



# **2014 Spring Recognition Ceremony**

*Sunday, April 13, 2014*

1 to 3 PM at the  
HNI Auditorium on the  
University of Iowa Campus



## 2014 Spring Recognition Ceremony

**Welcome & Remarks** | Art Spisak, Director, Honors at Iowa

**Presentation of Awards** | Director Spisak

- Dewey Stuit Award for Excellence in the First Year
- Rhodes Dunlap First Year Scholarships
- Dewey Stuit Award for Excellence in the Second Year
- Rhodes Dunlap Second Year Scholarships
- The Fellows Project 2014-2016 Cohort
- Kay Keeshan Hamod Award for Excellence in History
- Guy D. and Betty J. Williams Award for Environmental Innovation in Physics

**Presentation of Rhodes Dunlap Collegiate Scholarships**

Tippie College of Business | Lon Moeller, *Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program*  
College of Engineering | Amy Brewster, *Director, Global Experiences and Academic Advisor*  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences | Helena Dettmer,  
*Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum*

**Presentation of Faculty & Staff Awards** | Director Spisak

- Student and Staff Award for Honors Advising
- Staff Award for Campus Support

**Performance** | UI Show Choir, *Talking to the Moon/Written in the Stars*  
*Mash-up of Bruno Mars and the musical, Aida*

**Presentation of Awards** | **Collegiate Scholar Awards**

Tippie College of Business | Lon Moeller, *Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program*  
College of Engineering | Amy Brewster, *Director, Global Experiences and Academic Advisor*  
College of Education | Susan Assouline, *Director, Belin Blank Center*  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences | Helena Dettmer, *Associate Dean*

**National Fellowships & Grants** | Kelly Thornburg, *Fellowships Director*

**Student Remarks** | Elaine Mou, *College of Engineering*

**Close of Ceremony & Reception** | Director Spisak



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Thanks to the investment of our generous community of supporters, Honors at Iowa is able to offer a range of merit-based scholarships and awards to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our undergraduate scholars in the first, second and third years of their education at the University of Iowa.

## Congratulations to our 2014 student, staff and faculty honorees!

### Honors at Iowa 2014 Scholarship Recipients

#### Dewey Stuit Award for Excellence in the First Year

An honor created by Emeritus Dean Stuit, the long-serving University of Iowa Dean of Liberal Arts to recognize one superlative first-year student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Katherine Wolf**, *Linguistics*

#### Dewey Stuit Award for Excellence in the Second Year

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**Ryan Kunkle**, *History*

#### The Fellows Project

The Fellows Project was established to identify and reward thoughtful, curious and motivated Honors students early on in their education and create a space where each Fellow is challenged to develop a knowledge of the self that will deepen their intellectual life, strengthen their engagement with their academic community and foster authenticity and confidence in their personal and professional relationships.

**Corinne Andresen**, *Biomedical Engineering, Music* – First Year

**Dorothy (Dot) Armstrong**, *Dance, English* – First Year

**Jeffrey Ding**, *Economics (BUS), Asian Languages & Literature, Political Science*

**Meredith Francisco**, *History, Classical Languages, Medieval Studies* – Second Year

**Elaine Mou**, *Computer Engineering* – Second Year

**Jacob Porter**, *Psychology* – First Year

**Darien Sloat**, *Psychology, English* – Second Year

**Tom Werner**, *Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics* – First Year

**Luka Zdilar**, *Electrical Engineering* – First Year

**Angela Zhang**, *Biochemistry, Statistics* – First

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### Rhodes Dunlap First Year Scholarships

An award established at the bequest of our program's founder to recognize the most promising scholars in their first year of undergraduate study.

**Ellen Cranberg**, *English, Spanish*

**Anastasia Hertz**, *Biomedical Engineering*

**Astrid Montuclard**, *Asian Languages & Literature, Pre-Medicine*

**Bridget Moriarty**, *Nursing*

**Hanley Sayavong**, *Chemical Engineering, Spanish*

**Nathan Schuchert**, *Chemical Engineering*

**Katherine VanFosson**, *Human Physiology, Pre-Medicine*

**Kasra Zarei**, *Biomedical Engineering*

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**Eric Bundy**, *Business, International Business*

**Christina Crowley**, *English*

**Melia Dunbar**, *English, Biology, Pre-Medicine*

**David Kessler**, *Speech & Hearing Science*

**Katherine Langenfeld**, *Civil Engineering, Mathematics*

**Ryan Pape**, *Informatics, Undergraduate Writing Certificate*

**Jiawen Sun**, *Biomedical Engineering*

**Laura Wang**, *English, Asian Languages & Literature*

### Rhodes Dunlap Collegiate Scholarships

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**Sarah Blackwell**, *Microbiology, German, Pre-Medicine*

**Brittany (Hope) Callahan**, *English*

**Ani Danelz**, *Speech & Hearing Science*

**Kelly Daniels**, *Political Science, Pre-Law, International Studies*

**Virginia Davis**, *English, American Studies*

**Dora Grote**, *Journalism & Mass Communication*

**Liam Hovey**, *Physics, Chemistry*

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**Allison Kindig**, *Industrial Engineering, Global Health Studies*

**Sarah Mayer**, *Biochemistry, Pre-Medicine, Spanish*

**Thomas Myres**, *Biomedical Engineering*

**Mackenzie Norton**, *International Studies, Economics, Global Health Studies*

**Catherine Shook**, *English, Theatre Arts*

**Emily White**, *Human Physiology, Pre-Medicine, Global Health Studies*

**Bingyi Yan**, *Economics, Journalism & Mass Communication,*

**Zhixiang Zhang**, *Finance, Business Analytics and Information Systems*

### **Kay Keeshan Hamod Award for Excellence in History**

Contributed by Honors Alumnus David Hamod in honor of his mother, this scholarship applauds a history major for designing a distinguished [Honors Thesis or Project](#) in that discipline.

**Catherine Babikian**, *History, Anthropology*

### **James D. Robertson Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences**

The Robertson Family created this award to recognize superlative academic and practical accomplishments in the social sciences.

**Kelly Daniels**, *Political Science, Pre-Law, International Studies*

### **Guy D. and Betty J Williams Award for Environmental Innovation in Physics**

The Williams Award recognizes students of physics or the natural sciences who are applying the knowledge and skills gleaned from their education in the Liberal Arts and Sciences to environmental challenges.

**Kenneth Heitritter**, *Physics, Astronomy*

### **Joseph E. and Ursil I. Callen Prize, University of Iowa Graduate College**

**Clara Freeman**, *Social Work*

### **Sanxay Prize, University of Iowa Graduate College**

**Nicholas Rolston**, *Physics, Mathematics*

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### Faculty & Staff Awards

#### Award for Honors Advising

Advisors who distinguish themselves in advising honors students are to be thanked by one and all, and special recognition is bestowed each year on a particular individual.

**2014 Recipient:** **Julie Claus**, *Senior Academic Advisor, Academic Advising*

#### Award for Campus Support

The Honors Program professional staff recognizes the particular efforts of an individual whose moral and administrative support for the Honors Program looms especially large in the lives of honors educators and students at Iowa.

#### 2014 Recipients:

**Steve Duck**, *Professor and Chair, Department of Rhetoric*

**Josh Hutchison**, *Program Assistant, Registrar*

### 2014 Collegiate Scholar Award Winners

#### **College of Business**

**Skaaren Cosse**, *Finance, International Studies*

**Brittany Hesse**, *Management, Business Analytics, Psychology*

**Kristen Roehr**, *Marketing, Art*

**Jeralyn Westercamp**, *Marketing, Management, Political Science*

#### **College of Education**

**Rachel Revelez**, *Elementary Education, ESL Education*

**Ellysa Cassier**, *Social Studies Education, History*

#### **College of Engineering**

**Nicholas Glynn**, *Chemical Engineering*

**Hang (Jerry) Gao**, *Mechanical Engineering, Business Administration*

**Tanzeh Khan**, *Biomedical Engineering, Pre-Medicine*

**Zachary Rasmussen**, *Biomedical Engineering, Pre-Medicine*

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### *College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

**Sophie Amado**, *English, Spanish*  
**Sarah Bannon**, *Psychology, English*  
**Madison Bennett**, *Interdisciplinary*  
**Wade Bloomquist**, *Mathematics, Physics*  
**Jennifer Brooke**, *Linguistics, Music*  
**Eric Burns**, *Microbiology, Computer Science*  
**Ann Christenson**, *English*  
**Aleksander Durumeric**, *Chemistry, Mathematics*  
**Curtis Goos**, *International Politics, French*  
**John Hartnett**, *Human Physiology, Pre-Medicine*  
**Nick Kleese**, *Creative Writing, English Education*  
**Shuqi Li**, *Psychology, Communication Studies*  
**Austin Marcolina**, *Human Physiology, Pre-Medicine*  
**Elizabeth Mello**, *International Studies, Dance*  
**Nicholas Rolston**, *Physics, Mathematics*  
**Yuejia (Mandy) Teng**, *Psychology*  
**Katherine Valde**, *History, Political Science*  
**Lauren Vanchina**, *Dance, Psychology*  
**Kelsey Warner**, *Speech and Hearing Science, Psychology*  
**Onalee Yousey**, *International Studies, Political Science*

### *College of Nursing*

**Brianna Sanchez**, *Nursing*

## National Scholarship & Fellowship Honorees

### **Winston Churchill Scholarship**

**Nicholas Rolston**, *2014 Finalist*

### **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**

**Sarah Bannon**, *2014 Fellow*  
**Jeffrey Moore**, *2014 Fellow*  
**Nicholas Rolston**, *2014 Fellow*

### **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**

**Liam Hovey**, *2014 Scholar*  
**Alexandra Bartlett**, *2014 Honorable Mention*

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### Udall Memorial Scholarship

**Jeffrey Ding**, *2014 Honorable Mention*

### Fulbright U.S. Student Grant

**Sophie Amado**, *2014 Fulbright Scholar*

## 2014 Honoree Biographies

### Faculty & Staff Awards

#### Julie Claus, [Award for Honors Advising](#)

Julie Claus had a vagabond childhood as a cable TV brat moving from town to town so Midwesterners could change more channels. When she came to Iowa City to start college in 1980 she put down permanent roots. Julie graduated from The University of Iowa with Honors in 1984. She completed an MA in English Literature and taught at Kirkwood Community College. In 1988 she had a baby who would grow up to be an Honors student who graduated from Iowa's College of Engineering. Julie started advising at The University of Iowa in 1989. Once again she put down permanent roots. Julie Claus is celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> year at the Academic Advising Center.

#### Steve Duck, [Award for Campus Support](#)

Steve Duck is the Daniel and Amy Distinguished Research Chair in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and has appointments in Communication Studies and in Psychology, while also being the Department Executive Officer for the Department of Rhetoric. His area of scholarship has been in the development and decline of interpersonal relationships on which he has written several books and was the founding Editor of the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. However, he was scooped by Dr Phil when it came to the TV show.

#### Josh Hutchison, [Award for Campus Support](#)

Joshua Hutchison has worked for the University of Iowa beginning in 2006 and the Office of the Registrar since 2008. Over the past couple years he has been working on the Made at the University of Iowa (MAUI) student record system. Joshua has been working with the Honors Program to implement new policies and incorporate those into MAUI.

### Dewey B. Stuit First Year Scholarship

#### Katherine Wolf, *Linguistics*, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Katherine is studying linguistics, and is especially interested in French, Spanish, and Italian. She also enjoys creative writing and plays clarinet with the University band. She participated in the Students Today Leaders Forever spring break service trip, and is excited to continue her involvement with the organization. She is also planning an internship in El Salvador in June.

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### Dewey B. Stuit Second Year Scholarship

**Ryan Kunkle**, *History*, Nevada, Iowa

Ryan is a sophomore majoring in history and minoring in classics and philosophy. Outside the classroom, he enjoys researching aspects of Roman and Greek generalship with Dr. Rosemary Moore through the ICRU Research Fellows program, and he also enjoys helping students with their writing through the Writing Fellows program. In his free time, Ryan enjoys reading, playing music, and volunteering with UI Circle K and Habitat for Humanity

### The Fellows Project

**Corinne Andresen**, *Biomedical Engineering with a music minor*, Overland Park, Kansas

Corinne Andresen left the Kansas City area for Iowa to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering and research opportunities. She currently does research in Dr. Madeline Shea's lab, studying the binding domain of the protein calmodulin. Corinne also plays the cello in the University's Symphony Orchestra and hopes to get a minor in music. In her rare spare time, Corinne enjoys writing fiction, running, drawing cartoons, and researching random topics on Wikipedia.

**Dorothy (Dot) Armstrong**, *Dance, English*, Winona, Minnesota

A woman of many interests, Dot is pursuing a double major in Dance and English with a minor in German, as well as a Yoga Teaching certificate. She serves as the Education and Outreach coordinator for the UI Student Garden and is involved in the Undergraduate Dance Organization and the Interfaith Group. When Dot isn't in the studio or the classroom, she can often be found exploring the outdoors, reading, or jotting down a poem.

**Christina Crowley**, *English*, Des Moines, Iowa

Christina is an English major in her second year at Iowa. She currently works as a Fellowships Assistant in the Honors Program. Her favorite experiences as a Hawkeye have been traveling with the Hawkeye Marching Band and Pep Band and being a member of the Campus Activities Board. Her research centers on Shakespeare and his connection to women in Iowa.

**Jeffrey Ding**, *Political Science, Economics, and Chinese*, Iowa City, Iowa

Jeffrey was born in Shanghai, China. Since moving to Iowa City at the age of three, he has never found a compelling reason to leave. He studies Economics, Political Science, and Chinese at the University of Iowa. His research interests include: human rights policy, environmental issues, and the League of Legends subreddit. Jeffrey has gotten lost, ate way too much shrimp gumbo, and presented at the National Collegiate Honors Council conference in New Orleans.

**Meredith Francisco**, *History, Classical Languages*, Carlisle, Iowa

Meredith double majors in history and classical languages and is working toward a certificate in medieval studies. She volunteers at the Natural History Museum on campus. She is a national member of the honors fraternity for classics, Eta Sigma Phi. She is fascinated by Roman culture and its influences on the medieval period; Latin has so far been her favorite part of her college experience, though she looks forward to beginning Greek next year.

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**Elaine Mou**, *Computer Engineering with Pre-Medicine*, West Des Moines, Iowa

Elaine is a Computer Engineering student gearing up to apply to medical school. In addition to old-school video games, she loves her violin however much it rejects her attempts to play it beautifully. Having spent a summer in China learning Mandarin in high school, she plans to study abroad again in either Spanish or Chinese. She has done research in Internal Medicine and currently works as a teaching assistant for the College of Engineering.

**Jacob (Jake) Porter**, *Psychology*, Waterloo, Iowa

Jake Porter is a freshman from Waterloo, Iowa, studying psychology. He also has interests in botany, religion, geography, philosophy, and poetry. He has a passion for service and has volunteered on a construction crew and as a camp counselor in rural Kentucky. He enjoys books, people, nature, and breakfast food immensely. On warm days you can find him running, playing his instruments, or driving with his windows down.

**Darien Sloat**, *English and Psychology*, Fairfield, Iowa

Darien Sloat is a transfer sophomore double majoring in English and Psychology. He is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management on campus. Darien was recently selected for a Resident Assistant position on campus, and is unable to be here today because he is at his first day of training. His first play was also recently selected to be read at this year's New Play Festival in May.

**Luka Zdilar**, *Electrical Engineering*, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Luka Zdilar is a first-year electrical engineering major. His research interests include enhancement of virtual reality devices and computer graphics processing. He is currently a member of two organizations at The University of Iowa. One of which is IEEE, an electrical and computer engineering organization currently designing an arcade cabinet. The other is EPX Studio, a video game designing club, where Luka contributes as lead programmer in his group.

**Angela Zhang**, *Statistics and Biochemistry*, Ames, Iowa

Angela Zhang is a freshmen double majoring in statistics and biochemistry. She currently works as an undergraduate research assistant in both Professor Michaelson's lab in the Department of Psychiatry and Professor Horswill's lab in the Department of Microbiology. Over the summer, Angela plans on going to Cornell University for a REU internship in plant bioinformatics. Outside of the lab, Angela enjoys knitting, playing the piano, and going outside on sunny days.

## Rhodes Dunlap First Year Scholarships

**Ellen Cranberg**, *English & Spanish*, Wisconsin

Ellen is majoring in English and Spanish and is on the pre-law track. She will be studying abroad on a US Marine Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan this summer and during the year is a coxswain for the University of Iowa Women's Rowing Team

**Anastasia Hertz**, *Biomedical Engineering*, Buckingham, Illinois

Anastasia is majoring in biomedical engineering and also pursuing a mathematics minor. She plans to attend medical school to become a pediatrician. Her proudest achievement so far at The University has

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been how involved she has been. She volunteers at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics as an Outreach Education Leader where she encourages women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. She is also a member of STAR(Students To Assist Recruitment) and the Society of Women Engineers. Anastasia plans to be a part of a research team during her sophomore year after she has taken more required courses.

**Astrid Montuclard, *Asian Language and Literature Chinese with Pre-Medicine***

As a French Student-Athlete in Cross Country/Track coming from Tahiti, Astrid is a Pre-Med student with a Chinese major. Next semester, she intends to participate in research in biology or public health. In order to study English and Chinese, she has already been to China, Australia and New Zealand several times. Last semester, she volunteered at the Hospital in the Pediatric department. This semester, she participated in an International Journey Classroom to present her culture to Iowan children in elementary school and for the rest of the semester, she will teach health prevention in schools through the UIHC Public Department. Astrid thanks again the Honors Program for their help.

**Bridget Moriarty, *Nursing, Webster City, Iowa***

Bridget Moriarty is from Webster City, Iowa. She has two brothers who attended The University of Iowa—one in Medical School and one an auditor for the state, and a sister who attends Creighton University. She is a nursing major with a Spanish minor and plans to travel to Peru this summer to volunteer at a mobile clinic through MedLife. Bridget is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, and volunteers weekly at the University of Iowa Hospital.

**Hanley Sayavong, *Chemical Engineering, Spanish, Sioux City, Iowa***

Hanley is a freshman majoring in chemical engineering and Spanish. Her last year of high school, she did a Rotary Youth Exchange in Lima, Peru. She will study abroad in Madrid, Spain during the 2014-2015 academic year. At the University of Iowa she is very involved in Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) and Engineers Without Borders (EWB). In May 2014, she will be traveling to El Salvador with EWB to install water purification/filtration systems.

**Nathan Schuchert, *Chemical Engineering, Coralville, Iowa***

Nathan is a first year student from Coralville, Iowa studying Chemical Engineering. He works as a web developer at the University of Iowa, helping to create a new version of ICON. On Wednesdays, he goes to St. Andrew Church and volunteers as a leader for a junior high youth group. He is a lifelong Hawkeye fan, enjoys playing soccer and basketball, and is your reigning University of Iowa mini-golf champion.

**Katherine (Kate) VanFosson, *Human Physiology, Iowa City, Iowa***

Kate is an Iowa City native and proud graduate of City High. While ending her dance training at a summer intensive in New York City, she realized a passion for studying the human body beyond the realm of ballet. She is now a Human Physiology major involved in sleep research with Blumberg Lab, and a volunteer at the Sports Medicine Clinic.

**Kasra Zarei, *Biomedical Engineers, Coralville, Iowa***

Kasra is a freshman majoring in biomedical engineering. He is deeply captivated by using computational approaches in science to solve the world's current medical needs. He is an avid computer programmer and has many other academic and extracurricular interests including music and foreign languages.

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### Rhodes Dunlap Second Year Scholarships

**Eric Bundy**, *Marketing, Spanish, and International Business Certificate*, Ankeny, Iowa

Eric Bundy is a Marketing and Spanish double major and also pursuing the International Business Certificate. He serves as an outreach staff member for the Honors Program, a Business Student Ambassador, a Global Engagement Student Advisor, a Global Student Buddy, and as the Alumni Chair for Society for Human Resources Management. Eric focuses on bridging differences at the Iowa through his work with the Bridging Domestic and Global Diversity and Global Leadership Starts Here programs.

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**Melia Dunbar**, *Biology, English, with Pre-Medicine*, San Mateo, California

Sophomore Melia Dunbar is currently pursuing a double major in biology and English. Melia is involved in prostaglandin research at UI's Cell and Anatomy Biology department. Melia volunteers for RVAP and The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She is president of French Culture Club and actively participates in Best Buddies, Alpha Phi Omega, Photo Club, and Active Minds. Melia is a cat person and enjoys spending time with her two cats, Bunny and Barnacle.

**David Kessler**, *Speech and Hearing Science, Minors in Psychology and French*, Champaign, Illinois

David Kessler is a sophomore from Champaign, IL majoring Speech and Hearing Science with minors in Psychology and French. He plans on pursuing a master's degree after obtaining his undergraduate degree to become a certified Speech Language Pathologist. Outside of the classroom, he works as a Tour Guide for the University of Iowa and is a part of the Language in Aging and Aphasia Lab at the Speech and Hearing Building under Dr. Jean K. Gordon.

**Kathryn Langenfeld**, *Environmental Engineering, Mathematics*, Iowa City, Iowa

Kathryn is a sophomore in environmental engineering and mathematics. She is a research assistant for Professor Craig Just and co-president for Continental Crossings. She spent six weeks in Nicaragua last summer as an intern for Bridges to Prosperity constructing a footbridge for a rural community. Last winter, she studied abroad in India with the India Winterim program. She will return to Nicaragua this summer to intern as a project manager at a new bridge site.

**Ryan Pape**, *Informatics: Human-Computer Interaction*, Aurora, Illinois

Ryan is an Informatics: Human-Computer Interaction major, which is fancy talk for Ryan spends half his time in computer science classes and half his time learning to design technology so that it is intuitive and efficient to use. He's also minoring in computer science and psychology and getting a writing certificate. Why? Because he wants to be a high school teacher in all of the aforementioned subjects.

**Jiawen Sun**, *Biomedical Engineering*, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China

Jiawen Sun is a second-year international student who is majoring in Biomedical Engineering. She wants to be a doctor in the future and is working really hard to fulfill her dream. If asked for three words best

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describes her, she would use "intelligent", "persistent" and "diverse". She is really interested in the human spine and always spends tons of time reading articles related to it in the spare time. As an honors peer advisor and engineering tutor, she likes helping students with their coursework and any problems students might encounter in college. She is enthusiastic about bringing diversity to the college, no matter as an international student or as an engineering student. She wants to tell everyone that she is so proud of being an Hawkeye.

**Laura Wang**, *English, Chinese, Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

Laura Wang is a second year at the University of Iowa studying English and Chinese.

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**Kelly Daniels**, *Political Science, International Relations, Sioux City, Iowa*

Kelly is a junior majoring in political science and international relations. She is currently studying abroad in Moscow. For the past 2 years she has researched international maritime disputes. Kelly, along with Professor Mitchell, shared their findings at the International Studies Association conference this past March in Toronto, Canada. She hopes to continue doing research in the future.

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**Sarah Blackwell**, *Microbiology, German, Houston, Texas*

Sarah is a junior majoring in Microbiology and German. She volunteers in the pediatric intensive care unit at the University of Iowa hospitals and clinics, and does research in Microbiology with Dr. Bradley Jones. She spent last summer in Trier, Germany taking German literature classes, and looks forward to going back. Her goal is to go to medical school and become a Pediatrician.

**Ani Danelz**, *Speech and Hearing Sciences, Psychology, Lake Barrington, Illinois*

Ani's majors are Speech and Hearing Sciences and Psychology with a minor in American Sign Language. She has been a research assistant for the past two years at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for the MACLab. In addition to her academic experiences, Ani is involved in Best Buddies and Dance Marathon. Her favorite activity is running and will be completing her second marathon this fall.

**Kelly Daniels**, *Political Science, International Relations, Sioux City, Iowa*

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**Virginia Davis**, *English, American Studies, Orange City, Iowa*

Virginia is double majoring in English and American Studies and is a student in the Creative Writing Track. She is an Honors student staff member, writing fellow, and lifeguard at the University. Recently, Virginia also became the executive editor for Iconic, a new digital lifestyle magazine on campus.

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**Dora Grote**, *Journalism and Mass Communications*, Bayard, Iowa

Dora Grote is a junior at the University of Iowa studying journalism/mass communication. She's held multiple positions across all platforms at the Daily Iowan, including managing editor, and is currently the executive producer for DITV. She also works as an editorial assistant for the UI College of Law and UI CLAS. She serves as a College Transition Lab Leader, is president of Omicron Delta Kappa, and has participated in Dance Marathon and Dance Club while at the UI.

**Liam Hovey**, *Physics, Chemistry*, Stillwater, Minnesota

Liam is in his junior year as a Chemistry and Physics major and Mathematics minor. He performs research on calcium signaling and ion channel regulation in Professor Madeline Shea's laboratory in the Department of Biochemistry. Following graduation, Liam is interested in pursuing a doctoral degree and performing research in structural biology and electrophysiology.

**Allison Kindig**, *Industrial Engineering*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Allison Kindig is a junior from Cedar Rapids, Iowa majoring in Industrial Engineering and minoring in Business Administration. She is researching the development of solar power technology to help equip rural populations in India and Cameroon with sustainable cooking solutions. Allison is a Resident Assistant in Daum Hall. She enjoys volunteering at Hope Lodge of Iowa City and racing collegiately for the University of Iowa as a co-captain of the Trihawk Triathlon Club.

**Sarah Mayer**, *Biochemistry, Spanish*, Johnston, Iowa

Sarah is a junior studying Biochemistry and Spanish. For the past four semesters, she has studied the biochemistry of cardiovascular disease in the Bartlett lab, and coordinates the college volunteers in UIHC's Burn Treatment Center. This past summer, she spent ten weeks living, traveling, and volunteering in Cusco, Peru as part of a Spanish language and service-learning program. She hopes to combine these interests for a career in medicine after she graduates.

**Thomas Myres**, *Electrical Engineering*, Palo, Iowa

Thomas is a junior majoring in electrical engineering. This will be his 4th summer interning at Duane Arnold Energy Center in Palo, Iowa. In the past summers he worked with motors, printed circuit boards and relays. Thomas plans to work in the nuclear power industry upon graduation.

**Mackenzie Norton**, *International Studies, Economics*, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin

Mackenzie Norton is a Junior student-athlete studying International Studies and Economics. She has an interest in Global Health, and will spend this summer in Ghana on a Global Health Program with Operation Groundswell, a Canadian NGO. Mackenzie rows with the Iowa Women's Rowing Team and volunteers at the Johnson County Crisis Center's Food Bank. She thanks her family and friends for their love and support!

**Catherine Shook**, *English, Theatre Arts*, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Catherine is a third year English and theatre arts student at the University of Iowa. She works as a Writing Fellow for the Honors Department and volunteers with the Iowa Youth Writing Project and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She has also recently made her playwriting debut in the university's 10 minute-play festival, and she looks forward to finding new ways to combine her love for literature and theatre.

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**Emily White**, *Health and Human Physiology, Minor in Global Health Studies*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Emily is a junior studying Health and Human Physiology and minoring in Global Health Studies. She has done research with Multiple Sclerosis patients for three years under the supervision of Dr. Terry Wahls and Dr. Warren Darling. She is also conducting a pilot study on General Inpatient (GIP) Conversions to Hospice in the Palliative Care Department of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, under the supervision of Dr. Ann Broderick. In March 2014, she went on the Health Promotion Britain Study Experience with Dr. Christopher Squier, the Director of the Global Health Studies program. She plans on attending medical school after graduating but may get a masters and/or doctorate during or before.

**Bingyi Yan**, *Economics, Journalism and Mass Communication*, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China  
Bingyi is a junior majoring in Economics and Journalism and Mass Communication. For the subject of economics, he is particularly interested in monetary policy, financial market, and banking system. Before he came to the University of Iowa, he had spent four years studying in Singapore. Outside the class, he helps the journalism school with its publicity through taking photos.

**Zhixiang Zhang**, *Finance, MIS*, Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China  
Zhixiang majors in Finance and MIS. His ruling passion is ambition, the love of experiencing and learning that sharpens his intellect and broadens his horizon. He engages in a variety of activities. He directed presentations on bystander intervention training which prepared students to help others effectively. He helped students achieve academic goals as a tutor in the SWAT program and earned universal praise among colleagues while interning in the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.

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**Catherine Babikian**, *History, Anthropology*, West Des Moines, Iowa  
Growing up in West Des Moines, Iowa, Catherine spent hours at the public library, reading everything she could get my hands on. Historical novels were her very favorites; they let her travel to World War II London and colonial Williamsburg, meet luminaries like Queen Elizabeth and Cleopatra, and still be home in time for dinner. When she discovered the history behind my favorite books—and that it could be as fun as the stories themselves—she was completely hooked. Although she hasn't been able to travel in time (yet), majoring in history at Iowa has only increased her passion for the subject. She has studied a variety of topics, from classical Rome to the 1960s; last spring, she had the opportunity to study Irish history in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and she hopes to spend this summer in England researching her senior thesis.

### Guy D. and Betty J. Williams Award

**Kenneth (Kenny) Heitritter**, *Physics, Astronomy, Mathematics*, Peosta, Iowa  
Kenny is a third-year physics, astronomy, and mathematics major. Currently, he is conducting research on the typology and morphology of supernova remnants and pulsar wind nebulae under Dr. Randall McEntaffer. He has been a member of the Hawkeye Drumline, Dance Marathon, and Hawkeyes on Science. His hobbies include playing and making music, exercising, and hanging out with friends and family.

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### Collegiate Scholar Awards



**Sophie Amado, *English, Spanish*, Chicago, Illinois**

Sophie Amado is a senior at the University of Iowa studying English (with an emphasis in Creative Writing) and Spanish. She is finishing up a creative thesis about memoirs. Throughout her college career, she has worked for the University of Iowa Honors Program as a student staff programmer for three years. She has studied abroad in both Italy and Spain. Outside of class, Sophie has been involved with the Iowa Youth Writing Project and she co-founded an Iowa City literary reading series called Paper Tongues, which is now a student organization on campus.



**Sarah Bannon, *Psychology, English*, Chicago, Illinois**

Sarah Bannon will earn her B.A. in Psychology and English. After graduation, she is pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology in hopes of studying the intersection of intimate relationships and health. Sarah studied intimate partner violence, including treatments to reduce violence and basic research aimed at understanding the neuropsychological correlates of aggression. She also worked with hospital patients to study personality changes that occurred after brain damage. In her free time, Sarah is committed to building broad perspectives in academia, and held leadership roles in the Iowa Edge and IBA organizations.



**Wade Bloomquist, *Mathematics*, Monticello, Iowa**

Wade is a mathematics major with a physics minor. He has been involved in research projects both in pure mathematics and mathematical physics. He has been working on these projects since his freshman year, including a summer spent researching at Indiana University. Wade will be attending graduate school in the fall in mathematics.



**Jennifer Brook, *Linguistics (TESL emphasis), Music*, Johnston, Iowa**

Jennifer is a senior linguistics and music major whose research interests include second language acquisition and pedagogy. While at the University of Iowa, she has enjoyed volunteering at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, being a student leader in campus ministry, working as a tutor at the Writing Center, undertaking research projects with professors and fellow students, and traveling to Southeast Asia and Europe during her summers. She plans to pursue her Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language at Michigan State University in the fall.

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**Eric Burns, *Computer Science, Microbiology*, Clive, Iowa**

Eric is a double major in computer science and microbiology. Throughout his undergraduate career, he has worked as a research assistant in the chemistry department, and he has also worked as a software developer for the computer science department. He is entering the Master's program in computer science at Iowa this fall, with the intention of working in software development after graduation.



**Ellysa Cassier, *History, Secondary Education*, Wheaton, Illinois**

Ellysa Cassier majored in history and secondary education with a minor in political science and certificate in coaching. She completed honors research projects in both history and education and will thus be graduating this May with honors in history, education, and university honors. Her research interests tend to focus on the Vietnam War and her honors thesis about this aforementioned topic will be published in the "Iowa Historical Review" this coming spring. While she is involved in the classroom, Ellysa also participated in Greek Life as a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, a member of Order of Omega Honors Fraternity, and a member of Rho Lambda Women's Honors Fraternity.



**Annie Christenson, *English with Writing*, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Annie graduated in December 2013 with a B.A. in English and a Certificate in Writing, and is currently living in Minneapolis, MN. She collaborated with the Iowa Youth Writing Project on arts equity/integration research, an initiative IYWP worked on with the Iowa City school district through the Kennedy Center's Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child program. She was a teaching assistant for the IYWP's service-learning course, which was one of the best courses she took while at Iowa. She was president of Walk It Out, a multicultural fashion

show designed to promote diversity as well as HIV/AIDS awareness on campus, her junior year. Annie also served as an activities coordinator for the Honors Program her junior and senior year.



**Skaaren Cosse, *Finance, International Studies*, Peoria, Illinois**

Skaaren Cosse is majoring in Finance and International Studies and is primarily interested in financial markets and political economics. He wrote his International Studies senior thesis on microfinance and commercial lending in rural Tanzania under the supervision of Professor James Gibling. Skaaren is a member of the Hawkinson Institute and a statistics tutor for the University College's SWAT program.



**Aleksander Durumeric, *Chemistry, Mathematics*, Iowa City, Iowa**

Alek was born here, went to high school here, and enjoying Iowa City so much, decided to attend college here too. He is graduating with majors in Chemistry and Math and minors in Computer Science and Spanish. He participated in computational fluid dynamics and experimental chemistry research before settling on theoretical chemistry. He was a founding member of the UI Students for Human Rights and currently serves as their president. His future plans include going somewhere else.

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**Nicholas Glynn, *Chemical Engineering*, Clear Lake, Iowa**

Nicholas Glynn is a senior in chemical engineering from Clear Lake, Iowa. During his time at Iowa he studied abroad in Italy through the CIMBA program, was a Grand Challenges in Engineering Scholar working in Dr. Michelle Scherer's lab, and an RA in Rienow Hall. He also played trombone in the Hawkeye Marching Band, was a member of the 2013 Homecoming Court, and acted as a co-advisor to Residents of Associated Rienow.



**Curtis Goos, *International Studies, French*, Treynor, Iowa**

Curtis is pursuing a major in International Studies and French with a focus on international relations and global development. He has a particular interest in post-colonial Francophone Africa and is currently researching the social dynamics of the Congolese vestimentary phenomenon known as the Sape (pronounced sap). He has had the fortune of studying abroad in France and Germany and remains an active member in organizations such as Global Buddies and the Multicultural Business Student Association.



**Brittany Hesse, *Business Analytics & Information Systems, Human Resource Management, Psychology*, Smithland, Iowa**

Brittany will graduate in May with degrees in Business Analytics and Information Systems, Human Resource Management, and Psychology. Her major interest lies in combining those degrees within international nonprofit organizations. During her time at the university, she studied abroad in the UK, assisted in cognitive neuroscience research in the university psychology department, completed two internship programs at the Blank Park Zoo and Rockwell Collins, and held leadership roles in multiple student organizations and local nonprofits.



**John Hartnett, *Human Physiology*, Sioux City, Iowa**

John is a Human Physiology major and is pursuing his MD at Iowa next year. He conducted research in Human Physiology, studied abroad in India, and is a founding father of his chapter of Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity.



**Tanzeh Khan, *Biomedical Engineering with Pre-Medicine*, Clear Lake, Iowa**

Tanzeh Khan is graduating with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. She has devoted her time at Iowa as a leader in the pre-med organization MAPS, as a research fellow in the Biology department, and a peer tutor and mentor. She is excited to take a gap year after graduation to travel and hopes to enter medical school after to become a physician and educator for the underprivileged.

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**Nick Kleese, *English (Creative Writing), Secondary English Education***, Washington, Iowa  
Nick Kleese came from a small farm to the U of I to try to write. While here, he was fortunate to have done ethnographic research on a goat farm in France, present papers in Indiana, Kentucky, and Wisconsin, and perform improv comedy with some of the most interesting, genuine people he'll ever met. The experience was so good, in fact, that he doesn't want to leave, and will be sticking around for a fifth year to student teach English at a local Junior High.



**Shuqi Li, *Psychology, Communication Studies***, Jinan, Shandong, China  
Shuqi is a double major in psychology and communication studies with a certificate in leadership studies. She is completing two honors theses. Her psychology thesis is on the topic of social comparison and her communication thesis is about social support. Shuqi loves doing social scientific research, and she is especially interested in topics on judgment and decision-making and happiness. She is currently the president of Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology, Iowa Chapter.



**Austin Marcolina, *Human Physiology***, Crest Hill, Illinois  
Next year, Austin will be attending medical school in the Chicagoland area (as for which institution, he am not exactly sure just yet). However, before he begins his medical journey, he plans on taking a month long trip either out west or backpacking through Europe. While in medical school, he hopes to continue his passion for community service, though he realizes his free time will be much more limited. His ultimate goal is to work as a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, focusing on pain medicine and being able to split his time between inpatient and outpatient care.



**Elizabeth Mello, *International Studies, Dance***, Dartmouth, Massachusetts  
Lizzy Mello is a senior majoring in Dance and International Studies with emphasis in Global Health. Originally from Dartmouth, MA, Lizzy has participated in campus organizations such as Phi Beta Kappa, the Dean's Student Advisory Committee, and the Undergraduate Dance Organization. She has studied abroad in India, the Dominican Republic, and The Gambia, investigating interests ranging from classical dance techniques to nutritional deficiencies. She also works as a research assistant for the Injury Prevention and Research Center of the College of Public Health.

**Zachary Rasmussen, *Biomedical Engineering***, Independence, Iowa  
Zac will be graduating with a degree in Biomedical Engineering as a Grand Challenges of Engineering Scholar. While at Iowa, he has conducted research focusing on the medical application of nanoparticles under the guidance of Professor Jose Assouline and presented his work at numerous research fairs. He is an active officer in the Biomedical Engineering Student Society as well as the current Captain of the Hawkeye Soccer Club and Dance Marathon Alumni.

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**Rachel Revelez, *Elementary Education*, West Liberty, Iowa**

Rachel Revelez is an elementary education major with endorsements in reading and English as a second language. In the fall, she completed her honor's thesis on positional identity in the elementary classroom. Throughout her time at the university, she has worked for the Belin Blank Center and for the Iowa Edge Program. After graduation, she plans to find a teaching position in the Quad City area.



**Kristen Roehr, *Marketing & Studio Art, Spanish minor*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Kristen is finishing up her degrees in Marketing and Studio Art with an emphasis in Graphic Design. While at Iowa she studied abroad in London and was heavily involved in sorority life, several business student organizations, the Homecoming Council, and worked as a marketing representative at Student Life Marketing + Design and as a graphic designer at the Pentacrest Museums. She is looking forward to beginning her MBA here at Iowa in the coming fall.



**Nick Rolston, *Physics, Mathematics*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Nick studies Physics and Math and researches the fabrication and characterization of semiconducting nanowire heterostructures with Dr. John Prineas. He has also conducted research at Cornell and in Israel, failed miserably at running for Vice President for Student Government, and can eat more than you. Nick will be Attending Stanford University in the fall to pursue a PhD in Applied Physics.



**Yuejia Teng, *Psychology*, Beijing, China**

As a psychology major Yuejia has a broad research interests ranging from animal cognition, social relationships, to workplace behaviors. Her research on how animals process visual information has led to several conference presentations and publications. Currently, she is working on her honors thesis to examine how personality predicts positive and negative workplace behaviors through organizational justice and support. Yuejia also works as an ICRU Research Ambassador, Honors Peer Advisor and Huit Faculty Award Chair.



**Katherine Valde, *Political Science, History*, Coralville, Iowa**

Katherine Valde is a senior studying political science, history, and sustainability. She worked with the Iowa Policy Research Organization for two years and traveled to Argentina this past summer to conduct research for her history honors thesis. Outside of the classroom, Katherine has served as the president of University Democrats, chair of the University Lecture Committee, and is the current president of the University of Iowa Student Government.

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**Kelsey Warner**, *Communication Sciences and Disorders, Psychology*, Bettendorf, Iowa  
Kelsey is a senior graduating with degrees in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Psychology. Her research interests include studying brain-behavior relationships via the human lesion method. More specifically, she has studied the role of the ventromedial prefrontal cortex for belief and doubt processes and moral judgments. Throughout her undergraduate career, Kelsey has tried to better her own and others' understanding of ideas in and outside of the classroom. She has set an excellent example for other students on campus to never be afraid to speak up and ask questions in times of uncertainty or skepticism.



**Jeralyn Westercamp**, *Management, Marketing, Political Science*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Jeralyn Westercamp is pursuing a BBA in Management, a BBA in Marketing, and a BS in Political Science. Jeralyn is also pursuing a Certificate in Leadership Studies and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management. Jeralyn studied abroad in London, England and completed her Honors Thesis in Management with Dr. Kenneth G. Brown on the effectiveness of youth advisory boards in the government, non-profit, and for-profit sectors. Jeralyn is also the founder and director of two nonprofits.



**Onalee Yousey**, *Political Science, International Studies*, North Branch, Minnesota  
Onalee Yousey majored in Political Science and International Studies at the University of Iowa. Her studies focused on Arabic and the politics of the Middle East, with particular emphasis on public opinion in Jordan and Egypt. Onalee was active with the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council and conducted research in Political Science with an ICRU Fellowship. Onalee was also an active member of the Honors Program and a member of the student staff for three years. Onalee also studied Arabic in Tangier, Morocco during the summer of 2013 as part of the State Department's Critical Language Scholarship Program.

### 2014 Collegiate Scholars not featured:

**Lauren Vanchina**, *Dance, Psychology*, Parkville, MO

**Hang Gao**, *Mechanical Engineering, Business Administration*, Iowa City, Iowa

**Brianna Sanchez**, *Nursing*, Mundelein, Illinois