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**Jessica Rodriguez, Exhibit Track  
Sponsored by Harlan F. Stone and  
Helen M. Galatan-Stone in memory  
of Harlan's father**

Jessica Rodriguez, a collector of U.S. classics and Costa Rica, is a Fellow in the 2017 Class of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program. Jessica is currently a senior at San Jose State University. In addition to the demand of college life and her numerous philatelic endeavors, Jessica is interested in fashion design, behavioral analysis, Boston terriers, and Disneyland!

As a child, Jessica listened to her grandfather's stories about his stamp collection and often helped him by cutting mounts and attending stamp shows. After her grandfather's passing, Jessica became determined to preserve and maintain his collection; however, she didn't know where to begin. At her grandmother's urging, Jessica attended a local stamp club meeting, where both she and her grandmother were warmly welcomed. Ms. Rodriguez not only received answers to her many questions but the assistance she needed to continue her grandfather's collection as well. Jessica joined the San Jose Stamp Club that evening!

One of this new YPLF Fellow's favorite philatelic item is a Scott Boy Scout Album that first belonged to her great-grandfather, who gave it to her grandfather. In the short time that Jessica has been an active collector, she has

become involved in the WESTPEX planning committee, is editor of the San Jose Stamp Club newsletter, and is the awards and hospitality chair for Filatelic Fiesta. In addition to being an APS member, she also holds memberships in the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, Sequoia Stamp Club, and in the Society for Costa Rican Stamp Collectors,

In order to explore her family's history and heritage, Jessica has chosen to focus on the exhibitor track during her YPLF Fellowship year. She describes joining the YPLF Class of 2017 as "a great opportunity" which will allow her to become a better collector, exhibitor, and a future leader in philately. Ms. Rodriguex sees YPLF as an opportunity and a responsibility "to become fully immersed in the philatelic community" and plans to learn as much as she can so that she can then share her insights and knowledge with other young philatelists.