

Author Biographies

Yossra El-Sharawy is a senior graduating in the Spring of 2020 with a degree in Business Management with a concentration in Leadership and Applied Management. She is set to graduate two years early. Even on this schedule, Yossra has accomplished a great deal at FAU. As the treasurer of the Undergraduate Law Journal, she helped bring the journal to fruition and helped manage all the financial aspects of the organization. Yossra is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. In addition, she has worked at a personal injury law firm and is getting her Florida Real Estate License as she looks forward to starting her real estate brokerage firm in the upcoming years. Yossra is fascinated by the practice of law and is excited to apply to law school this fall.

Stephan Schneider graduated summa cum laude in December 2019 with a degree in Political Science. In addition to his studies at FAU, he also served as this year's Editor-in-Chief for the Undergraduate Law Journal of FAU, as a student judge for the school's Student Conduct Board, and as a member of FAU's Pre-Law University Services initiative planning committee. Outside of school, he serves as the senior criminal defense paralegal for Figueroa-Contreras Law Group, PLLC. A fervent polymath, Stephan enjoys exploring a variety of subjects including U.S. and international politics, law, technology, and music. He looks forward to attending law school and attaining his license so that he can help people and protect our constitutional rights.

Sayd Hussain is an Environmental Engineering and Political Science student at Florida Atlantic University. His previous experiences involve interning in Washington, D.C. at an Environmental nonprofit, Embassy of Guyana, and an agency in the Trump White House administration. He is currently a 2020 candidate for the Florida House of Representatives and aspires to become a Patent Attorney to work for the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

Jovanni Toussaint is a Business Management major at Florida Atlantic University and a transfer student from the University of South Florida. For as long as he could remember, he had an admiration for human understanding. With his strong conviction in justice and equality, he has always wanted to pursue legal studies at law school in order to express his analytical mind through that particular medium. He believes that as long as someone is willing to believe in themselves, they can achieve more than they ever knew they could. He is taking his first steps into the legal arena, having recently joined the ULJ and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. He is a strong-willed, devout optimist who enjoys spending time these days as a community service volunteer with Students Advocating Volunteer Involvement (SAVI) at FAU. He hopes one day to positively influence the lives of others through the legal field.

Samantha Maciel is a senior studying Political Science with a minor in Business Law at Florida Atlantic University. She has greatly been involved in the FAU pre-law scene; twice co-hosting the annual Road to Law School Panel. Samantha was president of the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity for 2 years and founded the Brazilian Student Association on campus. She also participated in the Leon Charney Diplomacy Program, competing in the Model United Nations competitions in both Washington D.C. and New York, winning a Position Paper Award in 2020 for the country of the Bahamas. Samantha currently serves as Campus Action Chair of the House of Representatives in FAU Student Government. She is also the Secretary and Editing Board member of the Undergraduate Law Journal and is now proudly assuming the duties of Editor-in-Chief for the remainder of the semester.

Leanet Gutierrez is a Political Science major and Business Law minor at Florida Atlantic University. Her passion for the law began as a ten-year-old, translating for her non-English speaking immediate family. She currently works at a medical malpractice and wrongful death law firm and hopes to pursue a legal career in civil litigation. Following law school, Leanet hopes to help non-English speaking families like hers resolve their legal disputes.

LaTasha Ross is a senior at Florida Atlantic University. She majors in Interdisciplinary Studies with a primary focus in Political Science and Anthropology and minors in Business Law. After taking a leave from her studies, she returned to FAU in the Spring 2019 semester and hopes to attend a law school in Florida after her Summer 2020 graduation to pursue a legal career working as a public interest attorney.

Jessica Savage is a Sophomore at Florida Atlantic University. She is a Political Science major while also minoring in Philosophy and Business Law. She joined Student Government as a House of Representative in the summer of 2018 and has worked with fellow peers to effectively advocate for the student body ever since. Jessica is also a member of FAU's Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and a member of First Gen, an organization where first-generation college students' network and build relationships. Jessica has future aspirations to attend law school in hopes of pursuing a career in entertainment law or public defense.

Heather Sullo is a senior at Florida Atlantic University. She majors in Political Science with a minor in Sociology. She is a member of the Student Government on Campus and enjoys participating in community outreach programs. Heather is a staunch supporter of women and children's rights. She aspires to work at the United Nations or other humanitarian institutions working on behalf of the most vulnerable victims and fighting for justice.

Robert Marriaga is a Political Scientist. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science. He is currently an Adjunct Professor. He specializes in American Government, Constitutional Law, American Foreign Policy and Latin American Politics. Robert enjoys writing about Governance and Public Policy. His favorite Politician is Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador and is an admirer of the American Founding Fathers. Robert is also a Political Consultant and Advisor.