

# Alumni Board Member Spotlight

**Kruz Barerra**

Current Undergraduate Student



Hello. My name is Kruz, and I am a current undergraduate student studying Psychology and Sociology here at Illinois State University. It has been within the Psychology Program that I discovered my passion for social justice and supporting the community, a discovery that has allowed me to tailor my undergraduate experience to prepare for graduate study in order to become a Counseling Psychologist. If you have any questions regarding my journey during my time here at Illinois State University, feel free to reach out to me via my email.

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Advice to Undergraduate and  
Graduate Psychology Students:

“Never stop being curious, and  
action always beats perfection.”

**Why did you choose ISU?**

“I chose ISU because it gave me the most financial support and gave me a sense of community away from my hometown.”

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“By building genuine relationships with the faculty members within the department, I have been able to participate in numerous out-of-class learning experiences that have greatly enriched the learning process.”

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**How is the Psych Dept. preparing you for your career?**

**What does alumni engagement mean to you?**

“To me, engaging with alumni is an opportunity to hear another Redbird's story and find ways to connect your own lived experience with theirs.”

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**Do you have a favorite memory from the Psych Dept?**

“Stopping in the main office to sit and talk with Angi for an hour!”