

# Dr. Michael W. Combs Honors Scholars



## VALUES

EXCELLENCE, GROWTH, SERVICE

## MISSION

- To help students of color find community and foster inclusive excellence
- To provide students of color a safe space for leadership and opportunities
- To provide mentorship for and by students of color

## MEMBERSHIP

Open to all students interested at UNL with a 3.4 GPA or higher with an expressed interest in students of color.

## ABOUT DR. MICHAEL W. COMBS

The late Dr. Michael W. Combs was more than a distinguished professor of political science, community leader and UNL researcher and author. He daily embodied excellence and a holistic view of education. We created this RSO to ensure that every student knows that they are a young scholar with infinite potential.

## TO JOIN

If you're interested in becoming a member, email Daniela Chavez at [daniela.chavez@huskers.unl.edu](mailto:daniela.chavez@huskers.unl.edu)

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Daniela Chavez

Position: President  
Majors: Art History and Studio Arts  
Hometown: Grand Island, NE

"Through the Combs Honors Scholars RSO, I am hoping to provide resources, share experiences and celebrate diversity in the Honors Program. I also want to assist the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in the program because I strongly believe there is a place for everyone here!"



Brannon Evans

Position: Vice President of Programming  
Major: Theatre Performance  
Hometown: Omaha, NE

"I want to provide a safe space for the students of color in the Honors Program and help foster a community where everyone feels seen and heard."



Salman Djingueinabaye

Position: Vice President of Finance  
Major: Computer Science  
Hometown: Omaha, NE

"I believe creating a space where incoming students can easily browse available opportunities will lower the barrier of entry for ambitious but socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Equality of opportunity means taking steps to minimize the inherent disadvantages certain students face."



Dulce Garcia

Position: Vice President of Public Relations  
Majors: Advertising/ Public Relations and Journalism  
Hometown: Grand Island, NE

"My hope for the Combs Honors Scholars is to create and offer a more safe, inclusive, and welcoming experience for traditionally underrepresented students in the Honors Program. The Honors Program should be a place where everyone feels they belong."

## ADVISORS



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