



# The Presidents Leadership Class is only as **strong** as its **students**



Students dedicated to creating positive change in our increasingly complex world through **inclusivity, objectivity, and perseverance.**



Students challenged to evolve into confident, responsive, and compassionate leaders through **scholarship, experience, community, and service.**



## Presidents Leadership Class

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

## Application Process

- Start CU Boulder application
  - Complete **General Scholarship** application for CU Boulder
  - Find Presidents Leadership Class application in Opportunities; **complete all essays and requested uploads**
  - **Email your counselor and selected recommender** letting them know to complete portions of your application
  - Submit PLC application by **February 15**
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## Important Dates

- Now - explore PLC online - [www.colorado.edu/plc](http://www.colorado.edu/plc)
  - **Nov 1 - PLC application opens**
  - **Nov 15 - Taste of PLC**; UMC 235 @ 5:00pm
  - **Feb 15 - PLC application due**
  - March TBD - Zoom interviews
  - April TBD - Admitted Students Day and PLC Reception
  - May 1 - Confirmation deadline
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## Resources

Instagram - [@cuboulderplc](https://www.instagram.com/cuboulderplc)  
[www.colorado.edu/plc/apply-now](http://www.colorado.edu/plc/apply-now)

**General Questions:**  
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**Application Questions:**  
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**Each student selected for PLC differs** in leadership style, and personal character. We seek students who are willing to dedicate the effort to shaping their own leadership style by actively participating and contributing to the program. We also assess applicants based on the following criteria:

**Diversity** - PLC is a community celebrating diversity as its greatest asset. We are an inclusive and supportive leadership program, accessible to any student seeking to create sustainable change and challenging the status quo. We embrace constructive debate of difference and perspective in order to build extraordinary leaders of character capable of tackling complex social issues.

**Depth of Involvement** - We seek students who have made significant contributions to their chosen activities through increased, continued participation and longevity of membership. Important titles mean less to us than sustainable contributions and innovative problem solving.

**Writing Skills** - Good writing skills and usage of college-level vocabulary and grammar is expected of applicants. Writing in many forms is foundational to the PLC curriculum. We expect you to be able to express yourself clearly, concisely, and creatively.

**Academic Ability** - The purpose of considering your previous academic performance is to make sure you won't struggle with the content and expectations in our courses. Though they will be reviewed, your GPA and test scores neither make nor break your chances of being selected for the program.





# The CORPS of PLC

community outreach and recruitment of prospective scholars



## Julia Baum

I am a Junior majoring in Political Science with minors in Philosophy and Leadership Studies. I was raised in Broomfield, and I am passionate about politics, religion, good food, and deciding whether or not I want to open a bed-and-breakfast in the Italian countryside. I hope to attend law school and practice child advocacy or family law. I'm active on campus, as president of the Senior Class Council and lover of Farrand Field, and off campus, as a member of St. Thomas Aquinas, Boulder's local Catholic parish. In my time in PLC, I've learned how to embrace and express my beliefs while still being able to have honest and mature conversations with other PLCers. The discussions I've had with my fellow PLCers have resulted in realizations that we often desire the same outcomes, we have similar morals, and we are really not as polarized as we think we are.

*"I came into college thinking that I had to become someone specific, that there was some sort of box I had to fit perfectly. I've learned that my passions can ebb and flow and that my motivation should stem from a desire to learn, not from any pressure to be someone I'm not."*

PLC has allowed me to grow and change and become the version of myself that I am truly proud of. Please email me with questions about my majors, Students for Life, St. Thomas Aquinas, PLC, etc.: [julia.m.baum@colorado.edu](mailto:julia.m.baum@colorado.edu)



## Tristan Ikeda

I am a Junior majoring in Film with the BFA program and minoring in Leadership Studies. I am a proud Colorado native and I was born and raised in Aurora, Colorado. I spend my time working at the UMC as the Deputy Chief of Security for events and teaching free women's self defense classes with the Denver Police Department. I enjoy playing electric guitar, doing martial arts, and anything outdoors that can keep my adrenaline pumping. With my passion for film and film production, I want to empower people to stand up for the good in the world and have conversations about the wicked problems we are facing as a society. I am planning on becoming a film director along with opening up and continuing my family's Martial Arts Dojo. Being a part of the PLC community has given me wonderful friendships and people that I can lean on. PLC has given me many opportunities to grow as a leader and as an individual.

*"Entering college, I felt like I needed to sacrifice the things I enjoyed to become successful and to get good grades. I realized that, with balance, I did have time to do the things that I was passionate about. In this chapter of life, it's about experiencing different interests and doing the things you love."*

Email me if you want to talk about your favorite movie or want to learn more about what opportunities are out there for you! [tristan.ikeda@colorado.edu](mailto:tristan.ikeda@colorado.edu)



## Alden Soto

I grew up in Nederland, a small town west of Boulder, has given me a healthy respect for the outdoors and I love spending time outdoors and exercising.

*"Currently I am going into my junior year of college, studying Applied Mathematics and Biochemistry, and I really can't believe it's gone this fast."*

I enjoy wondering about philosophical questions, exercising in any capacity, learning about math, and trying to convince people math isn't entirely incomprehensible. I am fascinated with protein, hormone expression and epigenetics, and will eventually seek out a career in biotechnology. I'm also fascinated by consulting, and at some point I would love to pursue a career in consulting. As far as organizations I'm involved with on campus beyond PLC, I am part of the executive team of the Leeds Consulting Group, a student organization that focuses on building consulting and problem solving skills in students, and giving them real world experience.

If you have any questions about PLC, or about college as a whole, please contact me at [alden.soto@colorado.edu](mailto:alden.soto@colorado.edu).



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## Abigail Brown

I am a junior majoring in History and Strategic Communications: Public Relations Track. I grew up in the Western Slope city of Grand Junction—home to mountain biking, lavender-flavored lattes, and peaches on pizza. I'm a big fan of travelling and will be studying abroad during the Fall 2021 semester in Sweden. Recently, I've started learning how to cook, so I love setting aside time in my day for trying out new recipes. Post-graduation, I would love to work at a PR agency where I can learn and grow right alongside PR professionals.

*"I'm very passionate about finding the right words and images to craft impactful messages that make a difference, and I'm excited to use my PR degree for this purpose."*

PLC has helped me to discover new passions and strengths and has ultimately helped me land on the majors that I'm currently pursuing. This community really pushes you to be the best version of yourself, to try new things, and to find exciting new solutions to wicked problems.

Please email me if you have questions about History, Public Relations, studying abroad in Sweden, cooking, or PLC:  
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## Dylan Carpenter

I am a third-year majoring in Journalism and English. When I'm not running throughout Denver with friends near my childhood home, I also enjoy a great book, watercolor, and trips to new places—with or without those same friends.

*"My time at CU and PLC has been full of growth, and by that, I mean a shift in perspective. I find it easier than ever to look at problems (or even the best aspects) of pertinent issues while always keeping its most prominent stakeholders in the front view of said cases—thanks to PLC in particular."*

Being affiliated with the Arts & Sciences Honors Program, College of Media, Communication, and Information, and finding myself in various other extraneous jobs that revolved around student enrichment, this valuable academic and life skill has elevated my ability to both help and learn! Someday, I hope to take these same lessons from the classroom as I apply them in real life as a storyboard writer for children's media specializing in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Email me if you have questions about Arts & Sciences Honors Program, CMCI, writing, journalism, or PLC:  
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## Peyton Biggers

I am a sophomore majoring in Business with emphasis in Marketing and Business Analytics. I am from Broomfield and am passionate about corporate social responsibility, youth empowerment, dogs, and planning unrealistic vacations. During my first year of college, I got involved in the Leeds Scholars & Honors programs, Delta Sigma Pi, and the Leeds Consulting Group. I am also the social chair for CU's chapter of the American Marketing Association. Eventually, I hope to work at a socially-focused marketing agency, using data-driven decisions to make an impact in many sectors. PLC has pushed me to analyze critical, societal issues from perspectives I never would have otherwise considered. By being surrounded by driven, passionate students from such diverse backgrounds, I have been able to consider how my experiences have influenced my views. This community promotes respect, reflection, and allows space for your opinions to evolve.

*"My biggest learning moment at CU has been learning how to deal with discomfort and allowing those moments to lead to personal growth."*

Despite having an untraditional first-year college experience, PLC has allowed me to forge deep connections with my peers. I have found my place at CU in PLC.

Email me if you have any questions about business programs, my majors, and PLC: [peyton.biggers@colorado.edu](mailto:peyton.biggers@colorado.edu).