

Scholarship Gala



MIA MALDONADO '22

"One of the main reasons C of I was my top choice was because of how diverse it is. I come from a very homogeneous area, so I was looking forward to being exposed to other cultures and meeting people from around the world. Secondly, I wanted to go to a smaller school. In less than a year, it was easy for me to get to know my professors and classmates really well. One of the last, and most important reasons why I chose C of I was because it is affordable for me and my family. I have two other siblings in college so going to a school that could support me financially was crucial. C of I was so generous with their scholarships and financial aid, and because of that, here I am attending my #1 choice school!"

"One of the moments that stands out to me the most was when my admission counselor called me one day after school, and told me I was awarded two scholarships I had applied for. I was already accepted into the school and I was given merit and other scholarships, but the only thing holding me back was still money. Before this moment I did not know if I would actually attend due to financial circumstances. This was the moment that I realized that I could attend my number one/dream school because of these scholarships. These scholarships allow me to attend a school I love, and earn a degree that will allow me to achieve my future endeavors. Hopefully I can participate in the Peace Corps and eventually work in the foreign service – practicing the things I am most passionate about – community service and engaging with other cultures."

- ▲ **Majors:** International Political Economy and Spanish
Minors: Communications and Health Promotion
- ▲ **Hometown:** Coeur d'Alene, ID
- ▲ **Interests:** Association of Latino American Students, Gender-Sexuality Campus Alliance, Hendren Hall Ambassador, Dance Club, Admissions Ambassador, Alpine Club

"Many people look to someone to serve as a model. They want someone to look up to who has good values and a sense of honor and integrity. As a freshmen student at The College of Idaho that student is Mia Maldonado."

-Arnoldo Hernandez, Dir. of Inclusion and International Engagement