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Higher Education Travel Award Program

The following 171 college students from across the United States are recipients of the 2021  
¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award:

Name	Major - Standing	Institution	Hometown
Adam Acevedo	Symbolic Systems Sophomore	Stanford University Stanford, California	Freeport, Illinois
Esmeralda Aguilar	Political Science Junior	California State University, Chico Chico, California	Chico, California
Zenaida Aguirre Gutierrez	Ethnicity, Race, & Migration Freshman	Yale University New Haven, Connecticut	Los Angeles, California
Gustavo Alvarez	Computer Engineering Freshman	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts	Houston, Texas
Janelle Arnold	Chemical and Biological Engineering Sophomore	Princeton University Princeton, New Jersey	San Antonio, Texas
Jessica Arzavala	Neuroscience and Computer Science Junior	Smith College Northampton, Massachusetts	El Paso, Texas
Marisol Ballesteros	Economics Freshman	Dartmouth College Hanover, New Hampshire	El Paso, Texas
Melissa Barales-Lopez	Government & Spanish Junior	Dartmouth College Hanover, New Hampshire	Los Angeles, California
Mariela Barrales	Political Science Freshman	Yale University New Haven, Connecticut	Los Angeles, California
Litzy Bautista	Latin American Studies Junior	Hobart and William Smith Colleges Geneva, New York	Los Angeles, California
Paulina Becerra	Economics Junior	Wellesley College Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts	Victorville, California
Camila Calle	Biology, Public Health, and Spanish Junior	Santa Clara University Santa Clara, California	Perry Hall, Maryland
Julia Canez	Undeclared but likely Psychology Freshman	Stanford University Stanford, California	Somerton, Arizona

Luis Cano Vazquez	Computer Science & Mathematics Sophomore	Bowdoin College Brunswick, Maine	Phoenix, Arizona
Christian Cepeda	Human Biology Sophomore	Stanford University Stanford, Missouri	Jefferson City, Missouri
Diana Chavez Cruz	Mathematics Freshman	College of the Holy Cross Worcester, Massachusetts	Falls Church, Virginia
Alexandra Colon	Communications Junior	Boise State University Boise, Idaho	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Isabella Colon	Elementary Education Sophomore	Arizona State University Tempe, Arizona	Albuquerque, New Mexico
William Colon-Soto	Biology Senior	The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Marisol Cora-Cruz	Neuroscience Sophomore	Earlham College Richmond, Indiana	Belcamp, Maryland
Carolina Correa	Environmental Studies Junior	Brown University Providence, Rhode Island	Los Angeles, California
Jacqueline Cruz	Computer Science Sophomore	Duke University Durham, North Carolina	San Antonio, Texas
Maria Cuellar	Undeclared Freshman	Emory University Atlanta, Georgia	Naples, Florida
Nayeli De Leon	Biomedical Engineering Sophomore	University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA	Dallas, Texas
Fernanda Echeverri	Bachelor of Architecture Senior	University of Southern California Los Angeles, California	El Paso, Texas
Juan Espinal-Mejia	Human Biology Sophomore	Stanford University Stanford, California	Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
Martha Flores	Cinema and Digital Media Freshman	University of California, Davis Davis, California	Chula Vista, California
Jose Carlos Jr	History Sophomore	Columbia University New York, New York	Rio Hondo, Texas
Damaris Chaidez	Nursing Junior	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Lawndale, California
Delián Colon-Burgos	Meteorology and Atmospheric Science Junior	The Pennsylvania State University State College, Pennsylvania	Cayey, Puerto Rico
Karla De Jeus	Urban Studies Junior	Columbia University New York, New York	Chicago, Illinois
Stephanie Delgado	Political Economics Junior	University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, California	Union City, New Jersey
Belen Delgado Mio	Environmental Studies & Politics Sophomore	Washington and Lee University Lexington, Florida	Hollywood, Florida

Amaya Dorado	Epidemiology Freshman	Indiana University Bloomington Poway, California	Poway, California
Mireya Dorado	Mathematics and Psychology Senior	Northeastern University Boston, Massachusetts	Poway, California
Maria Estevez	Biology Freshman	Bucknell University Lewisburg, Pennsylvania	Hialeah, Florida
Julieta Garcia	Hispanic Studies Junior	Columbia University in the City of New York New York, New York	Katy, Texas
Yesenia Garcia	Political Science Freshman	Stanford University Stanford, California	Calhoun, Georgia
Emiliano Gomez	History, Latin America Junior	Yale University New Haven, Connecticut	Sacramento, California
Ricardo Gomez	English Senior	Brown University Providence, Rhode Island	San Bruno, California
Karla Gonzalez	Computer Science Sophomore	Gettysburg College Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	Chicago, Illinois
Yesenia Gonzalez	Undecided Freshman	Wellesley College Wellesley, Massachusetts	Waukegan, Illinois
Samantha Granja	Chemistry and Chemical Biology Junior	Cornell University Ithaca, New York	Homestead, Florida
Sheila Gutierrez	Nursing Senior	Emory University Atlanta, Georgia	Santa Ana, California
Alyiha Hernandez	Forensic Psychology/ Criminal Justice Sophomore	Maryville University St Louis, Missouri	Rohnert Park, California
Vianca Hurtado	Computer Science Junior	Cornell University Ithaca, New York	Sacramento, California
Daniel Iglesias	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics and Finance Junior	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Hialeah, Florida
Angelica Johnson	Psychology Junior	University of Southern California Los Angeles, California	Palmyra, New Jersey
Yesica Juarez	Social Work Sophomore	Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan	Immokalee, Florida
Karla Lima	Nursing Junior	Emory University Atlanta, Georgia	Brooklyn, New York
Shirley Lopez De Leon	Biology (Pre-med) Freshman	Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, Missouri	Newark, New Jersey
Sonsoles Lopez Molina	Business Administration Junior	Boston University Boston, Massachusetts	Miami, Florida
Fabian Luna	Computer Science Freshman	Stanford University Houston, Texas	Houston, Texas
Annabelle Manzo	Undeclared Sophomore	George Washington University San Diego, California	San Diego, California

Fatima Diana Martinez	Psychology Freshman	Cornell University Ithaca, New York	South Gate, California
Lizette Mier	Sociology Junior	Wellesley College Wellesley, Arizona	Phoenix, Arizona
Katherine Muniz	Environmental Studies Junior	Wellesley College Wellesley, Massachusetts	Los Angeles, California
Damariz Olguin	Business Administration Junior	Saint Mary's College At Notre Dame Notre Dame, Indiana	Dallas, Texas
Jessica Plancarte Lopez	Neuroscience and East Asian Studies Freshman	Brown University Providence, Rhode Island	San Jose, California
Jocelyn Quintero	Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Sophomore	Stanford University Stanford, California	Brownsville, Texas
Vanessa Gimenez	Media Arts Production Senior	Emerson College Boston, Massachusetts	Hialeah, Florida
Melissa Lopez	Environmental Science Senior	Brown University Providence, Rhode Island	Los Angeles, California
Leslie Macedo	Psychology and Human Rights Sophomore	Trinity College Hartford, Connecticut	Chicago, Illinois
Alyssa Matias	Political Science Junior	University of Southern California Los Angeles, California	Chicago, Illinois
Ashly Medina	Financial Engineering Junior	Columbia University New York, New York	Lynwood, California
Adriana Mendoza Ortiz	Psychology and Spanish Junior	St. Edward's University Austin, Texas	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Azucena Molina Jimenez	Biochemistry Sophomore	Trinity Washington University Washington, Washington, D.C.	Fayetteville, Georgia
Bianca Navia	Political Science & Global Studies Senior	Arizona State University Tempe, Arizona	Sugar Land, Texas
Alejandra Orozco	Management Science and Engineering Junior	Stanford University Stanford, Arizona	Stanford, Arizona
Danielle Quezada	Latin American Studies Junior	Bowdoin College Brunswick, Maine	San Bernardino, California
Gregory Garcia	Public Policy, Spanish Freshman	University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois	Tulare, California
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Jorge Perez	Psychology Freshman	George Washington University Washington, D.C.	New Orleans, Louisiana

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Ricardo Reyes	Mechanical Engineering Junior	Stanford University Stanford, California	Chicago, Illinois
Emilio Reyes	Mechanical Engineering Junior	Stanford University Stanford, California	Chicago, Illinois
Juan Rodriguez	Biology Sophomore	Stanford University Palo Alto, California	Caguas, Puerto Rico
Adriana Rosales	Applied Mathematics, concentration in CS Sophomore	University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, California	Compton, California
Yeni Rubio	Psychology and Economics Sophomore	Wellesley College Wellesley, Massachusetts	Houston, Texas
Daisy Sanchez	History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health Freshman	Yale University New Haven, Connecticut	Fort Worth, Texas
Natalie Santiago	Computer Science and Business Freshman	Washington University in St. Louis St Louis, Missouri	Diamond Bar, Arkansas
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