

INTRODUCING THE 2021 IVCA SCHOLARS

The **IVCA Scholar Program** is intended to create an inclusive industry with more gender, racial and ethnic diversity by providing students exposure to a possible career in the venture capital/private equity industry.



Remi Astronomo
University of Notre Dame
The Vistria Group

Originally from the Philippines, Remi immigrated to Gibson City, IL with his mom when he was nine. Remi is a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame studying Finance, Real Estate, and Philosophy where he has immersed himself in the multiple business/finance clubs offered on campus. Remi is a member of Notre Dame's Boxing Club and enjoys playing spikeball and spending time outside with friends.



Jibraan Azeemullah
University of Illinois at Chicago
Sandbox Industries

Born and raised in a suburb of Chicago with two older and younger brothers, Jibraan is a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is pursuing a degree in Finance. He enjoys outdoor activities like playing basketball with his siblings and friends, working out, and exploring new areas around Chicago.



Manya Bharadwaj
University of Chicago
Avathon Capital

Manya was born in New York, grew up in Burlingame, California, then moved to Bangalore, India where she attended high school. A sophomore at the University of Chicago, double majoring in Neuroscience and Business Economics, Manya has found herself especially interested in biopharmaceutical companies. She loves animals, especially big dogs, and has two German Shepherds. In her spare time, she loves practicing martial arts (she's a third-degree black belt in Taekwondo), learning new languages, writing, and baking. She's also been learning how to longboard!



Baron Cao
University of Chicago
Pritzker Private Capital

Originally from State College, PA, Baron is a second year at UChicago studying Economics, Statistics, and Music. On campus, he is involved in UChicago Private Equity as well as the long-only investment club. Baron is also a member of the Solo Piano Program: a fun fact is that he was a former nationally ranked classical pianist. Outside of school, he is passionate about educational equity, commercial aviation, and basketball.



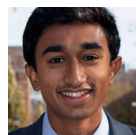
Jeesu Choi
University of Chicago
Growth Catalyst Partners

Jeesu is a second year at the University of Chicago studying economics and public policy. Her family is from Seoul, South Korea, and she is living in the suburbs of Chicago with her parents and two siblings, including her 4-year-old sister! She is multi-lingual and can speak Korean, English, Spanish, and Chinese. She is passionate about policymaking and community organizing and learning more about the financial market and the PE/VC space. She enjoys traveling, skiing, and scuba-diving in her free time.



Cara Conniff
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wind Point Partners

Cara is a sophomore studying finance and accountancy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is from Western Springs and is the oldest in her family with three younger sisters. Cara went to Fenwick High School, where she was very involved on her cross country and track teams. She still enjoys running in her free time and hopes to run a half marathon in the future.



Sachin Das
University of Chicago
The Vistria Group

Sachin is an incoming junior at the University of Chicago, majoring in Economics with a minor in French. His hometown is McLean, VA, just outside of Washington, D.C., and he has one older sister who just graduated from college. He is also on the varsity tennis team at UChicago and has been playing the sport since he was 3 years old. When he's not studying or playing tennis, Sachin enjoys playing golf, traveling, and hanging out with friends/family.



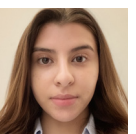
Laura Durkin
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Prairie Capital

Laura is from Riverside IL and is a sophomore at the Gies College of Business studying finance and accountancy. She is interested in technology and is looking to add an informatics minor. On-campus, she is involved in Phi Gamma Nu Professional Business Fraternity, Chi Omega Social Sorority, Venture Capital Association, Women in Finance Academy, and Illinois Investment Banking Academy. Aside from school and on-campus organizations, Laura loves to run and train for half and full marathons, snowboard with her family, and drink coffee.



Abigail Movmyga
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
OCA Ventures

Abigail is a Sophomore at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign studying finance & information systems. On-campus she is involved with her professional Business Fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, as well as the Illinois Investment Banking Academy. When not working on school or extracurriculars, she loves to spend time outdoors, go skateboarding, and lift. A fun fact about her is that she has been a dog trainer for the past seven years and is also involved with hippotherapy volunteering.



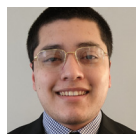
Fanny Munoz
University of Illinois at Chicago
Frontenac

Fanny is a junior at the University of Illinois at Chicago studying finance. She was born and raised in Chicago. In her free time, Fanny enjoys bike riding and working out. Lastly, she likes to try new sports and challenge herself as much as possible!



Quam Oluewu
University of Illinois at Chicago
Patriot Capital

Quam is a third-year student attending the University of Illinois at Chicago, majoring in Accounting. His family is from Nigeria, and he grew up in the city of Chicago. His hobbies include bike-riding and playing video games.



Sergio Palomino
University of Illinois at Chicago
Hyde Park Venture Partners

Sergio was born and raised in Chicago. He attends the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he is majoring in Finance. He has two sisters and is the middle child. Most recently, Sergio has taken up biking as a hobby, and during the summer, he likes to hike at Starved Rock State Park.



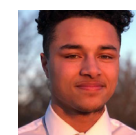
Diego Pizano
University of Chicago
Sawdust Investment Management

Diego is a Chicago native as well as a rising third year at the University of Chicago majoring in Economics and Romance Languages. In his free time, he is interested in filmmaking, language acquisition, competitive soccer, travel, world history, and entrepreneurship. Most importantly, Diego loves learning and getting to meet new people which are two things he is looking forward to during his time as an IVCA Scholar.



Alyssa Shteyn
University of Chicago
GTCR

Alyssa is a second year Anthropology and Economics student at the University of Chicago. On campus, she is a member of The Blue Chips Investment Club and Women in Business and she works with Chicago Booth students on a fitness-tech startup called recreaish. Alyssa is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and comes from a family of Russian immigrants. In her free time, she likes to watch international and documentary films and go on hikes.



Jared Thompkins
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Concentric Equity Partners

Jared is a junior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is from a south suburb of Chicago: Matteson, Illinois. Jared has two sisters and a very playful dog. In his free time, he loves to play sports including baseball, basketball, soccer, and underwater hockey.