

**CORO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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**Regine Dunn, New York University, Masters of Public Administration / Nonprofit Management**

After receiving her Masters Degree in Public Administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Ms. Dunn focused on community development work in nonprofit organizations throughout New York City. As Program Coordinator for the Sponsors for Educational Opportunity Career Program, which provided internships for undergraduate students of color, she managed the Philanthropy, Management Consulting and Accounting programs. In her positions with Wildcat Service Corporation and Community Care Development Project, Inc., she worked very closely with families on public assistance and disadvantaged youth. In addition, she developed proposals for government agencies and foundations and was successful in securing funds for several programs, including a \$1.3 million dollar grant to operate Wildcat's alternative high school. Ms. Dunn's future goals include establishment of a non-profit organization that helps teens develop life skills.

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**Robert Fukumoto, University of California, Santa Cruz, BA Politics/History**

Robert Toshiharu Fukumoto graduated from University of California, Santa Cruz with a B.A. in History with emphasis in American, Japanese, and Intellectual History and Political Science with an emphasis in American Politics. Before Coro, he participated in summer internships at the City of Monterey Park Office of the City Manager and Office of Finance, at the non-profit Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, as a California Asian American Student Internship Coalition Intern at the State Board of Equalization for the Fourth District, as well as in Senator Dianne Feinstein's Washington, D.C. office. He hopes to pursue a future in government, working in either the legislative or executive branch, to bring hope and help to many people through public policy.

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**Phillip Holmes, University of California, Santa Cruz, BA Politics/Legal Studies**

During the 2004 presidential election, Phillip Holmes worked as political director for a media and messaging firm whose clients included America Coming Together, Sierra Club, and Punk Voter, among others. Recently, he has helped to create Voterworks and MustVote, web-based voter registration systems. Mr. Holmes completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz with a B.S. in Politics and Legal Studies. Mr. Holmes has worked as a legal researcher at the Santa Cruz District Attorney's office and at a NATO think tank in Washington, D.C.. In his spare time, Mr. Holmes enjoys working with the Progressive Jewish Alliance as an anti-death penalty speaker. He looks forward to a Masters Degree in Law and Public Policy.

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**A J Hutchins, Pepperdine University, Masters of Business Administration**

A J Hutchins majored in film as an undergraduate and moved to Los Angeles with visions of Hollywood dancing in her head. Her focus shifted to business and she graduated with an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. She has spent the past year working as a recruiter in a small company in Los Angeles, but would like to work for an organization that is more socially conscious. Ultimately she is interested in moving into environmental consulting, helping companies become less wasteful and more sustainable. In her free time she enjoys writing, reading, movies, travel, and yoga.

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**Karnig Kazarian, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, BS Agricultural Business**

Karnig Kazarian, a third generation Armenian American from Fresno, California, graduated from California Polytechnic State University, with a B.S. in Agricultural Business and a double minor in Economics and Spanish. As an undergrad, he co-founded *Poly Gives*, a non-profit organization that facilitates an annual donation drive for worthy causes throughout the world. He also has participated in two congressional internships, in Fresno and Washington, D.C.. Mr. Kazarian plans to attend law school and hopes to incorporate both his agriculture background and ability to speak Spanish as he pursues a career in public policy.

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**Daniel Koken, University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Science, BA Political Science**

Dan Koken graduated from the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) with a major in Political Science. In college, Dan was President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, a starter on the Penn Rugby Team, and a regular volunteer with children in the community. During his undergraduate years he studied abroad in England and Spain, as well as spending a summer volunteering at an orphanage in Guatemala. After Coro, Mr. Koken is interested in teaching English in Ecuador and then going on to earn a graduate degree in law and/or public affairs.

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**Daniel Kramer, Tufts University, BA Economics/Political Science**

Daniel Evan Kramer is excited to enter the world of Coro. After graduating Tufts University with election to Pi Kappa Alpha and the Dean's List, Mr. Kramer joined Sotheby's International Realty in Beverly Hills. A lifelong Los Angeles resident, he interned for the City Attorney and National Digital Television Center, and worked at Village Pizzeria. At Tufts, he served as fraternity President, earned eight varsity letters, and directed three Adopt-a-School programs. He is passionate about recycling, growing tomatoes and world travel.

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**Meghan Loper, University of Southern California, BS Public Policy and Management**

Meghan Loper received a B.S. in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern California. For her work with elementary and middle school students, and involvement with women's leadership activities, she received the Etzioni Bianchi Community Service Award, presented to a USC graduate demonstrating strong academic standing and volunteerism. She values her internship and successive role as a staff assistant for the Senate Rules Committee in Sacramento. While attending the University of Sussex, England, her coursework related to international, political and economic relations and gender issues. Ms. Loper plans to pursue advanced degrees in public policy and law.

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**Amit Thakkar, Pomona College, BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics**

Amit Thakkar graduated from Pomona College in Claremont with a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. At Pomona Mr. Thakkar was Editor-in-Chief of *The Student Life*, and interned with Merrill Lynch and the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. Mr. Thakkar also worked with groups such as the Pomona College Women's Union, the Multiracial Organization Redefining Ethnicity and the Student Liberation and Action Movement to develop programming addressing sexism, racism and heterosexism. He brought his belief in social justice to youth programs such as the Exploration Program at Yale University, where he taught classes in Journalism, Advertising and Race Relations as well as to the Coro Civic Leadership Program. While attending Oxford University, Mr. Thakkar studied the political economy of food and poverty in South Asia. Mr. Thakkar plans on pursuing a law degree and a Masters Degree in Political Economy with hope of entering civic work in the future.

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**Dominique West, University of California, Berkeley, BA Social Welfare**

Dominique West graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a B.A. in Social Welfare and a minor in African American Studies. Previous work experience includes the recruitment and retention program planning at University of California, Berkeley, teaching 9<sup>th</sup> grade social studies at an urban high school in Los Angeles and, most recently, consulting on the planning and implementation of Los Angeles Universal Preschool. Ms. West has a passion for service and a vested interest in making long-term, institutional changes that empower underserved communities. She plans to pursue graduate studies in Public Administration.