

## Dear MASP Family and Friends,

Happy Summer!

After another busy yet rewarding academic year, we are so excited to share with you all of MASP's recent updates. This year we celebrated our 25th Anniversary, piloted a brand new bridge program, hired additional staff and graduated over 30 students. I encourage you to keep reading to learn all about our current initiatives and join us in celebrating our incredible community!

Thank you for your continued support of MASP. Don't forget, we'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,



Celeste Montoya

*Faculty Director, Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program*

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recap

By far the most meaningful part of this past year was celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program. During homecoming weekend in October 2018, we were delighted to bring together over 30 MASP alumni, over 100 current MASP students, and many additional community members to recognize and celebrate the outstanding successes and contributions of MASP on CU's campus.

Thank you to those who joined us!

Please send your photos from the event to [masp@colorado.edu](mailto:masp@colorado.edu).



## Graduation: Class of 2019

The Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program is proud to present 31 graduates this year!

We are so proud to be a part of their journey as they transition from MASP students to MASP Alumni. Our graduates have worked extremely hard and they are ready to move on from undergraduate studies to further pursue their dreams. Several students are heading straight to graduate schools or preparing for their first full-time jobs. Other students plan on travelling, volunteering and studying for entrance exams for advanced fields of study.

We celebrated our graduates on April 27 with a Commencement Ceremony in Old Main and reception in the UMC. In MASP tradition, students spoke on behalf of each other and shared stories of success, challenge, and perseverance. Whether it was sharing memories from PEAC or laughing about late nights at the MASP office, there wasn't a dry eye in the house as we reflected and celebrated another amazing cohort.

Thank you to all joined us at the ceremony, and a special shout out to the speakers for their sentimental and intimate words. Congrats, MASP Class of 2019!





## Follow MASP on Social Media

Did you know that MASP is on Social Media?

Please follow us to stay connected with our community and get updates on our program.

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## Introducing Mini-PEAC

This past January we piloted the very first ‘Mini-Program for Excellence in Academics and Community’ (mini-PEAC). In the past, new students who joined MASP during the academic year immediately received community resources (printing, space, advising, etc.) but were expected to meet program participation requirements for two semesters before receiving scholarship funding. We noticed that this only resulted in about 3 additional students per year, and that while some students had an easier time than others integrating into MASP, we needed to develop an intentional mechanism for better supporting new MASP students when they join the community. We wanted to provide new MASP students a residential cohort experience that empowers their sense of belonging both within MASP and on campus as a whole.

With the support of a committed donor, last fall we proposed a weekend retreat program that would onboard 10-15 new MASP students at once through intentional community building. Similar to our summer program, it is entirely free for the students to participate and they receive a stipend upon completion. Once students they complete the retreat they are eligible to receive a MASP scholarship the following semester. Despite a blizzard that infringed on plans to stay in the mountains, the first iteration occurred this past January with 12 participants from all different majors and at various points in their college careers. The programming consisted of an adaptation of the CU 101 course offered during the our summer bridge program and covered topics such as Building Inclusive Community, Learning Strategies, Goals & Time Management. Students also participated in community building activities led by peer MASP mentors. Overall the feedback from students has been very positive and we are excited to continue our assessment of this new programming in anticipation of our second mini-PEAC scheduled for November 2019.

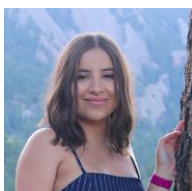


## Student Spotlight



**MAIGH KAUR JAMMU**  
Integrative Physiology, Computer Science, and Public Health Major at CU Boulder

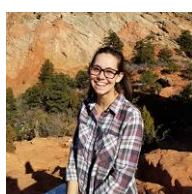
**Maigh Jammu** was one of the selected speakers for the 2019 **TEDxCU: Push & Pull** event.



**Esmeralda Castillo-Cobian** was awarded the 2019 **Jacob Van Ek Scholars Award**, which recognizes the most outstanding students in the College of Arts and Sciences.



**Elshaday Sendek** was awarded Cum Laude honors for her thesis project titled *Investigation of the Microbial Ecology Within a Residential Hall Bathroom*. She was also awarded the 2019 **Jacob Van Ek Scholars Award**.



**Emma Simmerman** was awarded Summa Cum Laude honors for her thesis project titled *Methods for Photophysical Characterization of Red Fluorescent Proteins at the Single-Molecule Level*.