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Noor Darwish is a senior at Santa Clara University will graduate in June 2019 with a double major in Sociology and Political Science and a minor in International Business. She is passionate about social justice, and plans to use the knowledge and skills she has learnt to help the Middle Eastern and Muslim communities. On a personal note, she is Palestinian and is the Co-President of “Students for Justice in Palestine” and is a member of “Advocacy for Workers on Campus” at Santa Clara University. She grew up in Dubai and speaks English and Arabic fluently. A fun fact about her is that she is a twin.

Anna Paris Heider is a senior Psychology and Sociology double major at Santa Clara University. She will be graduating in the Spring of 2019 and hopes to continue working with communities on social inequalities. In addition to her studies, she enjoys photography, and hopes to incorporate it into her future work with social inequalities.

Elizabeth Namakula Kamy is a senior who will graduate in June 2019 with majors in Sociology, psychology, and ethnic studies. She is half Ugandan and proud of her multicultural background. While she was growing up, she was fortunate enough to travel to Uganda every summer. Spending time with people who have different life experiences than her own instilled her with values, of compassion, consciousness, and cultural competence, which have guided her career choices and activities tremendously. While studying at Santa Clara University, her mentors and peers have challenged her to think creatively in response to problem-solving. Programs at SCU, with a singular focus on social justice, have helped her discover a love of learning in new cultures and being pushed to grow. Doing research on community attachment has inspired her to take what she has learned and apply it to local and international communities in order to create powerful transformations.

Erin Jessica Ronald is a fourth year Environmental Studies and Sociology double major. She is passionate about helping communities reduce social inequalities through sustainable development. After college, Erin aims to continue her vocational discernment, pursuing research with a focus on urban climate change mitigation before applying to graduate school. She is most interested in human ecology, climate change management, and international development.