

FROM THE ALPHA MU GAMMA CHAPTER OF PHI ALPHA THETA

# Voces Novae

## Jordan Robbins

Jordan Robbins earned her Bachelor of Arts in History with a double minor in secondary education and dance from Chapman University in 2024. She was recruited as a *Voces Novae* board member her sophomore year and has worked with the journal up until her senior year, when she served as senior co-editor alongside Kelly Taylor. Jordan was a member of both the national history honor society Phi Alpha Theta and teaching professional honor society Kappa Delta Pi. She was also involved in Chapman's athletics, serving as the school's cheer captain her senior year. Jordan was awarded a research grant to conduct primary source research for her senior thesis and presented her findings at Chapman's student scholar symposium. She also presented her research at Phi Alpha Theta's regional conference, where she won a special mention award in the category of Latin American history. While earning her BA in History, Jordan also entered the 4+1 MA Program in Curriculum and Instruction her junior year and will be finishing her Masters in May 2025. She hopes to teach history at the high school level after graduation.

## Garrett Cuadros

Garrett Cuadros graduated in Spring 2024 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Political Science with a particular interest in the American Civil War. In addition, Garrett was honored with a place on the Dean's List in Fall 2022 and the Provost's List in Spring 2023. He is entering his first full-time graduate semester under the 4+1 format, which will see him attain his Master's Degree in Fall 2025. While at Chapman, Garrett has been a member of the university's Phi Alpha Theta history society.

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## Jose Pillado

Jose Ignacio Pillado earned his Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Spanish from Chapman University in May 2024. In 2023, he served as the general editor for *Voces Novae* and was a member of Phi Alpha Theta. As a first-generation student from a family of Mexican immigrants, Jose plans to further his academic and career journey by attending law school. Meanwhile, he remains dedicated to his community of Santa Ana, California, where he works as a college access mentor for the Nicholas Academic Centers, a non-profit organization.

## Rachel Gregoire

Rachel Gregoire earned her Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in secondary education from Chapman University in 2024. She received Departmental Honors and the History Award for Academic Excellence from Wilkinson College. In addition, Rachel was a member of Chapman's Alpha Mu Gamma chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Her primary area of interest is film history. Rachel would like to continue educating others about history in a library or museum setting.

## Kaitlyn Pasillas

Kaitlyn Pasillas graduated from Chapman University in May of 2024 with her BA in History and a Minor in Secondary Education. She became part of Chapman's Alpha Mu Gamma Chapter of the national historical honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, during her sophomore year; she became part of the Executive Board her junior year as its Historian. In her senior year, she became the Alpha Mu Gamma Chapter's President, earning her the Henley Phi Alpha Theta Service Award as well as Departmental Honors in the History Department. Alongside her studies at Chapman, Kaitlyn was part of the Women's Water Polo Team for all four years at Chapman and was Captain during her senior year. While earning her BA in History, Kaitlyn also entered the 4+1 MA Program in Curriculum and Instruction in her junior year and will be finishing out her Masters in May 2025; after this, she hopes to begin teaching history at the high school level.

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## Alejandra Lemus

Alejandra Lemus graduated from Chapman University in 2024 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a minor in Spanish. While at Chapman, Alejandra was a member of the Latinx club. During her senior year, she presented her senior paper at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference. She also received departmental honors in History and her senior thesis was awarded the Lee Estes Best Senior Thesis Award.

## Kelly Taylor

Kelly Taylor graduated *summa cum laude* with a BA in history, a BFA in creative writing, and a minor in the University Honors Program from Chapman in May 2024. She received Departmental Honors in both history and English and the Lee Estes Best Conference Paper Award. She also received Academic Excellence from the Honors Program. During her time as an undergrad, Kelly served as the Editor in Chief of *Calliope Art & Literary Magazine*, a Senior Editor for *Voces Novae*, *Historical Journal*, and an officer in the Alpha Zeta Iota Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. She just concluded her term as the Far West Student Representative of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society and was recently appointed as the Junior Student Advisor, one of two students across the world who vote on the board of the Society. Outside of academia, she spent two years at Future House Publishing as a freelance editor and is currently completing a summer with Random House Books for Young Readers as an Editorial Intern. Over the next year, she will finish her MA in War, Diplomacy, and Society, which she began as an undergraduate in the 4+1 program. She plans to continue her research on memoirs authored by servicewomen.