

Phil Barney is an Urban & Environmental Policy and Critical Theory & Social Justice double major from Las Vegas, NV. While at Oxy, he has been politically active. He helped initiate OxyConscious, a group dedicated to working towards a more tolerant, aware, and socially progressive society, and worked on the struggle for hotel workers' right to a union and a living wage. He has also been active with the Center for Community Based Learning and the Intergroup Dialogue Program. Phil has been involved with Buddhist Meditation and other spiritual ventures. In the past few years, he says that he "has grown to see the beauty in others and has developed a passion for social change and social awareness." After graduation, he plans to spend his life as an organizer.

Ian Breckenridge-Jackson is a senior Mathematics major and Spanish Literary and Cultural Studies minor from Pinole, California. He played for two years on the men's basketball team at Oxy before becoming active in the theater program. In the summer of 2006, he took a weeklong trip to New Orleans to gut homes in the Ninth Ward with the Common Ground Collective, a grassroots activist organization founded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. That trip was the first of four that he has taken to New Orleans, his most recent in March, where he tutored K-5th grade in the Upper Ninth Ward. In the fall, after his second trip to New Orleans, Ian had the opportunity to work as a TA in an ESL Algebra I classroom at Franklin High School through an Oxy class titled "Math, Education and Access to Power." Ian recently completed his senior comprehensive project applying mathematical models to populations displaced by natural disasters.