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Lauren Gregorio is a sophomore, pursuing a major in Information Systems, along with minors in Economics and Sustainability Studies and a certificate in Artificial Intelligence. She is originally from Miami, FL.



During high school, she spent a lot of time working within the public sector. She served as Chief of Staff of New Voters, a 501(c)3 dedicated to helping high school students host non-partisan voter registration drives on their campuses. Having noticed the disengagement between her generation and politics, she sought to provide real-world opportunities in this space. Lauren hosted two summits for Florida and New York City high school students in order for them to get connected to different internship opportunities. These summits amassed 150+ attendees, 15 partner organizations, and 2 celebrity speakers who spoke about the importance of youth voting.

At the University of Florida, Lauren started becoming more interested in uplifting causes connected to the public sector through the private sector. She served as an Associate for CatalystXL, where she was involved in collaborating with a healthcare logistics start-up. In this role, she contributed to the development of deal memos, pitch decks, and product-market fit strategies, honing her skills in consulting and research. Additionally, she recently took the initiative to establish a chapter of Impact First Ventures, an early-stage venture fund founded by University of Pennsylvania faculty and former students, at UF. Through this endeavor, she aims to identify and support promising startups within the climate tech, health tech, and financial justice sectors, fostering an ecosystem where innovative ideas can evolve into viable business ventures.

Moreover, to develop a stronger academic and global understanding of climate resilience, Lauren spent a summer term abroad in North Queensland, Australia through the UF Sustaining Humans and their Environments Program. She was able to take part in field research, assessing the current threats to the Great Barrier Reef by examining fish populations and comparing their current presence to historical trends.

Professionally, she interned at the Port of Miami where Lauren quantified the cost and logistics of implementing large-scale climate resilience projects. She utilized data analytics to optimize the Shore Power Feed – a project that enables cruises to mitigate their fossil fuel emissions by plugging into the local electric grid – by determining the best commissioning cost for each cruise that can be included in long-term contracts.

In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading fiction novels, and traveling.