

Orientation Leader Bio's Fall 2020

- How to navigate: command F and search through people that have your major or minors! If you know the name of someone, search that way! If anything, pick a random page and read about all of our phenomenal Orientation Leaders!!



Kaitlyn Abdo

- Biochemistry and Data Analytics Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Next chapter of your life!!!!
- Fun Fact: I have 5 dogs!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The connections I have made with faculty are what make Chapman unique to me. Nothing beats going to Ruby's with your professors after class.



Johnny Altwal

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major and Health Sciences Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Thrilling, interesting, adventurous, friendly, eye-opening
- Fun Fact: I lived in Qatar from the ages of 5-15 before I lived in California!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman has been able to provide me with unparalleled opportunities that only arise from organic networking and taking advantage of a very tightly knit community of scholars, educators, researchers, and professionals of all kinds!



Alondra Alvarez

- Political Science and Peace Studies Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Welcoming, Exciting, Inviting, Fun, Spirited
- Fun Fact: I can't smell at all
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique to me because of the friendships I have made over the past year. I have been so lucky to find friendships in different organizations around campus. Kappa Alpha Pi has shown me true brotherhood and the LatinX club has opened my eyes to a Hispanic culture that I was otherwise not that involved in. I come from a predominantly white town and joining a club that embraced my ethnic heritage was very special.



Eddie Anaya

- Applied Human Physiology Major & Nutrition Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Best Opportunity for First Impressions
- Fun Fact: Im an avid explorer for long hikes in sub freezing weather.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes it unique is the small community and classrooms that allow you to feel like it is personalized learning.



Lauren Anderson

- Health Sciences Major & Business Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Enthusiastic, Cheerful, Optimistic, Helpful, Inspiring
- Fun Fact: I am an only child!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: One factor that makes Chapman University unique to me is the tight-knit community. I feel so valued at this university in and out of the classroom. Professors at Chapman really get to know you by learning your name and taking an interest in your everyday life. Coming from a large high school, I was always just another fish in the sea, but at Chapman University, every student gets to be their own unique individual. I love walking from class to class and seeing familiar faces everywhere I go. The students and staff make Chapman University feel like a home for every student, and it is something special that no other university can offer.



Nicole Arvanaghi

- Sociology Major & Women's Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Spirited, Transformative, Bonding, New Beginning
- Fun Fact: I can clap really fast... like really, really fast.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman students are passionate. Whether it is their Greek Life chapter, a research project, internship, on-campus job, volunteer work, etc., this community has shown me what involvement truly is. Chapman students motivate me to be the best version of myself, and not waste even a second of my college experience.



Sarit Ashkenazi

- Graphic Design Major & Integrated Educational Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Memorable, exciting, unique, energy-filled.
- Fun Fact: I took a gap year before college and spent the year studying and traveling!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: My favorite part about Chapman is how collaborative of an environment it is. It's really amazing to see film majors collaborating with design majors, and anyone else on campus to achieve a goal or complete a project. This is something you see regularly on campus. Everyone is involved in many different organizations and on-campus activities which creates a very well rounded and collaborative environment!



Larissa Atkins

- Business & Environmental Science and Policy Double Major & Leadership Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Resourceful, Exciting, Welcoming, Informative, and New!
- Fun Fact: I've backpacked through Italy on my own for 3 weeks (I LOVE traveling!)
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The personalized experience. Chapman is small enough to where I can bump into friends on my way to class, but big enough to where I'm constantly meeting new people and making new connections. My professors know me by name and are always available for help or advice, and because of that I feel like I absorb a lot more from my classes. The amount of resources Chapman University offers that promote the students' academic success is unbelievable.



Leah Auyoung

- Health Sciences Major and Nutrition Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Engaging, fun, informative, cheerful and insightful
- Fun Fact: I am a huge Bay Area sports fan. I love the Giants, Warriors, and the 49ers.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique by its unlimited resources the university offers in every aspect of your college experience. From expanding the Greek life on campus to the abundance of clubs of all different interests, Chapman provides many things to participate outside of the classroom while feeling still connected to the university. It offers many academic resources such as the tutoring center and SI's, which provide unconditional support through the completion of academics. These are just a few of the many resources Chapman offers to enhance student life. The abundance of resources makes Chapman unique because it fosters a community in every part of a student's life. Many of the resources I have leaned on for support throughout my years at Chapman and have made my experience better.



David Baker

- Screenwriting Major
- Orientation in 5 words: A fun, welcoming, educational experience
- Fun Fact: I am teaching myself guitar!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman gives you tons of opportunities to interact and collaborate with people outside of your major. I'm in the film school, but some of my best friends are business or science majors. And even within the film school I'm constantly working with people who aren't in my major.



Emma Ballantyne

- Psychology Major & Law, Justice and Social Control Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Welcoming, exciting, fun, adventure, amazing!
- Fun Fact: When I was a baby my nose turned orange from eating so many carrots.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique because of the sense of community it has. I always feel welcome and supported by the faculty and my fellow students. It is very important to everyone that Chapman is a place where its students feel comfortable and happy. I could not ask for better people to spend my days with.



Katlyn Barbaccia

- Political Science and Sociology Double Major & Women's Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exhilarating, spirited, cheerful, fast-paced, emotional
- Fun Fact: I adore musical theatre and love to sing in my free time!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because of its outstanding professors. I have been so fortunate to have taken incredible classes with professors who deeply care about their students and have inspired me to delve into my studies. Additionally, due to Chapman's small class sizes, I have had the opportunity to receive highly personalized instruction, which has allowed me to really engage with the material taught in class.



Kathryn Bernhardt

- Creative Writing Major & Creative and Cultural Industries Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Family, togetherness, transformative, welcoming, family
- Fun Fact: I've traveled to over 16 countries!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is the place where I've been able to find myself. I've come into my own due to all of the opportunities, experiences, and people I've met here. Chapman allows you to become yourself and feel supported and welcomed through the entire growth process.



Justine Bon

- Strategic and Corporate Communication Major & Spanish Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun, New, Exciting, Energetic, Spirited!
- Fun Fact: I got to be in a Dick's Sporting Goods commercial when I was a freshman in high school!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique because it offers so many opportunities for each student to get involved, expand their points of view, and grow as individuals. More specifically, I think the commitment to building "Global Citizens" is what makes Chapman students well-rounded and able to take on challenges. Getting to go abroad with some of my favorite professors not only contributed to my love for traveling and culture, but pushed me to step outside of my comfort zone and learn from completely new environments. Every step you take at Chapman is what makes your experience unique and unforgettable.



Noah Brener

- Business Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: A pretty darn good time!
- Fun Fact: My lifetime goal is to visit every single county in the United States, 3,142 to be exact!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique because it has that small school feel where you can run into people you know every day, but also find so many ways to meet new and different people from all around the university. The community Chapman students have built for each other is really special, and I am so lucky to be a part of it!



Skyler Brigmann

- Film Production Major & Film Music Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: A huge, warm welcome!
- Fun Fact: I swam with sharks and got stuck on a boat in the ocean (twice) in the same day!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I'm encouraged to try out various disciplines and discover new interests. Because of that, I've learned more about myself and what I want to do in the future!



Graham Byrne

- Television Writing & Production Major & English Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun, Exhausting, Communal, Inspiring, Exciting
- Fun Fact: I used to have one really long eyelash, like twice as long as the others
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I always feel really calm and safe on Chapman's campus, it's beautiful here but there's also a strong sense of community.



Lauren Callella

- Business Major & Leadership and Advertising Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Pure Joy, Energy, FUN, Informative, and Impactful
- Fun Fact: I am super into health and fitness, and I have taken multiple classes at Chapman to dive into this passion even more!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is truly a place where I can feel at home everywhere on campus. I see smiling faces of friends every corner. It truly feels like a family, and it is refreshing to be surrounded by so many friendly and influential individuals.



Charlene Chai

- Pre-Pharmacy
- Orientation in 5 words: A heartfelt and unforgettable experience
- Fun Fact: In all honesty, I am not the most interesting person you can meet, but growing up I had the phattest celebrity crush -- that's phat with a "P-H" -- on Orlando Bloom. Legolas snatched my wig and Will Turner came for my heart.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique to me because of the opportunities that it has given me. I have been able to get involved in the campus quickly and Chapman has given me many paths to choose. I became a research assistant at a lab that continually challenges me, I have made connections with professors, and I have made friends who have positively impacted my experience. Chapman is a unique school because of the people that exist here that are consistently challenging and encouraging you.



Anita Cheng

- Psychology Major & Economics and Integrated Educational Studies Minors
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun and fresh; a whirlwind
- Fun Fact: I enjoy painting on and repurposing old clothes in my free time.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University offers a close, tight-knit community that actively encourages people to be a part of it in action, not just in words. Through my first-year experience, as cringeworthy as it may sound, I feel like I have made new old friends that will support me and stay with me throughout life.



Jack Clendening

- Business Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, educational, transformational, eye-opening, adventurous
- Fun Fact: I love baths!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I think what makes Chapman unique to me is how every student here has had their own path that has led them to end up at Chapman. Just by talking to different people around campus you can learn so much about different ideas and cultures that you might not have even been aware of before. Chapman has really opened my eyes to what life is like outside of southern California and throughout my 3 years here, I have come to realize how important that has been.



Ella Conway

- Applied Human Physiology Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Smiles, Energy, Kindness, Connection, Beginning
- Fun Fact: I love to surf and snowboard and at Chapman you can do so in the same day?!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: As a Southern California native, I thought I knew a lot about what it would be like to stay in the area and study at Chapman, but being a student here has opened up a lot of opportunities for me to connect with my professors, gain a clearer picture of new interests and paths that I could take, and gave me the opportunity to find friends of a lifetime. I thought being a commuter would be isolating on a campus where most students live on or directly off campus, but there were so many ways to get to meet people, and the campus is a perfect size where you can unexpectedly run into friends all the time. What makes Chapman unique is the people that it attracts. Though there are often stereotypes and particular images of privilege, I have also found the people here to be kind, compassionate, funny, empathetic, and all around amazing individuals who care about the impact that we leave on society and the world as a whole.



Katie Cormier

- Communication Major & Spanish Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Informative, Fun, Memorable, Energizing
- Fun Fact: I've been singing most of my life and have been playing acoustic guitar/electric guitar and writing songs for 14 years now. :D
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The warmth that radiates from the faculty and staff, they're really dedicated to supporting the students. Everyone that I've encountered has always been so welcoming and they truly want to help you with whatever you need; all you have to do is ask. There have also been times when I've been given help without even asking! Chapman just feels like a tight-knit community where you're treated as a unique, individual student, as a whole person instead of just a number. Also, it's a dog friendly campus so you're almost always going to encounter dogs on your way to class, especially in the Piazza. Some professors will bring their dogs to class with them on occasion too, it's wonderful!



Jocelyn Cruz-Garcia

- Graphic Design Major & Honors Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: The Time of Your Life
- Fun Fact: I sneeze in multiple counts. My highest sneeze count is 15 sneezes in a row.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me in the way that you can run into so many friends on campus and that your major doesn't dictate who your friend group is. You can be friends with all sorts of majors and come together to hang out. My closest friends aren't the people in my major, but the people I have met in different organizations, campus-wide events, and of course Orientation.



Alfredo Cruz-Garcia

- Business Major & Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: The Beginning of Your Life
- Fun Fact: I can crack my knuckles with one hand
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because of the small campus lifestyle that makes it feel like I know everyone on campus, but at the same time, I feel like I meet someone new every week.



Sydney Dalessi

- Peace Studies Major & Dance, Arabic Cluster, and Political Science Minors
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun, Happy, Exciting, Friends, Family
- Fun Fact: I grew up on an Island!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes Chapman University unique to me, is the tight-knit and supportive community atmosphere, that allows me to explore all my different passions and feel at home!



Ryan Deeb

- Broadcast Journalism & Documentary Production and Communication Studies Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: It's what you make it.
- Fun Fact: My claim to fame remains to be the time I met Dwayne Johnson.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman, like any university, opens you up to a huge community, one that feels overwhelming to jump into at first. What makes Chapman different is the school's ability to treat you like an individual, not just a number in the community. Chapman has the opportunities to make every student's experience personal and cater towards themselves, while still giving the feeling that you are a relevant part of a greater group.



Polina Dvorkin

- Business Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Resourceful, Dynamic, Sociable, Passionate, Reliable
- Fun Fact: I lived in a different country for half of my life. I'd like to hear your guesses!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The second that I walked onto campus during my initial tour, a smile appeared on my face. I suppose I was lucky enough to have an instant feeling of belonging, yet a lot of my friends shared that they chose Chapman, still not knowing if it was the right place for them. As the school year took off, every person I knew found their place on campus and was now able to say that Chapman had everything they were looking for confidently. In a matter of months, I watched people's passions for majors, sports, and involvements grow to an unimaginable extent. Chapman University is something different for every individual, making it unique to thousands of other Panthers and me!



Jimmy Elinski

- Film Production Major & LGBT Studies Cluster
- Orientation in 5 words: I found my best friends
- Fun Fact: I'm legally ordained in the state of California.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique because of the students and the reputation the students have in the real world. Speaking as a film production major, I have heard first hand from people in the film industry how they adore Chapman students because of our work ethic. People know that if they hire Chapman students, they are going to get employees who are dedicated and hardworking. Chapman's uniqueness comes from the student body's determination and the reputation that students before us have built.



Isabella Fangary

- Film Studies and Business Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Thrilling, Fellowship, Inclusive, and Memorable!
- Fun Fact: I have an extensive vinyl collection, and I love sports cars!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: This sense of fellowship and family is truly unique to Chapman University and something that you feel just walking onto the campus. The Chapman community is one big family and has been a huge part of making my Chapman experience so memorable. Chapman is more than just a University, it is a community where I have found life long friends. Chapman has made such a difference in my life, and I am proud to be apart of the Chapman family.



Kitkat Fisher

- Vocal Performance Major & Film Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Orientation is a foundation for the future!!
- Fun Fact: I've sung at the Sydney Opera House!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique for its people. The relationships you build here last a lifetime!



Eliza Fitch

- BFA Theatre Performance & Psychology and Musical Theatre Minors
- Orientation in 5 words: Motivating, Inspiring, Supportive, Encouraging, and Accepting
- Fun Fact: My first acting role was as a caterpillar bump! Aka a blue blob.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is not adverse to change. Some universities pride themselves on upholding traditions and maintaining a standardized structure that they've had for decades. Chapman, on the other hand, is always progressing. It may take some loud voices, but the students at Chapman are not afraid to advocate for themselves and others, and the administration does its best to acknowledge the wants and needs of their students. Chapman does its best to listen and change in accordance to the wants and needs of the student body, and there is always a member of staff willing to listen and advocate on your behalf. With its small community, it's easy to find people who support and encourage you to be the best that you can be.



Mac Francini

- Business and Accounting Majors & Computer Science and Honors Minors
- Orientation in 5 words: Welcoming, Transformative, Inspiring, Electrifying, Compelling
- Fun Fact: An interesting fact about myself is that I can whistle the entirety of Beyonce's Love On Top!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman's sense of community is unparalleled! Though the Chapman experience is different for each student that sets foot on campus, we are all exposed to the same unique, inviting, and inclusive environment. The Chapman community fosters a campus culture that is incredibly conducive to the personal development of its students, and you'll regularly be meeting new people and hearing new perspectives. Despite this, Chapman's ideal size ensures that students always feel at home, as familiar faces will never be far away. The community you'll find here is unlike any other, and that is why Chapman is so special to me!



Gabriel Garcia

- Computer Science Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Educational, Introductory, intriguing, exciting, new
- Fun Fact: I enjoy playing card and board games.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I think that the social environment, faculty, and the look of the campus really make Chapman stand out. The teachers all seem to want to be teaching and are very willing to interact and help students. The clubs, social groups, and general student body have, in my opinion, been very welcoming and inviting to new people trying new things. I personally really like the look of campus as well with the inclusion of many gardens, grass areas, and trees.



Micaela Goldstein

- Television Writing and Production Major & Peace Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Community, Exciting, Giddy, Family, Overwhelming
- Fun Fact: I am a certified yoga teacher!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is family. You cannot walk anywhere without saying "hi, how are you?" to at least three people.



Kameron Graylee

- Business Major & Media, Culture, and Society Cluster
- Orientation in 5 words: Engaging, collaborative, informative, Fun, memorable
- Fun Fact: I met Adam Sandler at Disneyland
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Almost everybody that I have met is involved in one thing or another on campus, outside of academics. This allows for people to feel included and have a true sense of home on campus.



Hannah Greenberg

- Film Production Major & History Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Orientation is exciting, nerve-racking, energetic, full of opportunity, and individualized!
- Fun Fact: An interesting fact about me is that my biggest fear is butterflies.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: To me, Chapman is unique because of the community that we have built on campus. I remember the main thing I noticed when touring Chapman as a high schooler was how happy and friendly everyone was. My tour guide ran into so many people she knew and it just felt like everyone was so kind and it really made the campus feel like home. Once I came to Chapman I realized how true this really was. Every time I walk around campus I see people from my classes and clubs and it always puts a smile on my face. Even from my first day I felt so at home because of how welcoming and friendly everyone is.



Jarett Grolman

- Psychology Major & Political Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Unique. Exciting. Fun. Awesome. Welcoming.
- Fun Fact: I have traveled to 25 countries so far!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Ever since I toured Chapman as a prospective student, I felt that this place was special and it was where I needed to be. This held true and I now look forward to entering my Junior year. I love and appreciate the warmth, kindness, and closeness of Chapman's community and couldn't be more excited for the upcoming Fall semester.



Zoe Guthrie

- Business Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Energetic, Informational, Welcoming, Eccentric, Fun
- Fun Fact: I have a natural white streak in my hair and people think I look Rogue from Xmen :)
- What Makes Chapman Unique: It's such a small school but I always meet so many new people. I love coming from out of state to meet others who have had totally different childhoods than me and I get to come across so many talented people who I can look up to.



Valerie Guyant

- Psychology Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, nerve-racking, fun, intense, and inspiring.
- Fun Fact: I love music festivals and can make home-made sushi!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes Chapman unique to me is the wide variety of creative options and outlets available, whether its in dodge, dance, design, or something else entirely!



Lucy Guyer

- Graphic Design Major & Animation and Visual Effects Cluster
- Orientation in 5 words: Greatest week of your life
- Fun Fact: I play guitar and ukulele – bring yours & we'll have an o-week jam session
- What Makes Chapman Unique: We have such an insanely supportive and tight-knit community at Chapman. I am constantly in awe of the creative, ambitious, and authentic students that make up our unstoppable student body.



Maks Halpin

- Film Production Major & Business Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Uplifting, Exciting, Inspiring, Personal, Fun!
- Fun Fact: I was voted "Most likely to brighten your day" in my high school yearbook!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because it's the place where I was first able to truly be myself. Growing up in a small town in New Jersey, I was scared to be open about my sexuality as I wasn't sure how the people around me would respond. However, when I got to Chapman, I was immediately greeted with an open and accepting community that would take me for exactly who I was, and since then it's helped me grow and become the person I am today!



Katherine Hansen

- Computer Science Major & Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Crazy, exhilarating, friendly, encouraging, and energetic
- Fun Fact: I love skiing! I have been going skiing almost every weekend in the winter since I was 4!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique because its students make it so. Each student brings a new perspective to Chapman, and Chapman wouldn't be the same without every single student. Chapman provides countless opportunities to meet people who are just like you, but more importantly, to meet people who are different from you, allowing for so much personal growth. With such diverse majors and interests among its students, Chapman is the perfect place to make the most of a college experience!



Natalie Hartman

- Communication Major & Creative and Cultural Industries Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Orientation to me is welcoming, fun, exciting, community, diverse
- Fun Fact: An interesting fact about myself is that I'm 50% Greek/Balkan.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me, because it is truly a community where everyone on campus, however big or small, cares about your success and wants you to succeed.



Coury Hawks

- Economics and Political Science Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Comforting, Inspiring, Informative, Entertaining
- Fun Fact: I am a Capricorn!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes Chapman University so unique to me is the way our community feels like home. Coming into my second semester at Chapman, there was not a single class where I did not know at least one person even before the course began. Chapman's class sizes encourage collaboration and integration and allow you to really get to know both your fellow peers and professors. Our small community also enables students to explore and be a part of the many different activities and clubs our campus offers—more than anything, I love the feeling of walking through campus and seeing so many familiar faces. At Chapman, you are never just a number, your voice is heard and encouraged, and you're always inspired to open your window of Opportunity!



Mulan Homo

- Pre-Pharmacy
- Orientation in 5 words: An enlightening and heartwarming experience :)
- Fun Fact: I can twist my right hand all the way! I have this distinct memory from elementary school when someone dared me to twist my hand all the way around. I think everyone's expectations, including mine, was that it wasn't really possible. But, I guess it is. Feel free to ask me to show you if ever you see me around!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique to me such that I have always felt like I've belonged here. That sense of belonging really stems from the amount of guidance and support Chapman provides its students. From an academic standpoint, professors are always willing to provide any extra help and really hold your hand to ensure your success in their class. From a day to day outlook, I have had the privilege of meeting some of my best friends here who I know will stick with me for awhile. Overall, everyone finds their place and thrives here at Chapman and that is what makes it unique.



Braden Joe

- Film Production BFA with Directing Emphasis & Self Design Anthropology Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Discovering my new favorite place.
- Fun Fact: My favorite pastime is sailing! I grew up racing small boats, worked as a sailing instructor for years, and still sail on PHRF race boats.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: As one of my bosses once told me, there is a difference between respect and care. Respect shouldn't be too hard, it is the baseline ability to not cause harm to others. Care requires some effort. It involves putting oneself out there in order to improve the well being of others. Chapman is full of amazing people who truly care about our university, our campus, our students, our faculty, our staff, and our impact on the world. The place brings the people, but the people make the place.



Annie Johnson

- Integrated Educational Studies Major & Disabilities Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, nerveracking, learning experience, encouraging
- Fun Fact: I would pick a lake house over a beach house!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I find Chapman University unique because of the supportive academic faculty and professors. The professors at Chapman take the time to get to know you, and always hold you to the standard they know is best for you. They follow up, challenge, and support you no matter the journey you take at Chapman.



Candace Johnston

- Business Major & Humanomics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Experience to remember for life
- Fun Fact: I was Miss New Mexico in 2015 :)
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman creates a unique experience for every single student. Each individual will have different highlights from their time, unlike any other school, which is incredible.



Alex Jones

- Computer Science Major & Health Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Energetic, Community, Together, Exciting, Chapman!!
- Fun Fact: I can wiggle my ears
- What Makes Chapman Unique: From my experience, what makes Chapman unique is how helpful and caring the students and faculty are. I genuinely feel everyone cares for and would go out of their way for each other.



Angel Kaneb

- Integrated Education Studies Major & Disabilities Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Impactful, Fun, Informational, Lively
- Fun Fact: A SWAT team used the second floor of my house as a lookout. I was in lockdown for 3 hours, before I had to be escorted away in a bullet proof truck with my brother.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman has such a unique atmosphere. When everyone is on campus you can walk through the Piazza and see so many familiar faces. The best part is getting involved and meeting a variety of different people in various clubs. The circle in Orange is also a hub for great food and meeting up with friends. Chapman is also near many cool places where you can surf, swim, hike, and adventure. Greek Life also brings life to campus by raising money and having fun competitions.



Faith Kelly

- Public Relations and Advertising Major & Production Design and Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Informative, Exciting, Energetic, Unique, New
- Fun Fact: I have been a vegetarian my whole life!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I never thought I would be able to say that Chapman is a place unique to me. I grew up around Chapman as both my oldest brother and sister graduated from here. Coming into my freshman year, I thought I knew what it had to offer, but what I have come to experience has far surpassed all of my expectations. Chapman has become a place for me to be able to explore every interest of mine in ways I did not previously think possible. I have been able to work on film sets, create my own advertising campaigns and take classes that fulfill interests outside of my major. Chapman has given me the most wonderful group of friends that support me in all that I do and help to push my dreams even further. I have found a place to expand myself academically and emotionally in all aspects of my life. I know it sounds super cheesy, but Chapman has given me a home away from home, and I cherish every experience that I've had here.



Sophia Kelsey

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: exciting, helpful, engaging, lively, enjoyable
- Fun Fact: I love country music!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because it allows me to be involved in many different aspects of campus from athletics, to Greek life, orientation and Schmid Student Leadership Council. Chapman encourages me to engage across campus and explore many different interests while still pursuing my degree.



Edena Khoshaba

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major & Leadership and Rhetoric and Writing Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: So many fun times, YAY!
- Fun Fact: I am really good at walking on my hands!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The best part about Chapman, in my opinion, is the friendly and up-lifting demeanor of my peers that creates a welcoming atmosphere. Having such a supportive community has allowed me to truly be myself and explore all the opportunities that Chapman offers.



Dylan Kinzer

- Business Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: A blur of unforgettable times.
- Fun Fact: I can play 2 different instruments (piano & drums).
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Growing up in the greater Seattle area, all the hype was about the University of Washington, a massive university with the biggest greek life system west of the Mississippi, and an undergrad of around 40,000 students. I toured there a couple times because both my parents attended and was shocked when thinking about the size of the university, navigating the area and forming relationships at a massive school when my high school class felt like a community. Chapman is completely different. I think what makes Chapman University so unique to me is the sense of community that it offers. I feel like is stereotyped as sort of a massive group of people all focused on their own studies and such, although Chapman feels much more different. Everyone is really friendly, and feeds off of each other's good vibes. Everyone is super supportive and it just feels like a community to me, which I think is something you rarely get at college.



Haley Knapp

- Business Major & Dance Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Fulfilling, Exciting, Non-stop, Emotional, Personable
- Fun Fact: I almost got kicked out the Supreme Court for coughing too loud
- What Makes Chapman Unique: People genuinely care to get to know you. How easy it is to establish social and professional connections.



Braden Koch

- Strategic and Corporate Communication Major & Public Relations Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Connections, excitement, friendships, support, growth
- Fun Fact: Last semester, I was a part of Chapman Radio. I co-hosted a talk show called "NorCal vs. SoCal."
- What Makes Chapman Unique: From my experience, Chapman University provides many opportunities to easily get involved. For example, I've participated in clubs like Club 55 and Chapman Radio. Also, I've recently been added to Chapman on Broadway's executive board. I'm thankful that from my first year, I've been able to explore the many on-campus activities and join those communities.



Chris Koenig

- Business Major & Data Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: What makes Chapman so special
- Fun Fact: I have gone down the longest zip-line in North America
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes Chapman University unique to me is its small community. Class sizes are small enough where each student receives the same amount of attention from their professor. The class sizes range from 20 to 35 students, which allows students to obtain a positive learning experience. I personally have found it easy to seek extra help from my professors because they are not too overwhelmed with the number of students in the class who also desire their attention. This uniqueness of Chapman University is important to me because it allows me to build a great rapport with certain teachers that can help reach both my academic and career goals.



Surabhi Kulkarni

- Business Major & Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Freedom, inspiration, creativity, friendship, growth
- Fun Fact: I can play 2 instruments: the flute and the ukulele
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because it has allowed me to explore many different paths. I have been 3 different majors at Chapman and I am so grateful that Chapman's flexibility has allowed me to find what I truly love! In addition, the interdisciplinary style of Chapman has allowed me to become exposed to many different topics and classes outside of my field of study such as philosophy, music and political science.



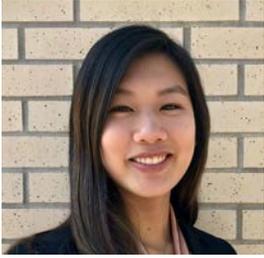
Kristin Kumagawa

- Communication Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Informative, Social, Fun, Unique
- Fun Fact: I've never had less than 9 pets at a time.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman has many great qualities, but the best part about attending is that we are a community. Our school is on the smaller side, which I personally love, because I like being able to see familiar faces in my classes and get to know my teachers. There are so many opportunities to get involved on campus, and if you take advantage of them, you can discover new passions and even make some of your closest friends. For instance, I'm a Communication major, yet I spent many of my weekends working on sets for Dodge film projects and independent films acting or doing production design. All campuses have some type of culture, but I am proud to be apart of Chapman's, because we support and relate to one another on a level that I don't think could be found somewhere else.



Sophia Licitra

- Business Major and Data Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Magical, exploratory, fast-paced, immense and lively.
- Fun Fact: I learned how to solve a Rubik's Cube this summer.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is everything I could ask for in a college. I love the location and the feel of the campus. I am able to play a sport and participate in Greek life. The business school is phenomenal and my class sizes are intimate. I enjoy getting to walk around campus and say hi to my friends around campus.



Danice Long

- Business Major & Data Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: exciting, unforgettable, energetic, a-start-of-something-new, connections
- Fun Fact: I am the worst at fun/interesting facts
- What Makes Chapman Unique: As cheesy as it sounds, Chapman is unique to me because it has allowed me to grow and step out of the Bay Area Bubble that I grew up in. Being at Chapman has allowed me to see new perspectives, and I am lucky to call it my home away from home.



Destiny Ly

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Major & Spanish Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Dancing, smiles, community, exciting, memorable
- Fun Fact: Blue Bowl is my favorite place in all of Orange County.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I love being surrounded by people who pursue different interests. It encourages me to branch out and to try new things, and I also love that we all support each other in the things we're each passionate about.



Kelly Ma

- Business Major & Leadership Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Fun, Spirited, New, Sentimental
- Fun Fact: I LOVE watching crime shows and snowboarding.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because of the small class sizes that allow students and professors to foster close relationships and a more personalized learning environment. I love being able to walk from class to class and see many familiar faces along the way.



Allie Ma

- Economics Major & Analytics and Leadership Minors
- Orientation in 5 words: Making meaningful connections with others!
- Fun Fact: I am one of five daughters and love to play soccer
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The student body is vibrant, dedicated, passionate, and cooperative. It is a place that fosters growth in many aspects because there are so many opportunities to take advantage of. The community is incredibly supportive in all aspects which makes for a well-rounded college experience.



Tara Mann

- Creative Writing Major & Computer Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, busy, informative, creative, amazing
- Fun Fact: I have an identical twin sister!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The requirement to double major or have a minor/cluster! My friends are always surprised when I tell them but I honestly think it is one of the best things about Chapman. Many students would probably be fine with only one major, but I think the requirement really helps us expand our horizons and allows us to indulge in other interests. I briefly entertained majoring in Computer Science before settling on Creative Writing, so I am forever grateful that I can still tinker with Computer Science as a minor without committing to a double major.



Laine Marshall

- Screenwriting Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun, Exciting, Educational, Inspirational, Comforting
- Fun Fact: I collect everything owl related. I love owls!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I've never met a more energetic, caring, and dedicated student body. I truly believe that Chapman students will change the world.



Lorryn McKaig

- Physics Major & Environmental Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Chapman U welcomes YOU wooHOO
- Fun Fact: I studied abroad in Scotland at a university that looks just like Hogwarts!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman has a community that you are not going to find at other colleges. Being a somewhat smaller university, it is possible to be walking to class and run into five different friends on your way there. But at the same time, the university is large enough for there to be enough clubs and activities so that everyone can become involved in something that interests them. Plus, there is always something interesting going on. Classroom sizes are small, the faculty are supportive, and your peers are friendly. While at Chapman, it is easy to feel like you belong and are heard within the close-knit community.



Ava McLean

- Animation and VFX Major & Visual Journalism Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Informative, Goofy, Nervewracking, Surprising, Enjoyable
- Fun Fact: The more agitated I get, the stronger my Chicago accent!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman's digital arts building was specially modeled after Disney studios to include a very collaborative, open area. As an Animation major this has always made me feel that this school cares for us beyond the superficial.



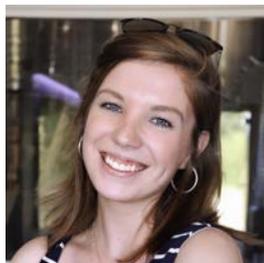
Juliana Medan

- Environmental Science and Policy Major & English Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Crazy in a good way :)
- Fun Fact: My mom is a twin, my dad is a twin, I'm a twin!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: To me, Chapman is so unique because it is home to some of the most creative and driven people I know. Almost everyone I've met during my time here has been so passionate and has inspired me to be a more well-rounded and hardworking person. I've met people here that have come to feel like my own family.



Wendy Medina Herrera

- Film Production and Self-design Latinx and Latin American studies Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: A series of conversation starters
- Fun Fact: I have 12 year old twin sisters and to this day I can't tell them apart.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The experiences on set! Legit, even if you aren't in Dodge, GET ON SET!!! It is so much fun. You make a lot of memories and learn so much. Their film program is unlike any other. Also the atmosphere on set is just good vibes all around.



Laura Metraux

- Health Sciences Major & Leadership and Dance Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Supportive, Social, Empowering, Fun
- Fun Fact: I am a citizen of three countries
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Coming to Chapman, I never imagined how many opportunities I would be given to learn about myself and grow both academically and personally. I have always felt so supported by my professor and peers and have been given many opportunities to strive. Chapman is such a supportive community that I feel I have grown as a person and not just as a Student.



Nancy Mogy

- Psychology Major & Spanish Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Welcoming, Fresh Start, Unity, Nerve-racking, Refreshing
- Fun Fact: I was in the foster system for 6 years!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman's small size allows for a more intimate social experience where people can network and share their interests easier than being on a large campus. Every friend I have made has introduced me to others and every event I go to at Chapman I feel like I know at least one person which is refreshing and comforting.



Marjan Moshiri

- Sociology Major & Music Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Where we meet our family
- Fun Fact: I'm a black belt in tae kwon do!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because there is always a way to get involved and connect with professors. I know some of my professors have offered me resources and opportunities to get involved with subjects that are interesting to me and I am so thankful for that.



Aja Mount

- Finance Major & Law Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: important, fun, life-changing, supportive, welcoming
- Fun Fact: I am a Sagittarius
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The small size of the school creates a close and intimate Community



Daniela Munoz

- Television Writing and Production Major & Women's Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: exciting, nerve-racking, informative, inclusive, fun
- Fun Fact: It wasn't until I was 18 that I realized I needed glasses!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is incredibly unique because it is a small enough school that you feel like you know the majority of the school and that you are a part of the community. Yet, it is big enough that you will always be able to meet new people.



Isha Nagappan

- Marketing Major & Data Analytics Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Beginning, Reassuring, Community, Celebration, Oneness.
- Fun Fact: I'm proud to say that I don't personally know anyone with a higher spice tolerance than me. It's not even a challenge, I genuinely just enjoy eating a burrito bowl doused with half a bottle of Cholula.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman offers such an intimate community filled with diverse personalities and I've had the privilege of going past "small talk" with so many amazing people, students and professors, purely due to this concentrated population. This was an important deciding factor for me while picking Chapman but the factor that really convinced me was the sunshine. There's something about the sunrises/sunsets at this school, the sun just hits differently and has the power to truly change any situation. The people and the sunshine made me happy when I did my campus tour and it continues to make me happy even today.



Neha Negavalli

- Creative Producing and Business Administration Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: High-energy, foundational, exciting, vibrant, memorable
- Fun Fact: I can sneeze silently :)
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The sense of community is truly special on campus and the relationships I've been able to build at Chapman are some of the most special things I've gotten from my time here. The community on campus is very strong and you'll see familiar faces every time you walk across campus.



Caitlin Neville

- Communications & Broadcast Journalism and Documentary Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, entertaining, fun, fast pace and educational
- Fun Fact: I used to be nationally ranked in ice skating.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is in the perfect location and makes it easy for you to explore all the adventure that Southern California has to offer. With so many students from all over the country, you always have someone who is excited to explore.



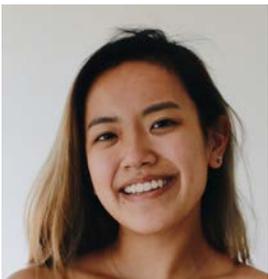
Debbie Nguyen

- Psychology Major & Chemistry Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Best individuals at Chapman. Period.
- Fun Fact: I love learning how to play new musical instruments! Currently I play the cello and guitar, but I really want to learn percussion instruments such as a drum kit or kalimba.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is an endless window of opportunity. I have found opportunities to meet people, to get connected through student organizations, to become a leader in all aspects of my social and academic life, to spearhead research projects, to bond with the greater community of Orange, and to learn more about how I can be an engaged global citizen. The student body is a group of incredibly driven students who are all seeking to change the world. Whether their goals are to save Planet Earth or to make a change in their own perspectives, Chapman students are connected by their passion for a better tomorrow.



Mia Nierenberg

- Health Science Major & Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, busy, lively, intriguing, independent
- Fun Fact: I was able to design something for NASA that has been sent into space :)
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I was able to design something for NASA that has been sent into space :)



Sammi Oh

- Health Science Major & IES Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, overwhelming, fun, exhilarating, bonding
- Fun Fact: I love making Spotify playlists. If you have any song recommendations send them my way!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I think Chapman is very unique in the community it presents. It's a very small community in that everyone knows each other and you're able to foster this sense of family and accountability that I feel you just can't get in a lot of other places.



Sanika Pandit

- Biology and Computer Science Double Major & Honors Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, exhilarating, lots of fun
- Fun Fact: I am really good at doing puzzles!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I find Chapman University unique because of all of the connections that it has provided me with. At Chapman, I have been able to make lifelong connections with both my peers and professors. With the support of faculty, Chapman has opened so many doors for me to be able to discover other areas of study that I am interested in! The many research opportunities at Chapman have helped me become a better scholar. Best of all, all of these opportunities and connections are so accessible, even as an incoming student.



Karmen Pantoja

- Political Science and Peace Studies Double Major & Environmental Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, fun, new, thrilling, unknown
- Fun Fact: I am a first-generation student from NY!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is full of the most passionate and motivated people I have ever met. Everyone I met has accomplished such amazing things and are striving for big things. Chapman provides the environment for everyone to feel at home and continue working towards doing amazing things at Chapman, at home, and in the world.



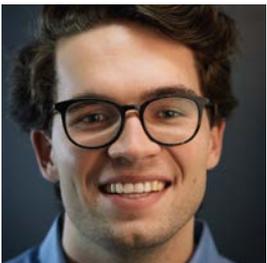
Kylie Papoosha

- Strategic and Corporate Communication Major & Business Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, New, Fun, Surprising, Entertaining
- Fun Fact: I am a first generation college student!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique to me because it is a very welcoming environment and everyone is really nice. It is a very inspiring community.



Jessica Perry

- Business Major & Spanish Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: fun, exciting, beneficial, important, long
- Fun Fact: I am a twin!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The student population and location make Chapman unique. The students at Chapman are so friendly and welcoming, which I think is very unique. Chapman is such a "small world," even though we have students from all over the map. I believe that the location of Chapman also makes it unique; there are a myriad of opportunities presented to students that attend Chapman because of its ideal location.



Ned Peterson

- Public Relations & Advertising Major & Broadcast Journalism Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Make Chapman like Summer Camp!
- Fun Fact: I can drive stick shift cars.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique because of the collaboration and that it fosters and benefits from.



Kaylie Posen

- Psychology Major & Honors and Lead Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Community, Bonding, New, Supportive
- Fun Fact: I fell off a bridge in Thailand during a service trip 🤯
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes Chapman University unique to me is the community feeling that it fosters. I love the size of Chapman because it truly feels like a family.



Emily Rauchut

- Health Science and Psychology Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Connections, informative, powerful, explorative, supportive.
- Fun Fact: My favorite thing to do at the beach is Boogie Board!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What makes Chapman University unique to me is the community filled with open-minded individuals that encourage me to think more about the world and support me throughout my college journey.



Luca Rohr

- Creative Producing Major & Public Relations Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Community, exciting, homecoming, learning, partnership.
- Fun Fact: I can do a very convincing Kermit the Frog impression.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: We have a powerful community of young minds that cares so much about each other.



Isabel Roney

- Film Production Major & English Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Community, support, a fresh start, inspiring
- Fun Fact: I've lived in 10 different houses/apartments, all in the same city
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman has fostered such a creative and collaborative environment full of some of the brightest people I know. Nowhere else would I feel the same level of inspiration and support between students.



Skye Sakashita

- Psychology and Communication Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: exciting, intimidating, fun, friendship, informative
- Fun Fact: I once went to the ER for eating too many oranges
- What Makes Chapman Unique: All of the wonderful people I've met here and how we have the opportunity to study multiple areas instead of being restricted to one major.



Jordan Schochet

- Integrated Educational Studies Major & STEM education and Psychology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Welcoming, Exciting, Fun, Illuminating, Fascinating
- Fun Fact: I am the only ginger in my family, so I definitely stand out!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: To me, Chapman University is unique because it has so many different types of people, and everybody brings their own experiences together to form new ones. There are so many opportunities on campus to learn about other's backgrounds and how they differ from you, which helps foster empathy and compassion for members of the campus.



Salma Sebt

- French and Philosophy Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Bonding, Unity, Fun, Learning, Community
- Fun Fact: A few little fun interesting facts are that I fear spider webs more than spiders, I can snap in three different ways, if I am not on campus I am most likely at The Taco Stand, and that I have a not-so-secret list of words I often mispronounce!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University has both a unique community with an intimate campus life. I love knowing I can walk anywhere on campus and run into my friends and have a nice conversation before my next destination. No matter what mood I am in, I am always smiling by the time I reach my classroom due to my walk on campus. I love knowing I can always talk and engage in enriching discussions no matter where I am on campus.



Caroline Seely

- Public Relations & Advertising Major & Leadership and Psychology Minors
- Orientation in 5 words: energizing, inspiring, motivating, vulnerable, a fresh start
- Fun Fact: I'm from the #1 most average city in America.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique to me as it is the place that made me realize my potential as a leader. I knew immediately when I got to campus that the students here were passionate about the things that they were involved in, and they encouraged me to find my passions and lead confidently with them.



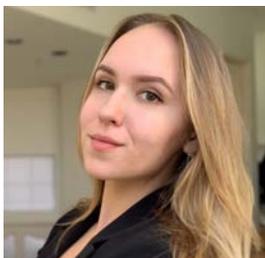
Brian Seo

- Dance Major & Integrated Education Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, Awkward, Discovery, Fun, LOVE
- Fun Fact: I've never had braces before
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is unique to me because I have met so many different types of people that have made a lasting impression on my life. I think finding people that impact the way you view life and help improve your perspective on things is so important, and I feel that Chapman students definitely do that. These are some of the best people that have come into my life.



Emmeline Shafer

- Film Production Major & Political Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Welcoming, Transforming, Fun, Foundational, Accepting
- Fun Fact: I've done the hokey-pokey across state lines!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: To me, one of the most unique things about Chapman is its proximity to so many exciting things in SoCal. There are endless opportunities to explore new fields, enjoy new experiences, and meet people from all types of backgrounds that is hard to find anywhere else!



Elissa Shorokhova

- Business Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, optimistic, inspiring, busy, friendly
- Fun Fact: I've traveled to 30 countries
- What Makes Chapman Unique: What really makes Chapman so valuable and unique to me is the professors. The staff and faculty go above and beyond to help you, not forget to mention the available resources like the tutoring center. During quarantine, one of my professors even offered to buy me a web camera because mine wasn't working. I had the most captivating lecturers that made the end of the semester feel so heartbreaking because I just wish their class would not end.



Abby Spencer

- Creative Writing Major & Television Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Unique, unforgettable, exciting, authentic, informative
- Fun Fact: A fun fact about me is that I just finished writing a book!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman has given me the tools to reach my greatest aspirations and dreams. Within my classes, I've found professors, peers, and friends dedicated to growing and supporting each other. We push each other to cross boundaries and work harder than ever before. Though I expected to grow as a writer in my creative writing classes, I had no idea that I would be entering a community that encouraged me to be my authentic self both on paper and in real life.



Eva Stanton

- Environmental Science and Policy Major & Anthropology Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting way to meet friends!
- Fun Fact: I used to be a regionally ranked Irish Dancer.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: To me, Chapman University is unique because of its proximity to the things that I love and the ways that it has kept me in touch with my diverse passions. I love that I am close enough to my parents that they can take me out to dinner every other week, yet I can live independently on campus. I love that I can go surfing or hang out at the beach but also be close enough to snowboard in the mountains. I love going to Disneyland and that campus is a short drive away from the happiest place on earth! And I love the opportunities that the different clubs and organizations on campus have allowed me to participate in environmental activism, dance, and multicultural experiences.



Kyle Tanimura

- Strategic and Corporate Communication Major & Dance Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Eye-Opening, Fun, Inspiring, Beneficial, Zealous
- Fun Fact: I am a 3-time US National Team Member for Taekwondo
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman never fails to inspire me. Every day I am on that campus, I fall in love with the school and my major all over again. Chapman has made me truly happy and I would not want my college experience to be any different. They continue to show me that anything is possible and the school is willing to help me get there.



Maddie Tittle

- Peace Studies Major & Leadership Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Full of opportunity and excitement
- Fun Fact: I can play Ukulele, guitar, and piano!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University is unique to me because I feel like it is truly a place where I am able to be the best version of myself. It is a place where I am able to grow, learn from experiences, and build meaningful relationships with all different kinds of people.



Megan Titus

- Screenwriting and Psychology Double Major
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun and exciting new beginning.
- Fun Fact: I can sing the alphabet backwards!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: To me, Chapman is unique because it is such a close-knit community. I love that I always see someone I know when I'm walking around the campus. Students are often excited to get involved on campus and to contribute to creative projects and activities. Students are also enthusiastic in their support of others' interests. This can be seen in the high attendance of every Improv Inc. show, the buzz every time the Kumquat (Chapman's satirical newspaper) publishes a new issue, and so on. Really, it is the students at Chapman who make it so one-of-a-kind.



Gabrielle Toczek

- Creative Writing Major & Integrated Education Studies Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Exciting, eye opening, nerve racking, fun, bonding
- Fun Fact: I was in choir for 10 years! In high school I participated in show choir at the school glee is based on.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: If I was Goldilocks Chapman would be my "just right" it's a small campus, but still has sports, it has a strong arts program, but also has Greek life, there's something for everyone!



James Tran

- BA Theatre Technology & Computer Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Thrilling, Enlightening, Pivotal, Fun, Social
- Fun Fact: I can solve a Rubik's Cube in less than 20 seconds.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: I find that there is positive energy when walking throughout campus that I don't feel anywhere else. The campus has open spaces but there are always people around and it feels alive at all times. I never walk to class without seeing a friend or professor I know and saying hi!



Nidhi Vedantam

- Business Administration Major & Computer Science Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: And so the adventure begins!
- Fun Fact: I was unknowingly in an Oscar winning movie.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman University stands out by the dedication they give all their students. The students are the priority of Chapman University! Chapman strives to cultivate the ideal atmosphere for the academic success of each and every single student. From personal experience, all staff members are dedicated in helping a student reach his or her goals, whether that includes receiving help in a class, creating a resume, looking for potential majors or minors, or even just to have an intellectual conversation. I want to help first year students to know their educational opportunities, and to feel comfortable in their new environment.



Violeta Vega

- Business Major & Honors Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Orientation was eye-opening!
- Fun Fact: Watching documentaries fascinates me! I love to learn about the world through the lenses of others, especially when it comes to wildlife.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: Chapman is composed of many different people from all over the world, it makes my time here very interdisciplinary not only through education but through the network I make. It's a unique place where I can be exposed to all sorts of people and cultures, I love it!



Alexander Wardach

- BFA Screen Acting & Entrepreneurship Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Immediate bonding with many strangers
- Fun Fact: I have seen 1647 films
- What Makes Chapman Unique: A pillar of Chapman's uniqueness is the sometimes unperceived power of the students. Because we do not operate as a large, small-city-like, entity as many large schools do, the students have a great power and responsibility—reference intended—to make the experience unique to them. The flexibility of choosing the path best suited for you as a student has been seen through the grit and tenacity of various students. While the depth of power as a student is not advertised to the fullest extent, I encourage every person to seek every opportunity while at this University to ensure they make the most of every moment.



Samantha Young

- Film Production Major & Creative and Cultural Industries Minor
- Orientation in 5 words: Fun, Helpful, Authentic, Energetic, Memorable
- Fun Fact: I am a huge foodie! I love finding new restaurants to try.
- What Makes Chapman Unique: The multiple different opportunities to get involved on campus is what makes Chapman University unique. As a commuter student, I took it upon myself to get involved since I wasn't on campus all of the time. This made me feel very connected to Chapman and all it has to offer. There are so many ways to meet new people and learn more about yourself through these opportunities on campus.



Min Yu

- Health Sciences Major
- Orientation in 5 words: fun, engaging, informative, vibrant, eclectic
- Fun Fact: My favorite video games to play are League of Legends and Overcooked!
- What Makes Chapman Unique: With its many clubs and resources, Chapman University has a lot of opportunities that has helped me grow as a person, especially as a transfer student! As a student, I love the smaller class sizes because I am able to interact with my classmates and professors. Chapman University is also close to the Orange Circle, which has amazing food and places to explore!