Cynthia Alvarado June 2019 Graduation Double Major: Religious Studies and Art Studio

I double majored in Religious Studies and Art Studio while attending UCD. I enjoyed the overlap for my two major and personal interests. My peer advising job and my role as a founding member of the Religious Studies Club at UCD helped me refine the experience needed to work at the Lancaster Alternative Virtual Academy and as an Art Program Leader for the City of Lancaster. 1. The RST Dept. is a hidden gem on campus. With great faculty and staff it's a place I'm happy and proud to have received my education from. The amount of creativity and genuine academic interest by all those involved in the subject make the courses some of the best classes on campus. I am fortunate to have taken these classes and met such wonderful faculty in the process. Do a Senior Thesis, even if you fail it's a great experience that can help shape your academic career. The critical thinking and research involved teaches you to be more creative and prepares you for the next step in life. Go to Tea Time it's the place for the inside scoop on all the newest courses and great conversation with students and professors. Always make time to make sure you are living a balanced and interesting life. Surround yourself with people who have goals and help make you a better and a more interesting person. Make the most of the opportunities that come your way. Do not be afraid to ask questions and always remember you are smarter than you think. Trust yourself and the staff around you they have your best interest at heart.