



Karina Gomez-Torres is an undergraduate student at California State University, San Bernardino, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in Cello Performance under the guidance of Dr. Esther Back. Karina has been very fortunate in her studies of music, having been included in masterclasses with Ben Hong, Associate Principal of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Hans Jorgan Jenson, author of "Cello Mind," and Bongshi Ko, faculty at California State University, Fullerton. Ms. Gomez has participated in various ensembles such as the CSUSB String Chamber program, CSUSB Early Music Ensemble, CSUSB Symphony Orchestra, and CSUSB Cello Ensemble. The CSUSB Cello Ensemble has had performances at the Richard Nixon Library and CSUF Meng Concert Hall. Recently, the CSUSB Cello Ensemble was graciously invited to perform at the Como Conservatory & Milan Conservatory in June of 2025. The concert tour will include masterclasses, lessons, and performances at various notable Italian venues.

Ms. Gomez grew up in the SBCUSD school district, she attended Belvedere Elementary School, Serrano Middle School, and San Gorgonio High School. Through her studies with Mr. John Lamar Brannon, she was given the opportunity to audition for the CSUSB Symphony Orchestra during her junior year of high school. In acceptance of this wonderful opportunity, Ms. Gomez was musically nurtured by the CSUSB faculty and staff, and created joyous memories with the ensemble members of the CSUSB Symphony Orchestra, CSUSB Summer Orchestra Camp of 2019, and the CSUSB Cello Ensemble.

Karina is an active member of the teaching staff at Bertrand's School Of Music, and provides high quality instruction to growing musicians. Her energy and enthusiasm, combined with her nurturing disposition, helps to encourage and draw out the musical potential in each of her students. Her experiences, knowledge, and skill make her an outstanding music teacher.