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## Through volunteering, dual grad finds career path in Latino reproductive health advocacy

Carla Naranjo came to Arizona State University knowing she had two passions: advocating for the Latino community and reproductive freedom. What she didn't know was how those passions could translate into a career.

"I've always cared about advocating for the Latinx community since I am a daughter of immigrants. And as a woman, I always knew that I cared about sexual health, wellness and reproductive freedom," Naranjo said. "I realized that if I cared about reproductive rights, I should volunteer at Planned Parenthood. It was there that I learned that there was a national program that specifically does work on Latinx engagement."

This spring, Naranjo graduated from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with dual degrees in political science and justice studies, as well

as a minor in Spanish.

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## Destined for the district

Cameron Vega, a dual graduate who studied political science and civic and economic thought and leadership, initially entered ASU as a physics major until an experience with the Model United Nations Conference changed his path.

At ASU, Vega received three fellowships (one each with ASU's Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Center on the Future of War and Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies), a National Merit Scholarship, a National Hispanic Scholarship and a George Washington Scholarship.

Next, he plans to pursue a master of arts in international relations at Johns Hopkins University, after which he will join the U.S. foreign service for five years.

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## The effect of emotions in public service announcements about

# gun violence

Research has shown that mass shootings are occurring more frequently, especially in the last decade.

Four Arizona State University researchers recently conducted a study to look at the emotional impact of public service announcements about gun violence to see how it may influence people or catalyze them to act.

ASU News spoke to Foundation Professor of political science Kim Fridkin in the School of Politics and Global Studies about the study, which she co-authored with Patrick Kenney, dean of The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Manuel Gutiérrez, a political science PhD student; and Ryan Deutsch, a Juris Doctor student at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

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## Political psychology master's degree student expands research on dual citizens

How do you effectively communicate important political and governmental messages across multiple nations, to diverse populations?

Hannah Verrips, a graduate student in Arizona State University's Master of Political Psychology program has firsthand experience with those challenges. Verrips, a dual national of the United States and Canada, spent time during her undergraduate studies as part of the Canadian legislature while at the University of Waterloo.

An important feature of the political psychology program is the mission to educate students using the most recent insights from evidence-based research in order to be prepared outside the classroom. Students can expect to use real-world situations and examples in order to better understand the strategy behind messaging and how to be more effective.

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## Triple major graduates, looks forward to law school

Cyrus Commissariat grew up in Los Angeles but moved to Arizona when he was in middle school and has called it home ever since. He is the grandchild and child of immigrants and his family taught him that a good

education was critical for success.

“Education was always pushed in my house as among the most important things one can do in their life,” Commissariat said.

He took their words to heart and not only pursued an education, but found that he loved school and learning. This spring, Commissariat graduated with three bachelor's degrees in political science from the School of Politics and Global Studies, history from the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and French from the School of International Letters and Cultures.

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