

## Meet our 2018-2019 Viticulture Club Officers



### Eddie Rios, President

"Hello my name is Eddie Rios. I am from Saint Helena, a small town in Napa County. My major is Viticulture with minors in Enology and Ag business. This is my fifth year here at Fresno State. I have held two previous officer positions and I am very excited to now be serving as this year's president. My experience in the wine grape industry runs back to when I was a kid working with my dad helping him prune, sucker, thin and harvest grapes. I love all aspect of the industry from development, managing existing vineyards and the winemaking process. Agriculture is a huge passion of mine and hope to share it with all of you." - Eddie

### Jared Beth, Vice President

My name is Jared Beth, and in my senior year I have the pleasure of serving the oldest active club on campus as the Vice President! I am a second generation Fresno State student from Healdsburg CA. I grew up in the agricultural world by helping out at the family winery, and raising a steer in 4-H for seven years. I have been an active member of the Vit Club for all four years here at Fresno State, where I have been an officer for two of those years! I have made a countless number of friends through this club, and I can't wait to continue that this year!" – Jared



### Marissa Novero, Vice President



"Hi everyone! My name is Marissa Novero, I am a fifth year Fresno state student majoring in Enology and Viticulture! I am most excited for this year is to keep the traditions of the Viticulture Club going! I believe the art of making wine truly brings people together from all walks of life; I'm excited to apart of it" - Marissa

### Elizabeth Varni, Secretary

Elizabeth Varni has been an active member of the Viticulture Club for two years and now is the new Secretary of the Fresno State Viticulture Club for 2018-2019. Elizabeth was born and raised in the Central Valley in Turlock. She didn't grow up in the Ag field, but fell in love with Ag her senior year of high school. That's when she decided that Fresno State was the school for her. She has been a student at Fresno State majoring Viticulture. This is going to be her last year and glad to spend her last two semesters being more involved in the club. Elizabeth can't wait for what is in store for this year. Go Dogs!



### Jacob Gallagher

"I'm fourth generation Napa Valley born and raised, second generation to study viticulture at Fresno State. This will be my second year at Fresno State, before that I graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College with an Associates of Science in Natural Sciences. During the summer I work for an agricultural consulting company focusing on vineyards in the Napa Valley. During the school year I work under Dr. Craig Ledbetter at the USDA in Parlier. As well as serving the Vit Club as Treasurer, I'm also the acting Sergeant-At-Arms for Alpha Zeta, the agricultural honors fraternity here at Fresno State." – Jacob

### Juan Hernandez

"My name is Juan Hernandez. A senior Viticulture major at Fresno State. I was born and raised in Santa Maria, CA. An ever growing farming city on the Central Coast. I'm proud to be attending Fresno State, and look forward to be going into such a hard-working industry. On my spare time I enjoy hiking, fishing, and going on long bike rides on outdoor trails. I'm currently working as a student-assistant in the row crop unit at Fresno State. Upon graduating, I plan on obtaining my PCA license and growing wine grapes along the coast of California. #GoDogs " - Juan



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### Isaac Anthony Frias



Isaac Anthony Frias is the new Sergeant at Arms officer of the Vit Club for the 2018-2019 academic year. He is proudly starting his second year at Fresno State. Born and raised in the Central Coast, Isaac came to Fresno State as a transfer student from Santa Maria, California. He is majoring in plant science and is heavily invested in the viticulture and wine world with the hopes to become a PCA and vineyard manager. Isaac spent his entire summer and continues interning for University of California Cooperative Extension assisting a viticulture advisor in vineyard research run by the Wine Group. In addition, he worked with a horticulture advisor helping with research at the Kearney AG Center.

### Carina Duran

Central Valley born and raised, fourth generation farmer, what better school to learn how to grow grapes than at Fresno State? Hi my name is Carina Duran a student in the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences pursuing a BS degree in viticulture. Prior to Fresno State I attended Modesto Junior College where I majored in agriculture science and soil science, and was off to attend an out of state school until life took a big hit. Luckily, I had applied to four California State Universities, Fresno State being one of them. I began Fresno State in the Fall of 2017 where I met my amazing professors, colleagues, and family in the Department of Viticulture and Enology. My first year at Fresno State has been nothing but great where I learned how to brew beer with professor Whalen, identify 100 weeds with Dr. Shrestha, bond with the Viticulture Club, and taste wine with the Enology Society of Fresno. I'm glad that I chose Fresno State and in a sense chose me. Here at Fresno State I have a sense of community, friends I can rely on, professors who offer their help with just about anything, and a department who runs on a strong alumni. If I am not at school I enjoy being with my family and friends, praising the man above, farming, working at the shop, working out at crossfit, playing with my furry friends, photographing, running outdoors, shooting guns, and being California's Miss United States Agriculture Queen.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> Viticulture Club Meeting 2018-2019 – Fresno State Department of Viticulture & Enology  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Sonet Van Zyl