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Noelani Brisbane’s dream of working in a Children’s Hospital is closer to becoming reality.

The Occupational Therapy major in the School of Health and Natural Sciences, who returned to Dominican this fall to pursue her Master of Science OT degree and was recently named the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award at the 40th Annual Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC) Conference in Pasadena, has secured a specialized 3rd Level internship next year with UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland. That is the culmination of her hard work and passion at Dominican where she has shown her skills and dedication in a variety of ways. She studied health care in Spain on a trip through Dominican’s nursing program. She served as a student ambassador for four years at Dominican. She was a soccer coach for young children in Marin County.

A member of Pi Theta Epsilon, Occupational Therapy’s National Honor Society, Noey completed field work at Buckelew Services, the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, and OT Studio in San Francisco. She also volunteered at Park School in Mill Valley and the San Rafael Healthcare and Wellness Center and has been a nanny for a child with Cerebral Palsy for two years.

Noey, who also minored in psychology at Dominican, has been inspired by her cohorts and professors at Dominican. She volunteered and was chosen to participate as a simulated client for OT graduate admission interviews and instructional labs. She is on a fast path to become a patient focused future pediatric Occupational Therapist. This past summer Noey was nominated for Occupational Therapy Association of California's Outstanding Student Award.

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