



MOVING UP AND GIVING BACK

Balancing a double major in mechanical engineering and international global studies, junior **MARIANA SORROZA** maintains a busy, well-rounded academic schedule. The LEAD Scholar also interns at the National Nuclear Security Administration within the U.S. Department of Energy, where she assists with training materials, creating software to enhance efficiency and 3D printing prototypes. Sorroza has made valuable connections and great friendships through her experiences on the UCF President's Leadership Council, Student Advisory Council and as a campus ambassador. The UCF STEM ambassador makes a big impact in her community by teaching K-12 students and mentoring women in the field. She also assists with Hispanic voter outreach and created the nonprofit, Anything Works, which focuses on nonpartisan political awareness, environmental issues and mental well-being. In her free time, Sorroza enjoys spending time learning new skills, such as speaking German, golfing and playing the piano.

“ *I'm immensely grateful for the ways I've grown at UCF in my career, academics, spirituality and social life. I love that UCF represents opportunity, inclusivity and balance — and it's truly filled with pride.*”

