



### 2021-2022 Scholar Bios

**Amanda Gómez Feliz** immigrated to the Bronx with her family from the Dominican Republic in 2010. She started high school not knowing any English and taught herself the language, going on to graduate as her high school salutatorian, and then magna cum laude from the University of Rochester. Following graduation, she worked as an Urban Fellow with the New York City Department of Education Division of Early Childhood, and then as an aide to children with intellectual disabilities. Amanda will be entering Yale Law School in the fall and after graduation, she plans to work in the field of immigration law, where her goal is to help non-citizens navigate challenges similar to those she was able to overcome.

**Priscilla Guo** was born and raised in New York City, where she intends to practice after law school. She graduated from Harvard College with a B.A. in Technology, Policy, and Society; from Oxford University with a Master's Degree in the Social Science of the Internet; and from Tsinghua University with a Masters of Global Affairs. This fall, Priscilla is entering her first year at Stanford Law School. She ultimately hopes to combine her knowledge of emerging technologies with her law degree to identify inequities and advocate on behalf of vulnerable communities. In addition to her academic and professional achievements, Priscilla has served as a mentor for underserved young women writers, as a national teen advisor for the UN's Girl Up program, and as a New York City Youth board representative.

**Cristel Taveras** is a lifelong New Yorker and daughter of immigrants to the United States. Since graduating from Fordham University in 2014, she has worked in various roles with the goal of advancing equity and justice with an intersectional lens. Cristel has worked as a paralegal at the ACLU's Women's Rights Project, served as a Policy Advisor with the NYC Board of Correction, and is currently a Campaign Researcher at Color Of Change. In addition to her extensive public interest work, Cristel has volunteered with a local housing justice organization and served as a mentor to a first-generation high school student. This fall, Cristel will be entering Fordham Law School in the part-time program, where she hopes to further explore her interest in labor and employment law.

**Rose Wehrman** was raised in rural Nebraska, where her family operates a farm, and is the first in her family to pursue a graduate degree. Rose graduated magna cum laude from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2020 with a degree in English having been selected as a Regents Scholar. She is currently a first year law student at Columbia Law School. Prior to enrolling at Columbia, Rose served in AmeriCorps as a member of the Notre Dame Mission Volunteers. During her AmeriCorps service she developed elementary school activities and afterschool programming to narrow COVID-emergent learning gaps. Rose has spent significant time serving in various schools as a teaching assistant and student leader, as well as serving as a research assistant for the Nebraska State Department of Education. Rose hopes to combine her passion for education and young people, to help address systemic inequities that affect young children.