

Student Profiles

Name: Arpita Mandal

Where did you grow up: Newbury Park, CA

What school did you go to for undergrad: UC Santa Barbara

Major(s)/Minor(s): Major: Psychology
Minor: Education with an emphasis in Applied Psychology

What year are you in the School Psych. Program: 1st year

SPSA position: Membership Chair

Interests within the field of School Psych.: Home/school/community collaboration, social skills training, children with emotional disturbances, and looking at the effects of poverty on learning, motivation, and student achievement.

Interests or hobbies outside the field of School Psych.: Spending time with friends, going on short weekend vacations, watching a week's worth of shows on my DVR in one day, reading books for fun, reading celebrity gossip blogs, working out, eating out, shopping whether or not I have the money to do so, and overextending myself.

Current job(s): Substitute teacher in Huntington Beach Union High School District and the Ocean View School District, Graduate Assistant, and a private academic tutor in Math and Spanish.

Ultimate career goals: I would like to practice as a School Psychologist in a public school district, at the high school level. Ultimately, I would like to go back and get my PhD and teach at the university level, but I'm looking forward to having some years of experience under my belt...not to mention actually making some money and paying off all these loans!

Anything else interesting about yourself or things you've done that you would like to provide (ex. studied or worked abroad, member of any organizations, etc.):