

Advocacy Corps



FCNL Welcomes the 2024–2025 Advocacy Corps



Alex Santiago (she/they)

Santa Cruz, CA

Alex Santiago is a first-generation student at the University of California, Santa Cruz majoring in politics and Latin American studies with a minor in history of consciousness. On campus, Alex is the legislative director of the UCSC Student Housing Coalition, garden steward for the Stevenson Garden, member of the Worker Student Solidarity Coalition (WSSC) and a Legislative Fellow with the Dolores Huerta Research Center. She is also the founder of the UCSC Latinxs in Law Association. She is passionate about housing justice, migrant justice, farmworkers' rights and church state separation.



Anisa Navarro (she/her/ella)

Seattle, WA

Anisa Navarro is a recent first-generation graduate from the University of Washington, where she double-majored in psychology and medical anthropology and global health. She is passionate about creating systemic change and addressing health and educational disparities faced by immigrant, low-income, and Latino communities. Navarro hopes to continue uplifting and supporting other first-generation youth to become more involved in lobbying and advocacy efforts.



Connor Babbitt (he/they)

Ashland, OR

Connor Babbitt is a second-year student at Southern Oregon University. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Science in gender, sexuality, and women's studies, as well as certificates in ethnic and racial studies, political communication, and writing and rhetoric. Babbitt is determined to create a stronger community by reminding citizens of the power they already possess. Through his unionization efforts and work with local grassroots organizations, Babbitt is connecting communities to form coalitions that can break chains and build brighter futures.



Dasia Washington (she/her)

Atlanta, GA

Dasia Washington recently graduated from Guilford College with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a minor in criminal justice. Washington is passionate about social justice, grassroots revolution, and radical empathy, focusing on racial, gender, and wealth inequity, gun violence, and decolonization. Washington has organized diverse events, including art exhibits, dinners, teach-ins, and media campaigns, and has engaged in lobbying, protests, and education in North Carolina, D.C., Arizona, and Rhode Island. She is excited to learn from everyone in this year's cohort and to build the just society we all deserve within our lifetime.



Dominick Damper (he/him)

Durango, CO

Dominick Damper is an Advocacy Corps organizer for the Friends Committee on National Legislation, working on the Israel-Palestine conflict. Through grassroots efforts and lobbying, he is advocating for a ceasefire in Gaza, the restoration of UNRWA funding, and the end of U.S. arms sales to Israel. Damper attends Fort Lewis College, and his academic interests are in comparative and constitutional law, with a background in engagement, research, and compliance. He brings valuable knowledge from his work with the Political Engagement Project and Our Voice, Our Vote.



Jenna Qaddoumi (she/her)

Memphis, TN

Jenna Qaddoumi is a recent high school graduate and will enter her first year at Rhodes College to study pre-law. She was the vice president of her school's Criminal Justice Club and Memphis Muslims for Justice Club, and she worked within her community to educate and advocate for change. In addition, she was the editor of her school's newsletter and loves writing as much as reading. Qaddoumi has organized teach-ins and coordinated events with different organizations, and she hopes to use her experience to ground her organizing.



Jose Manuel Maldonado-Morales (he/him/el)

Seattle, WA

Jose Manuel Maldonado-Morales is graduating from the University of Washington with a bachelor's degree in educational studies and American ethnic studies and a minor in labor studies as a first-generation student. Maldonado-Morales has participated in FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend for three consecutive years, as well as in a Friends Place Fly-in. He has worked with organizations dedicated to promoting higher education for Latino and Indigenous students, created lesson plans for preschool to high school students, and actively engaged with the community to create safe spaces.



Kate West (she/they)

Concord, NH

As a passionate community organizer, Kate West advocates for social, economic, and environmental justice. Their work involves strategic research, effective communication, and collaborative engagement to drive positive legislative change.

West participated in Spring Lobby Weekend in 2023 and 2024, strengthening their collaboration, community building, and leadership skills while lobbying New Hampshire state representatives with Change for Concord. West served as a Concord District School Board member from 2020 to 2022, ran for mayor of her city, and was accepted into the 2025 Leadership NH program.



Kaya Henderson (she/her)

Grand Rapids, MI

Kaya Henderson is an International Baccalaureate alumna with experience at Van Andel Science Academy and the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology. She is passionate about social justice and community outreach, engaging with local legislators and activists who seek to reduce gun violence, increase access to affordable health care, and build reconciliation with Native American communities. As an experienced canvasser, she was shadowed by The New York Times while engaging with voters and helped people register to vote in time for local elections. Henderson plans to attend Grand Valley State University next semester as a political science major.



Kyle Feldhake (he/him)

St. Paul, MN

Kyle Feldhake is pursuing a master's degree in public policy at the University of Minnesota. He earned an undergraduate degree from North Dakota State University, double majoring in political science and journalism. Recently, during his time in Fargo, North Dakota, he co-founded a local CODEPINK chapter advocating for Palestine. He has also been involved in various municipal and state election campaigns. Feldhake is excited to further the anti-war movement and build his advocacy skills.



Mohammad Sabri (he/him)

Ashburn, VA

Mohammad Sabri received his master's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma. He is a Teach for America alumnus who taught in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and started nonprofit initiatives addressing food insecurity. Sabri is also an Urban Leadership Fellows alumnus who worked on housing affordability and criminal justice reform. He has worked with Leadership for Educational Equity to address disparities in Atlanta, Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, D.C., and Dallas. Sabri is currently a consultant and educator. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and coaching field hockey, basketball, and soccer.



Ranen Miao (he/him)

Washington, DC

Ranen is a public-interest paralegal supporting environmental class action cases and an advocate for youth civic engagement. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with majors in political science, sociology, and women, gender, and sexuality studies. At Washington University, he served as student body president and organized around LGBTQIA+ rights, racial justice, and socioeconomic equity. Previously, Ranen held internships on Capitol Hill and with the ACLU, EEOC, Abortion Action Missouri, and a dozen political campaigns.



Scarlett Guajala (she/her)

West New York, NJ

Scarlett Guajala is a graduate of Saint Peter's University, where she majored in psychology with a minor in sociology and was a leader in various clubs focused on immigration advocacy and education. She has conducted sociology and political science research, presenting at annual conferences including the Eastern Sociological Society and the 18th Annual Liberation Based Healing Conference. Guajala is an activist and organizer in her community in New Jersey and New York, advocating for immigrant rights, a pathway to citizenship for undocumented families, and liberation movements. In her spare time, she enjoys powerlifting and hiking.



Taylor Damaschi (he/him)

Blackwood, NJ

Taylor Damaschi is a community organizer based in Blackwood, New Jersey. He is passionate about foreign policy, international solidarity, and fighting for the international working class. Damaschi graduated from Arizona State University's School of Politics and Global Studies with a bachelor's degree in political science, focusing on global politics and conflict. He was previously a community organizer for Working America, the community arm of the AFL-CIO, organizing in Philadelphia for higher wages, proper hospital staffing, and corporate accountability. When he's not cooking Sichuanese food, you can find Damaschi playing League of Legends.



Tzara Kane (she/her)

Philadelphia, PA

Tzara Kane is an electoral organizer from coastal Maine. She graduated from SUNY Purchase with a bachelor's degree in theatre and performance and is pursuing teaching certification for secondary mathematics. Kane became involved in grassroots political organizing through strike solidarity actions in Portland, Maine, prior to her work in tenant advocacy electoral campaigns. She served as campaign treasurer for successful ballot question campaigns in Portland, which protected the city's robust rent control and tenant protection laws. She currently serves as the national endorsements co-chair for the Democratic Socialists of America's National Electoral Commission.



Yasharbek Sabitov (they/them)

Swarthmore, PA

Yasharbek Sabitov is a student organizer from Queens, New York, pursuing a double major in sociology/anthropology and computer science at Swarthmore College. On campus, they are closely involved with organizations such as the Swarthmore Queer Union and the Swarthmore Workers Union, where they advocate for the interests of marginalized students and workers. Coming from an immigrant, Central Asian background, Sabitov's values of social justice translate directly into their advocacy against environmental destruction, anti-immigration policies, and the military-industrial complex.
