



SPRING 2020 **INTERNS**

FLORIDA HOUSING COALITION



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Undergraduate Major: Economics
Minor: Mathematics
"Degree in Three Program" (2022)

Tell us about yourself: Adrian grew up in Lutz – a community just north of Tampa, Florida. Adrian, the oldest child, has three sisters as well as a twin brother and sister. Adrian's family will grow even further when the adoption of baby Leo is finalized. In addition, three dogs

and two cats complete the family. His 16-year old pitt is near and dear to Adrian and a love of animals permeates the family. He's been a foster "parent" for dogs and cats since he was a young child.

Goals and future plans? Adrian intends to pursue a graduate degree in Economics at FSU with a concentration in data analytics and market analysis. He plans to work throughout his time at school in order to obtain valuable experience for his professional career. Adrian has also committed to continue to foster animals through the Humane Society while in school. Adrian's long-term goal is to become an economist and work in the private sector.

Strengths and interests? Adrian describes himself as an excellent problem solver and effective communicator. He is detail oriented and focused, with particular strengths in planning and prioritization – excellent traits for a career in Economics. Adrian enjoys hanging out with his friends, golf, and fostering animals. He is proficient in *Microsoft Office Suite - Word, Excel, and PowerPoint*. As well, Adrian has valuable technical and coding experience.

Leadership Experience:

National Association for Business Economics Student, FSU Chapter, Member –
September 2019 – Present, Tallahassee, FL

Investment Club, Steinbrenner High School, President and Founder –
September 2017 – May 2018, Lutz, FL

Honors/Activities:

National Honor Society, Steinbrenner High School, Member -
May 2016 – May 2018, Lutz, FL

Steinbrenner High School, Class Treasurer -
September 2016 – May 2018, Lutz, FL

Humane Society of Tampa Bay, Volunteer -
May 2010 – Present, Tampa, FL

Work Experience:

Net Development Group, Coding and Client Support -
2019 – Present, Greensboro, NC

- Developed Coding Language in HTML for online Virtual Machine On-Line Classes
- Client Support and facilitated escalated member issue resolution via Zendesk

Uncle Maddios, Team Manager -
2018 – 2019, Tampa, FL

- Supervised team members, facilitated customer requests, resolved complaints
- Onboarding of new team members, developed training manuals and assisted with financials

Gator Fred's, Event Planner/Customer Service -
2017 – 2018, Tampa, FL

- Supervised team members, planned events, handled customer requests, resolved complaints
- Exceeded sales/profit goals and handled cash register operations

What made you choose the Florida Housing Coalition? Adrian's future work will involve collecting, analyzing and reporting data in an efficient and cogent manner. The Florida Housing Coalition allows Adrian to sharpen his data and analytical skillset while simultaneously giving back to the community.



Andrea Gann ang16t@my.fsu.edu

Undergraduate Double Major: *International Affairs, Political Science—RIBC, Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate Program in Political Science*

Tell us about yourself: Andrea grew up in Ocala/Marion County Florida along with her parents and younger brother, Ethan. Andrea's mom is from Puerto Rico and Andrea has made multiple trips to the island—most recently in June of this year. She says that her mom is very sweet and that

nobody would ever guess that her sweet, five-foot tall mom had been a Marine for 7 years! Andrea's 15-year old brother Ethan attends a military academy and was recently nominated as the school's cadet of the month. He intends to become a Navy Seal. In addition to being a fulltime student, Andrea has worked in a variety of positions throughout her high school and college years—she's been a waitress, retail sales person, as well as working as an administrative assistant to the CEO of a landmark Ocala restaurant.

Goals and future plans? Andrea plans to attend graduate school to pursue a degree in Oceanography.

Strengths and interests? Andrea has strong leadership, organizational, communication, and research skills. She is also a dedicated student—having graduated from her high school ranked 14 out of 354 students. Andrea is proficient with Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.

Leadership Experience:

League of Women Voters, FSU Campus Chapter, Secretary and Co-Founder - Spring 2019—Present, Tallahassee, FL

Leadership Ocala Marion Youth (LOMY), Regent – 2016—2017, Ocala, FL

- A program for select youth who have demonstrated leadership qualities administered by the local Chamber and local government agencies

Bellevue High School:

Interact Club (Rotary) - 2015—2017, Ocala, FL

Interact Member of the Year - 2017

President - 2015—2017

Debate Club, President – 2016, 2017

UNICEF, Secretary - 2015—2017

Student Government - 2015—2017

Volunteer Experience:

College Democrats, Member - 2017 - Present, Tallahassee, FL

Best Buddies, Member - 2017 - Present, Tallahassee, FL

- Organization dedicated to helping those with intellectual development disorders (IDD)

Silver Springs Film Festival, Volunteer - 2017, Ocala, FL

Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer - 2017 – Present

Munroe Regional Hospital, Weekly Volunteer - 2015—2017, Ocala, FL

Legacy Elementary School, Fourth Grade Mentor - 2015, Belleview, FL

St. John's Lutheran School VBS Program, Youth Counselor - 2015, Ocala, FL

Special Olympics, Coordinator - 2014, Ocala, FL

Honors/Activities:

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Florida State University Chapter, 2018 – Present

Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Fraternity, 2019

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar, 2019

Graduate of AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) program curriculum by Cambridge University

Weighted GPA: 4.65

Class Rank: 14 out of 354

What made you choose the Florida Housing Coalition? Andrea is excited to work with the Coalition's Disaster Recovery team as she has seen firsthand the devastating effects that Hurricane Maria inflicted on Puerto Rico.



Ignacio Diaz Saez
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Undergraduate Double Major: *International Affairs*
Minors: *Public Administration, French*

Tell us about yourself: Ignacio was born in Venezuela and moved to Broward County Florida when he was six. Most of Ignacio's immediate family lives in South Florida but he keeps in touch with family in Venezuela—particularly his grandmother. Ignacio has a great love for

Venezuela and it's culture. Venezuela is a relatively young country having gained independence in the 19th century. In the mid-twentieth century she experienced a great influx of immigrants thus her culture is diverse—Arabic, Polish, Lebanese, German, Spanish. Ignacio reflects that in his heritage—his mom is German and Spanish and his dad is Polish—although it is his mom who is the superb cook when it comes to Polish cuisine! In 2016, Ignacio moved to Tallahassee not only to attend FSU but also to gain career enhancing experience. Nevertheless he goes back to his roots every Sunday as he gathers friends at home and cooks a favorite Venezuelan dish, *Arepas* – made from baked corn flour and stuffed with all kinds of delicious foods such as shredded beef, black beans, and fresh cheese.

Goals and future plans? Ignacio intends to pursue a graduate degree in International Affairs.

Strengths and interests? Ignacio's strengths include writing, research, communications, and video editing with a background grounded in advocacy. As for academics, Ignacio's software skills include: Microsoft Office (Power Point, Word, Excel) Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere). In addition, Ignacio is fluent in Spanish, English and has an advanced proficiency in French.

Internships:

Florida House of Representatives Minority Office, Communications Intern - December 2018 – Present, Tallahassee, FL

- Contribute 10-15 hours per week assisting the office working with representatives for bills, releases, and events
- Responsible for drafting English and Spanish press releases through social media platforms
- Tasked with following and creating visual social media outreach for the office and representatives

Florida New Voters Project PIRG, Coalition Intern - September 2018 – November 2018, Tallahassee, FL

- Built on campus coalitions for non-partisan voter turnout
- Actively anticipated in 'get out the vote' activities via large public announcements, registration, and phone-banking

Nuestro Futuro Symposium, Intern - June 2018 – July 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Conducted research on topics relating to a large community symposium focused on Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rican community
- Managed social media campaign during community symposium

Leadership Experience:

FSU Campus Democrats, Caucus Chair - October 2017 – May 2018, Tallahassee, FL

- Worked with community leaders to organize events and meetings pertaining to political/current events
- Collaborated with other caucus chairs to organize meetings for organization's members
- Worked with organizations in events such as phone banking, canvassing, fundraisers, and rallies

InternatioNole, President - April 2017 – May 2018, Tallahassee, FL

- Worked with other student run organizations in event management
- Managed board and general body members to formulate and execute plans in group environment to enable smooth operations
- Coordinated with parent organization to adjust foreign exchange students to Tallahassee life and facilitate experience

What made you choose the Florida Housing Coalition? Ignacio would like to broaden his knowledge of the affordable housing crisis and contribute his knowledge and skills towards solutions.