

Jay Highlander

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EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside (UCR) June 2026
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
University Honors Program September 2022 – Present

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

UCR Central American Student Alliance, Riverside, CA July 2025 – Present
President

- Collaborate with five board officers to create an organized schedule for meetings, activities, and events for groups of 10-50 members.
- Create and monitor annual recruitment goals for the organization in order to increase membership across student population.
- Designed a more inclusive meeting setup to allow for more discussion and member retention throughout the year.
- Developed programming to educate the campus community about the various cultural traditions in Central America.

UCR CARE Office, Riverside, CA September 2023 – Present

SAVE Peer Educator

- Host quarterly events to promote and educate UCR students on healthy relationships.
- Conduct outreach in classrooms and student organizations to increase awareness of CARE Office on campus and the resources available to students.
- Collaborate with fellow Peer Educators to create effective campaigns that will raise awareness of topics like consent and bystander intervention.
- Attend weekly trainings about sexual violence issues, relationship violence, and stalking in order to lead discussion and provide support to survivors.

WORK EXPERIENCE

UCR CHASS F1RST, Riverside, CA September 2023 – June 2024

CHASS Peer Educator

- Developed lesson plans in collaboration with CHASS F1RST staff and facilitated small group discussions on a weekly basis.
- Maintained contact with students enrolled in the program via e-mail or phone, to encourage participation in campus social and cultural activities.
- Met with program participants one-on-one and in small groups to assess student needs.
- Assisted students with academic, social and personal concerns and referred students to appropriate campus resources.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer, Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center January 2023 – Present

SKILLS

Language: Spanish (Advanced, Awarded the Seal of Biliteracy)

Computer: Windows XP, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word,

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, LinkedIn