Student Highlight | Sergio Perez

My name is Sergio Randy Perez, I was born in Guatemala and moved to the United States when I was seven years old. When I moved to the United States, I realized that it was going to be a challenge because of the language barrier. It affected me so much that I was about to fail 4th grade, but I didn’t let that put me down and I turned it into a motivation for me. Not only I became top of class for the rest of the year, but I was able to do it consecutively year after year. This led me to really wanting to go to college, I loved being an educated person and I wanted to do something else with my life. I started at the University of Utah, summer 2014. I was lucky enough to get accepted into jumpstart with TRIO. TRIO not only helped me become a successful student but they were helping me and guiding me all four years of my undergraduate. Through my years of college I join ASUU and had a couple leadership positions there, my last two years of college I moved into becoming a student leader as a social justice advocate in housing, I loved the fact that I was representing students that felt like they did not have a voice in our society, I wanted each student no matter their race, sexuality, or religion to feel like our campus was a safe place. I am now in my last semester in college and will be graduating with a major in Sociology and a minor in Psychology. I am hoping that in the near future my application will be fully ready to apply for dental school.

Sergio Randy Perez
Sociology Major & Psychology Minor
Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund: Open to high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students. The first and most important qualification for a Davis-Putter Scholarship is active participation in struggles for civil rights, economic justice, international solidarity or other progressive issues. The scholarship committee also evaluates the applicant’s financial need and ability to perform academically at the college level. The Davis-Putter Scholarship is open to undocumented students (with or without DACA), and students who are U.S. Permanent Residents, and U.S. Citizens.
DUE April 1, 2018
http://www.davisputter.org/apply/apply-for-scholarships/

Building Dreams Through Education - Ivory Homes Scholarship: Open to Utah high school graduating seniors and Salt Lake Community College transferring to The University of Utah. Ivory Homes will offer eight $2,000 scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year for the University of Utah. These scholarships are available to students who have demonstrated experience serving and working with the Latina/Latino community. Applicants must be entering freshmen or SLCC transfer students with preference given to first-generation students. Students transferring from Salt Lake Community College to the University of Utah must (1) have completed 30 credit hours or more at the time of their application, (2) have lived in Utah for three or more years, and (3) graduated from a Utah high school. DUE April 2, 2018
https://ugs.formstack.com/forms/ivoryhomesscholarship2018_19

The Meldrum Family Scholarship: Awarded to first generation undergraduate college students with financial need. Preference will be given first to students who are enrolled members of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or who have at least one parent who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe. Must complete a general application at the website below to be eligible. DUE May 1, 2018
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/5693

The Ute Indian Tribe scholarship: Must be an enrolled member of Ute Indian Tribe and must complete a general application at the website below to be eligible. DUE May 1, 2018
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/5696

Beatrice F. Kroesche Memorial Scholarship: Preference to single mothers as well as female students who are visually or hearing challenged and enrolled in the College of Education, College of Humanities, the Department of English, the David Eccles School of Business, or the College of Engineering. Recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA and attend the University full-time. Must complete a general application at the website below to be eligible. DUE May 1, 2018
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/5654

Alumni Scholarship: The scholarship is awarded each year to a CSW student who demonstrates leadership, contribution to the community, and commitment to the social work profession. DUE April 30, 2018
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/6149

Daniels Martinez Scholarship: This annual scholarship was established in 2010 by College of Social Work alumni Debra Daniels and Kai Medina-Martinez in support of a Bachelor of Social Work student from an under-represented group. DUE April 30, 2018
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/6176

Marriner S. Eccles Economics Scholarship: For students pursuing the Quantitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations (QAMO) major. DUE June 2, 2018
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/7631

Emma Eccles Jones Fine Arts Leadership House Endowed Scholarship: The Emma Eccles Jones Fine Arts House (EE Jones FA House) offers student artists from all of the College of Fine Arts disciplines a chance to live and learn from each other during a year of collaboration and new experiences. If you would like to apply to be a resident of the Emma Eccles Jones Fine Arts House, complete this application. Student must be pursuing a degree in college of fine arts and maintaining good academic standing. Application is open between February 23, 2018 and June 15, 2018.
https://utah.academicworks.com/opportunities/5984
Events & Announcements

Campus Events

Apr 3 Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Beyond Words
6:00pm-8:30pm Student Union

Apr 5 Local Conversations: New Americans + US: The Land Between
6:00pm-8:00pm Marmalade Library 280 W 500 N, Salt Lake City

Apr 7 2018 State of Utah Black Affairs Summit
8:30am-4:00pm David Eccles School of Business

Apr 9 GEM Series: Wild Womxn
12:00pm-1:00pm Union Den

Apr 11 Exploring Social & Political Culture in Ghana
5:30pm-7:00pm Okazaki Community Meeting Room 155 B

Apr 18 Pause for Paws (Therapy Animals)
11:00am-1:15pm Social Work Auditorium

Apr 25 The Complexities of DACA and their Impact on Communities
6:00pm-8:00pm Marmalade Library 280 W 500 N, Salt Lake City

Graduating Seniors!
Congratulations to the TRIO Graduating Class of 2018!
Mary Sue Bloomquist
Carla Grimaldi
Martha Hernandez
Nancy Martinez
Kehaolani Pati
Dustin Peer
Monica Perez
Sergio Perez

Announcements

The 2018 Summer Financial Aid Application form is available and due by May 23. If you are taking at least 6 credits and want to see if you are eligible for aid turn this in as soon as possible!
https://financialaid.utah.edu/forms/index.php

It is time to check your Financial Aid Status on your CIS to see if you need to provide the Financial Aid office with documentation!

Graduation celebration on Wednesday, April 25th! Invitations going out soon! Make sure to let your TRIO advisor know you are graduating!

Graduating Seniors! Did you apply for spring semester but will not finish until summer? You need to send in a request to the registrar requesting to graduate in summer. The email is Graduation@utah.edu

Deadline to apply for summer graduation is April 2! If you have questions, call your Major advisor and/or the registrar’s office.
http://registrar.utah.edu/graduation/index.php