

Adriana Zayia

She/her



Hometown

Chicago, Illinois

Major

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Why did you choose your major/What do you want to do with your degree?

I chose chemistry both because I enjoy exploring the smallest elements of the universe and because there are many opportunities for discovery in the field. I hope to earn my PhD in chemistry and teach at the university level.

What is your favorite thing about the Camras Scholars Program?

I appreciate the community that the Camras Scholars Program offers. I can gain leadership skills, explore career opportunities, and give back to IIT and the surrounding community alongside like-minded peers.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

I see myself teaching chemistry at a moderately-sized university, helping students to feel the curiosity that led me into the field. Outside of work, I see myself tending to my garden, cooking, sewing, and reading.

How do you think you best represent what it means to be a Camras scholar?

This past academic year(22-23), I completed a Pillar Project that entailed hosting an event near finalsweek where IIT students could plant a mint or basil seed. The goal of the event was to promote the mental health of students in view of research that indicates a correlation between caring for plants and improved mental health. Additionally, I served on the Teen Board of a local nonprofit organization for much of high school, where I helped organize projects and events to support isolated senior citizens, and I earned my Girl Scout Silver Award in 2018 for habitat restoration of a nearby nature preserve.