

CARLOS MARTIN CEDILLO-SILVA

SPRING 2023 SIBBERSON AWARD FINALIST - COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Carlos is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He plans to attend the University of California Los Angeles School of Law. Administrative law, medical malpractice, and land use are of current interest where he plans to use law school to narrow his field, eventually returning to a law school to help marginalized students have better access to legal education.

Carlos joined the Washburn varsity debate team in fall 2019. Despite not being a debater in high school, he became a high-ranking member of the debate circuit placing at tournaments throughout his career. Carlos became the president of the team.

In 2021 he was cofounder and treasurer of Washburn Unite for Reproductive Gender Equity. Carlos has been a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor's society, becoming vice president. In 2022 he was selected as a Phi Alpha Theta conference presenter in Albuquerque to present his capstone. In 2022 he was cofounder of the Spanish Club on campus where he served as vice president. Carlos was a cofounder and treasurer of Washburn Bowling club, member of Bonner's Society, member of First- Generation society, and a member of Washburn HALO.

Carlos has worked at all three levels of government while at Washburn University. First, in 2019 he worked for Kansas Hispanic & Latino American affairs commission to help disseminate Kansas politics to Hispanics and Latinos across the state. He worked for the Library of Congress as a digital communication assistant working in their digital audio collections. He went on to work for the Kansas Governor's Office as a Constituent Services Intern. At the city level he worked as a Planning intern in the city's planning department.

Carlos was a member of the Honors College, a Bonnor's Scholar, Brunt Scholar, Gilbert Galle History Scholar, Kansas Hispanic Scholar, William H. Guild Modern Languages Scholar, Friends of Mabee Library Scholar, and a Clyde Hill Scholar. He was a Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award Winner. He received a Certificate of Excellence in Spanish.