



MEET THE 2022 IYOU INDIES



Alex Kroll, South Central Region



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Hello Unity Friends!

My name is Alex Kroll and I'm an Indie for IYOU 2022. I'm from Albuquerque, New Mexico and I've been in Unity since I was about 10 years old. Last year I was a Regional Officer for the South Central Region and I was a chapter officer for three years before that. I am super excited to be a part of renewing the YOU community as we come back from COVID!

My goals as an Indie are to create meaningful connections and rebuild the YOU program to become even larger and stronger. YOU was once a huge community with hundreds of YOUers attending Regional and International events, and I would love for us to return to that point. In the past two years, I have definitely fallen out of touch with my spiritual self, and I believe this is an experience that many of us shared. I also want to make Unity accessible to everyone and a welcoming space that manifests itself beyond just rallies.

Right now, I'm attending the University of New Mexico with a double major in Economics and Religious Studies, a minor in French, and a certificate in Race and Social Justice. I'm currently president of my dorm's Community Association and I enjoy swimming laps and playing water

polo in my free time. I currently work as a swim instructor at my university's pool. In the future, I plan to become an attorney of social justice. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Love,
Alex!

Hey! I am Mariah Benvenuti and I am so excited to be a part of the 2022 IYOU team. I have been a part of Unity for as long as I can remember. I am currently attending Northern Arizona University and studying nursing.

Something I want you to know is that I enjoy dancing and working at Starbucks. Dancing has always been my way to express how I am feeling and allow myself to express emotions that can be harder to express in real life. I really, really enjoy working at Starbucks! I have been working there for almost a year and it is one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I have met some of my closest friends and have been able to come out of my shell. It has made it possible for me to not feel scared to talk to people and become more outgoing.

I have never been to an in-person IYOU but have attended a lot of Unity events. I am super excited to meet you guys in 2022 and am excited for you fellow YOUers to see the lessons that we create.

Love,
Mariah!