

## 2021 TRANSFER/IUT MENTORS

### Michael Bortnowski

I am originally from the Chicago area and will be a Senior at Leeds this fall. I am hoping to help and be a resource in any way that I can as you enter a new chapter in your life at CU!

My deepest interests lie in business strategy, and I will be entering the field of management/strategy consulting after graduation. More specifically I would like to use consulting to make a positive impact on large organizations from a sustainability and social impact perspective. I have always loved examining the way things are and trying to figure out ways to make them even better. I am driven, take my work seriously, but never take myself too seriously and appreciate all that life has to offer outside of work as well.

As a non-traditional transfer student at Leeds, I have a broad background and unique life experiences that I am happy to share more about. This is actually the third university I have attended as an undergrad and my path has ranged from architecture, photography, engineering, geology, geophysics, to the service industry. I have also had the privilege of being a backcountry ski guide and outdoor educator and have spent a significant portion of my time outdoors climbing, mountaineering, snowboarding, hiking, or biking. Unsurprisingly, I love spending time outside, trying a new restaurant, spending time with good friends, listening to live music, and more..

If my major, interests, and/or extracurricular activities align with yours, let's link-up!



### Paula Chacon

Hey there! I am Paula, originally from Colombia and my first language is Spanish. I have been in the USA for the past 6 years and I have traveled all over the place. Traveling and adventuring are my biggest passions! I love going for brunch and enjoy being surrounded by my friends. I try to be a very helpful person and be there for people when they need me, so if some time you need someone to talk to, I will be there. My areas of emphasis are Marketing and Management, and I am a Sophomore/Junior. My dream company is Patagonia. I hope to be part of their marketing team sometime in the future! I am a persistent, hard-working and enthusiastic girl. I would be really happy to guide you as much as I can during your first year and we might be able to continue being friends. I had an amazing mentor during my freshman year and he motivated me to now take the mentor role!



### Rachel Cheang

Hi guys! I am Rachel and I am a senior apart of the Leeds Business School emphasizing in operations management with a minor in biochemistry. My long-term goal is to go to graduate school for physical therapy and own my own clinic. In addition, I have a real estate license and currently working at a firm. Professional life aside, I am an avid Netflix binge watcher, baking cheesecakes are my only specialty in the kitchen, and I enjoy knitting when I have the free time. I can give you advice about my college life and how to make the most of it, in addition to beneficial knowledge that I wish I received as a first year.



### Jose DeLaTorre

I am currently a senior in the Finance/Personal Financial Program. I am Involved in Delta Sigma Pi (business fraternity), Diverse Scholars Program, Leeds Investment and Trading Group, Financial



Planning Association, and more. Outside of school I love doing anything in the outdoors, playing sports (especially soccer), and also like cars.

**Tyler Gohl**

I was a transfer student to Leeds in the Spring of 2020. I know how stressful and overwhelming coming to a new school is. I am studying business management and entrepreneurship at Leeds and my biggest goal in life is to own businesses or have my talents and hands in many areas.

I am a photographer, and I love being outdoors (going on hikes, being in nature and doing freelance shoots while outside). I also love cars, going to car meets, going on cruises and just being around them.

I am here to make sure you feel comfortable and at home while you navigate your way through your first year here at Leeds! I am super outgoing and always willing to help out! I am a natural leader and motivator.



**Tanvi Kumar**

Hey there! My name is Tanvi Kumar and I am a junior studying Finance and Marketing. I transferred to CU my sophomore year of college and I love it so much here! Outside of studying in Koelbel, you can find me playing with my puppy Luna, hiking, hanging out with friends, or trying new restaurants in Boulder! On campus, I'm involved in Alpha Kappa Psi and Crave the Sound (a music journalism club!) I am so excited to meet you, and to make sure you have the most fun and successful time at CU!



**Ann Nguyen**

Hi! My name is Ann Nguyen and I am a fourth-year student at the Leeds School of Business with an emphasis in Accounting. During my time at CU Boulder, I have worked for CU Conferences as an Assistant and Intern and am a part of the Diverse Scholars Program here at Leeds. During my free time I enjoy hiking, shopping, and being around friends and family. I am the oldest sibling out of four and I love meeting new people. In addition, I am a first-degree black-belt in Tae Kwon Do. Overall, I am passionate about helping others and giving back to the community. Please don't hesitate to reach out and I look forward to connecting with you!



**Quinton Odonnell**

Hi! My name is Quinton O'Donnell and this coming year I will be a junior studying business analytics and finance. I was born and raised in Boulder and I absolutely love this place. I would be thrilled to teach you about Boulder and let you in on some of the local secrets to really making this a fantastic place to live. I am a conscientious and highly motivated student and I would be a great resource for any academic questions you may encounter during your first year classes. I am a member of the CU racing club as one of their drivers and I am passionate about motorsports. I have had the pleasure of volunteering for non-profit organizations like Be The Match and Make A Wish as an ambassador and public speaker. I love the opportunity to give back to my community and improve the lives of others. Until this year, I have had a non-traditional approach to college because of health issues that I faced over the last few years. Through this experience, I have learned to adapt and overcome challenges in school, and I can be a useful asset to help guide you through any adversity you may face as you start this new chapter of life. Outside of school I enjoy spending my time outdoors doing things like backpacking, fishing, snowboarding, golfing and racing.



**Nick Oksamytnyj**

Hi! my name is Nick and I am in the Leeds Class of '22 studying Finance, Information Management and a minor in Economics. At Leeds I am involved in the Leeds Investment & Trading Group as well as the Leeds Investment Banking Club. I also currently work at JPMorgan Chase as an Associate Banker and will be interning this summer at Fidelity Investments in hopes to follow a career in Portfolio Management. When I'm not working or at school, I spend my free time playing soccer as well as watching football/playing fantasy. I also love to ski, play FIFA, and read.

**Gennah Penalosa**

Hello! My name is Gennah, and I am a junior pursuing a dual emphasis in Finance and Accounting with a Computer Science Integration. I transferred as an IUT from the College of Arts and Sciences. I am currently a member of the Leeds Honors Program and Women in Business. I am part of the Social Media Executive Team at CU Boulder's chapter of Her Campus, where I am also one of its contributing writers. Additionally, I am an Administrative Associate for a nationwide conference known as the Pilipino American Leadership Summit, and I am training to become a student leader at Asian American InterVarsity. In my free time, I enjoy doing yoga, listening to music, and playing the guitar. I am open to connecting with new people, and I look forward to sharing my experiences and helping them out!

**Roberto Velasco**

I am a junior majoring in accounting and finance. This is my second year in Boulder (transferred from CU Denver). I am really into comedy, hiking, snowboarding, and really anything outdoor.

