Welcome to UPS!!!

My name is Grant Garcia and I will be your Peer Advisor for the entire 2017-2018 academic year. I am working with incoming students who are in advising sections with Prof. Dillman, Prof. Erving, and Prof. Struna (one of which should include you). A little about me: I am a Pre-Med senior majoring in Biochemistry with an emphasis in Bioethics and a minor in Math. This is my second year as a peer advisor and I’m seriously looking forward to getting to know all of you throughout the year. As a Peer Advisor my job is to act as an academic advisor who has experienced college life a little more recently than the other faculty that you will work with. I am a resource who will be helping you with registration, professors, majors, adjusting to college life, study skills, (the list goes on and on). You should see me as someone who will answer questions or point you in the right direction if you’re unsure about what you need to do. You will meet with me periodically throughout the year and I will be working with your faculty advisor to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. **Above all else, my job is to help you find the resources that you will need to have academic and social success during your time here at UPS.**

This semester I will have Office Hours on **Wed. 2-3pm in Howarth 114, and Thurs. 4-5pm in Oppenheimer Café.** In addition to those, there will be some additional café hours (times TBD). You will undoubtedly see me around campus and I am always happy to answer some questions or just talk. Please, PLEASE (repeated for emphasis) do not hesitate to email, text, or call me when you need help with something. Good luck with your first few weeks. They can be pretty logistically hectic, but they can also be a ton of fun. Don’t be afraid to step a bit outside of your comfort zone and try something new.

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PS. The picture is of me hiking at Lake Geneva, an example of one of the many study abroad opportunities that you may be able to take advantage of in the next few years! Much more on those opportunities later this semester.