

*The School of Physical Sciences presents*  
**Anteater Spotlight**  
*Richelle Homo*



Meet Chemistry and Biological Sciences double major Richelle. Among her many accomplishments is that she is Vice President of Marketing and Communications for UC Irvine's Student Alumni Association. Her impressive academics put her in the top 1% of undergraduate students. Richelle recently decided to pursue a career in medicine, having been inspired her whole life by a close family member with special needs. In her time away from campus she volunteers at her local church and created a religious studies program that caters to children with special needs. She also serves as a caregiver for In-Home Support Services of Orange County. Oh, and if that didn't keep her busy enough, she also became a licensed pharmacy technician in 2013.

Richelle is also involved in research on campus, with Professor Jafari. Her lab group intends to slow the aging process in hopes of delaying the onset of disease and many other conditions, including cancer. She performs extractions, uses HPLC, ESI-TOF assays and works with fruit flies. She also does web design for her research group. As a member of the Chemistry Outreach Program Richelle visits nearby K-12 schools and educates students on the beauty and usefulness of chemistry in everyday life. She demos fun experiments in front of the kids.



Richelle Homo  
 Class of 2016  
 B.S. Chemistry  
 B.S. Biological Sciences



As a Campuswide Honors Student she served as Student Council rep her first year and designed the CHP t-shirt the last two years. Richelle is a singer and a photographer too! Many offices on campus call Richelle to photograph their events. Her photos are used in letters, websites, and have been framed and displayed all over campus. Her amazing photos have also been featured at the OC Fair. There is not enough room to list her many awards and scholarships. Richelle is a shining example for all students. She balances her school work and personal life with perfection and we can all be sure that she will accomplish great things in her bright future!



Congratulations, Richelle!