a family I have in the U.S., and for that, I am forever grateful.

Tamara Handfas

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Emily Louise Harris

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Thank you to my family and friends for supporting me

Salvador Hernandez Jr.

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Today marks not just the culmination of our hard work and learning but the beginning of a journey where we carry forward the legacy of excellence, armed with knowledge, compassion, and the courage to make a difference in the world.

Junyi Hua

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As we reach the end of this journey, I'm overflowing with gratitude for the incredible people who've supported me. To my partner Leslie, my amazing friends and cherished study group, and my loving family—your unwavering support has meant everything. While there are too many names to list, each of you has left an indelible mark on my journey. It really takes a village and together, you've formed the village that's made all the difference. Let's carry this spirit forward as we strive to make the world of policy a better place for all. Thank you for being part of my story.

Jocelyn Huitron Gutierrez

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Karlo Imper-Vuletic

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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

Marzhan Ismailova

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Yoshitake Ito

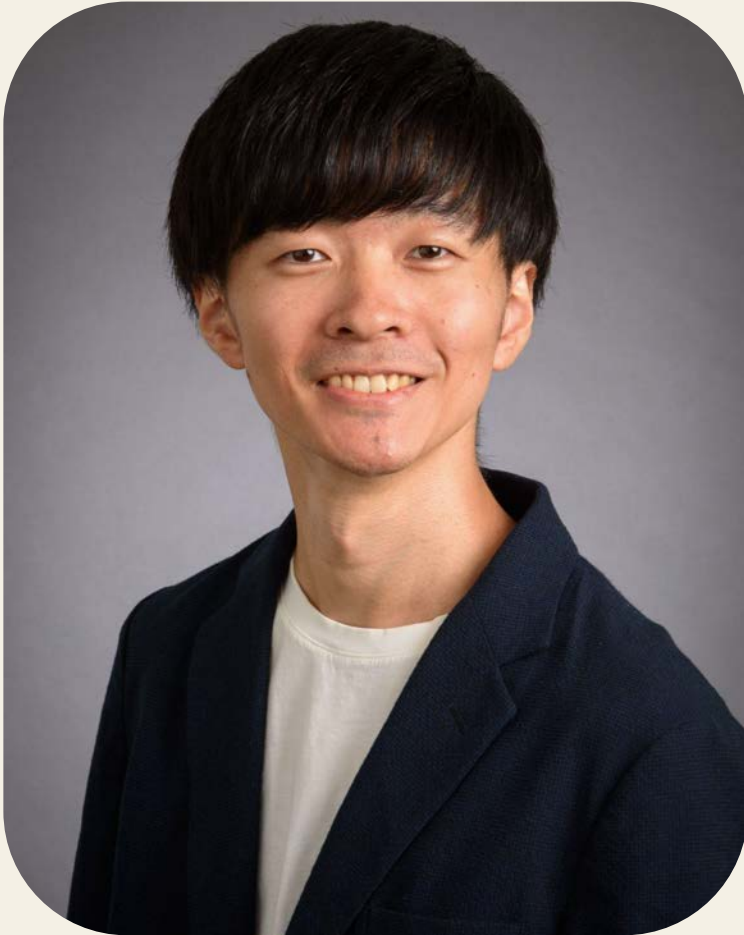
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Rhea Kalra

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Hiroaki Kato

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Michael Kennedy

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Dongki Kim

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Sangwook Kim

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It was a wonderful journey, and I am so glad I was able to be a
part of it!*

Kazuhiro Kotabe

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"To be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your path, and don't worry about the darkness, for that is when the stars shine brightest.

Always do what you are afraid to do." -----Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Siyuan Li

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My years at GPS Academy have been an indispensable chapter in my life. I would like to thank my family and my friends, whose support and encouragement have been the driving force behind my efforts. I also want to express my gratitude to every student at GPS; I am very happy to have made progress together with you all. Additionally, I must thank every teacher who not only imparted knowledge but also taught me how to apply this knowledge to solve real-world problems. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." I look forward to applying my knowledge and abilities in my upcoming career, making a contribution to society.

Xiaoran Li

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Yumeng Liu

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Yay, I have finally completed this 18-year-long journey. Thank you so much to my parents who have been very open and supportive of any decision I have made. And a big thank you to all my teachers, friends, and seniors who have helped me, you have brought me so many wonderful experiences and memories that are invaluable to me. For myself in the future, I would like to give myself the words that have inspired me in difficult times, "Do good things, don't ask questions about your future 但行好事 莫问前程", and I hope that you all can achieve the future that you desire!

Chen Long

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Thanks to my parents and those who have supported me along the way.

Pengyu Lu

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I would like to thank my family for supporting me these past few years. Justin, thank you for being my favorite shoulder to lean on. Mom, I could not have done this without you. You're unwavering love and support have been the pillar of my education. Thank you for inspiring me.

"Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." -Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Kayla Lutes

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"In the journey of life, embrace both the peaks and the valleys, for they are the landscapes that shape our character and reveal the beauty of resilience." - Unknown

Randi Macrorie Fairweather

MPP



There is a particular sad beauty well-known to the companionless foreigner as he walks the streets of his adopted city. I have so often shared the day's glittering discoveries with... no one at all. But always, somewhere along the avenue or boulevard: There is a table set for me. A cook, a waiter, a bottle, a glass, a fire. It is a solitary feast that has been my great comfort and fortification. - Roebuck Wright

Zachary McKenzie

BA-MPP



“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...” - Dr. Seuss

Mizuki Murashima

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I appreciate all the classmates, staff, and faculties at GPS. I also thank my wife for her support.

Masaki Nakamura

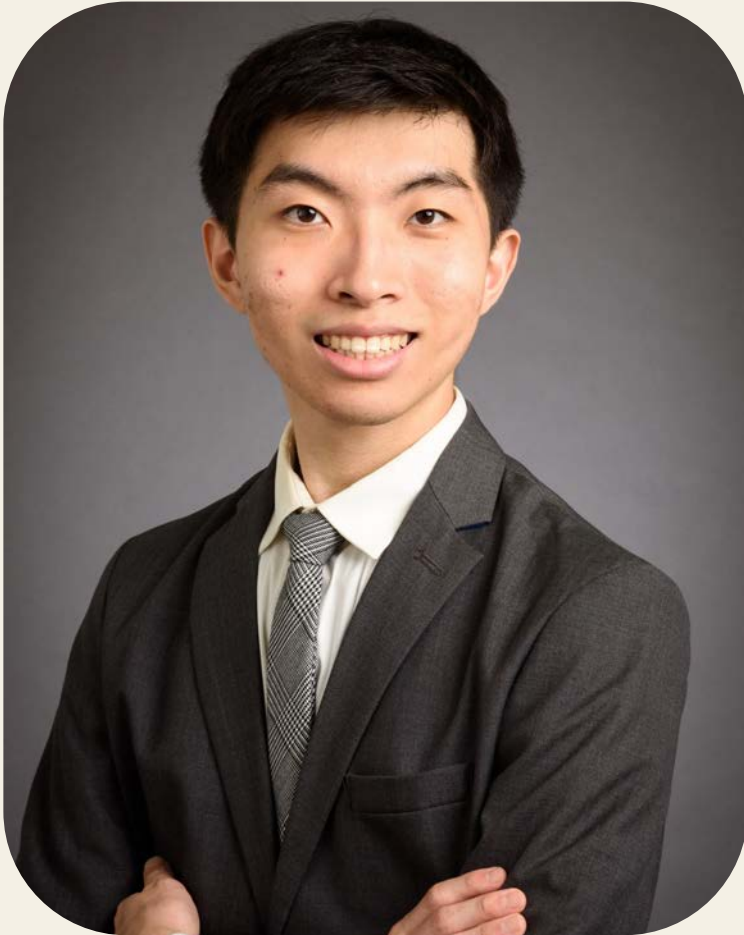
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Fair Winds and Following Seas

John Austin Newcomer

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Bryce Sungjin Park

BA-MPP



George Popp

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The chief principal of government spending is why build only one thing when you can build two for twice the price? - S.R. Hadden, Contact

Daniel Pryke

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Thank you to my family and friends who have supported me along this journey. Thank you for believing in me and inspiring me! I am so excited to celebrate my graduation with all of you.

Gabriela Emilia Quintanilla

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My dad sent me a note when I was doing my summer internship that said "There are going to be a hundred little things to figure out, but you are the perfect person to solve them." It was exactly what I needed to hear at the time and I still have the note hanging in my room. I'm so grateful for the belief and support from my family and friends. I love you all!

Courtney Ransom

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Masaaki Sato

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Dylan Schneider

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Archita Sharma

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Masahiro Soji

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Angela Solanilla

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Drew Peeyapat Suthipongchai

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Alejandra Toro Delgado

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Julian Tiberius Verdon

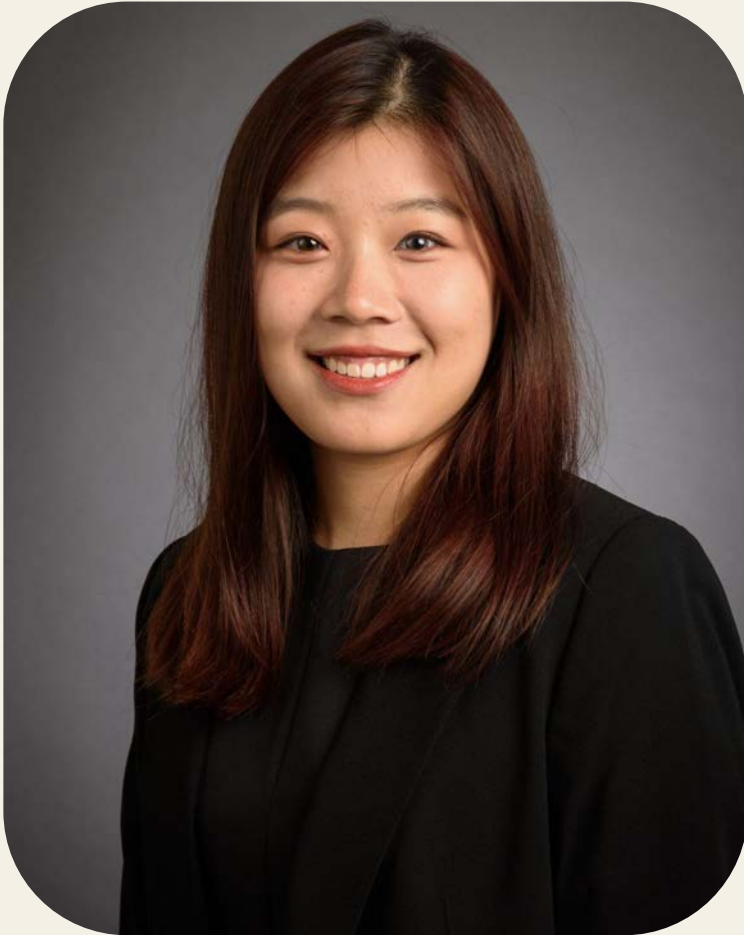
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You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand. - Woodrow Wilson

Michael Thomas Wagner

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No need to hurry. No need to sparkle. No need to be anybody but oneself - Virginia Woolf

Xuran Wang

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Emily Wentworth

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Joy Werner

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Sock has given Dobby a master. Dobby is free. -- the greatest elf Dobby

Di Wu

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Yiyang Wu

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Ruixuan Xiang

MPP



Thank you, Kaoru, Natsu, Shuya!

Daisuke Yamakawa

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*GPS was Optimal! Thank you family, friends & educators.
I am grateful for everyone along this journey.
Now I am ready for the next step!*

Aoi Yamashita

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This above all: To thine own self be true. —William Shakespeare

Daichi Yamashita

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Congratulations Class of 2024

The GPS community commends you!