**How has the College of Health and Human Development prepared you for your future?**

CHHD has prepared me for my future career as an elementary school teacher. They have done so by providing me with unique classes and dedicated faculty members. CHHD truly feels like a small family and I have been blessed to be a part of it.

**What are some benefits you have had through being involved?**

Being involved has allowed me to make the most of my time here at CSUF. I was able to work with many different departments and students leaders on campus. Besides the endless skills and professional development my involvements have offered, I have met many life long friends.

**What is a challenge you have faced and how did you overcome it?**

Time management and learning to say no are by far the two hardest challenges I have while being involved. Although a challenge, being involved has allowed me to become much better with time management.

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**TITAN PRIDE**

Derek is a fourth year graduating senior with a major in Child and Adolescent Development. Derek plans to pursue a career in elementary education. He has grown up with education as a core value in his household. This is where his passion for working with children comes from. Derek is very involved on campus; he has worked with ASI’s advocacy group, sat on ASI Board of Directors, and is a part of Resident Student Association and the housing community as a Resident Advisor for three years. He is the current Resident Advisor for the Health and Human Development themed community. Derek is also a current NASPA Undergraduate Fellowship Program, an organization for students interested in working in Student Affairs. All of his involvements have allowed him to develop professional skills and work with unique people and organizations.

**What are some tips you have for students at CSUF?**

Get involved. Stay organized. Get to know your professors, they are here not only to teach but also offer help and support. Go to campus events. Find what works for you.

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.”

~Bil Keane