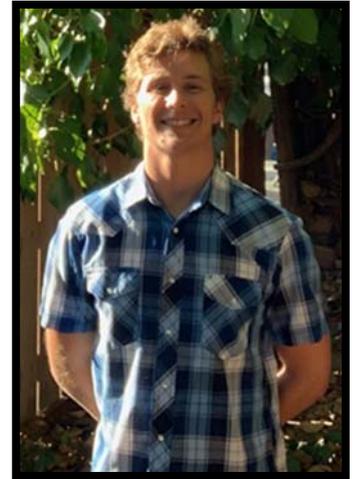




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CAIA/Fresno Valves & Castings, CAIA/Laurel Ag & Water Scholarships. **Joshua Porter** is a fourth year BioResource and Agricultural Engineering major at Cal Poly maintaining a 3.61 collegiate GPA. Born in Tulare, Joshua was rooted into agriculture growing up working at his family's dairy. In previous summers, he worked for Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group and Hartman Engineering Inc. as a dairy intern and agricultural engineer. This summer, Joshua worked for the Irrigation Training and Research Center drafting turnouts for Walker River Irrigation District as well as assisting ranchers and farmers in Carmel Valley with complying to Senate Bill 88. In his free time, Joshua enjoys a multitude of activities including surfing, hiking, fishing, and fabrication. Joshua will be graduating in Spring 2022 and plans on continuing his education at Cal Poly for a Master's in Water Engineering.



CAIA/Irrigation Design & Construction, CAIA/Buckner Superior Scholarships. **Grace Mazzilli** is entering her fourth year at Cal Poly SLO studying BioResource & Agricultural Engineering maintaining a GPA of above 3.0. Grace is involved in several organizations on campus such as the Society of Women Engineers and Recruitment Chair of the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi. During this past school year, she worked for the California Energy Commission researching algae wastewater treatment. This summer she is working for the Irrigation Training and Research Center and will continue working there throughout the school year. Planning to graduate in 2022, she is hoping to apply for the Cal Poly Master's program for Water Engineering as well as continue working in the irrigation industry.

CAIA/RDO Water Scholarship. **Anton Venter** is a senior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo majoring in BioResource and Agricultural Engineering. Being raised in a family from a long line of farmers in South Africa, he has been surrounded by a love of agriculture from a young age. This heritage, paired with a mathematically inclined mind, made majoring in BRAE an easy choice. While further exploring the major, he quickly found his way to the irrigation department. Anton has spent this last summer working for the Irrigation Training and Research Center; following his graduation in Spring of 2023, he hopes to continue his education at Cal Poly by applying to the Master's program for Water Engineering. When not studying, Anton spends his time playing rugby for the Cal Poly Men's Club Team or going on motorcycle trips



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CAIA/Agri-Valley Irrigation Scholarship. Eddie Lundberg will be beginning his fourth year at Cal Poly with a major in BioResource and Ag Engineering, and a minor in Agribusiness. His current overall GPA is a 3.39. He grew up on a farm in Santa Maria through a family business that was established in 1986 by his grandparents. He worked for the company for a few years, but after enjoying the irrigation classes he took at Cal Poly he decided to start working for the Irrigation Training and Research Center this past summer. He enjoys learning about how technology can be applied to various irrigation practices, and eventually would like to bring this newfound knowledge back to his family's business. Eddie also enjoys competing in raw powerlifting, working on his 1969 Camaro with his dad, and playing chess in his spare time.



CAIA/Western Ag & Turf Scholarship. My name is **JJ Lino**, I am in my last year at Fresno State as a Viticulture major. I am from the Central Valley so agriculture was a big part of my life growing up. I am part of an Ag fraternity called Alpha Gamma Rho, being a part of this great group of guys has broadened my knowledge in different aspects of agriculture. I am currently a Student Assistant at our school farm where I have gained some very critical hands on experience. At the farm we manage a handful of different crops such as silage corn, grapes, almonds, stone fruit, and citrus. This past summer I focused more on the irrigation side of things, we are a research farm so we have many different types of irrigations systems. It has been very critical for me to learn and understand these different systems considering that one day I want to be a farm manager. Thank you for this great opportunity, It is a true blessing.

The CAIA Scholarship was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural irrigation industry. CAIA member companies sponsor the scholarships which total \$1000 each for the academic year. The sponsoring company selects their scholarship recipient.

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