



2015 Spring Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, April 11, 2015

**3:30 - 4:30 PM in the HNI Auditorium
on the University of Iowa Campus**

2015 HONORS AT IOWA RECOGNITION CEREMONY

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Art Spisak, Director, University of Iowa Honors Program

OPENING REMARKS | Lon Moeller, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS | Art Spisak & Kelly Thornburg

- 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
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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS | Kelly Thornburg, Director of Scholar Development

ALUMNI REMARKS | Tom Niblock, Class of 2007

STUDENT REMARKS | Nate Hua, Class of 2016

CLOSE OF CEREMONY & RECEPTION WELCOME | Art Spisak

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Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, faculty and community 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 2015 student, staff and faculty honorees!

DEWEY B. STUIT FIRST YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Maria Merzenich, Psychology, Decorah, Iowa

Maria Mertzzenich is a first-year psychology major on the pre-occupational therapy track. Her goal is to attend graduate school and earn a master's degree in occupational therapy. Maria is involved in several groups at the Iowa Catholic Newman Center and will be serving as a member of the Iowa Honors Program Student Staff in the upcoming academic school year. She also plans to volunteer at the hospital in the fall.

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Tom Werner, Computer Science, Mathematics, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Tom Werner is a second year computer science major from Cedar Rapids who has a hard time writing in the third person. He does research developing the data collection tools for a middle school cyberbullying study and will be spending his summer in Austin, Texas, working for the job-search company Indeed.com.

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.

Brett Austin, Biomedical Engineering, Silvis, Illinois

Brett is majoring in Biomedical Engineering on the pre-medicine track and intends to get a minor in Spanish. He is involved in Medicus and the President's Leadership Society on campus.

Jessica Foubert, Open Major, Delta, Iowa

Jessica Foubert is a freshman at the University of Iowa who is pursuing a degree in business. As a first year student, she has become actively involved in student organizations, including The Salt Company, Alpha Phi Omega, and Students to Assist Recruitment. These organizations are helping her to build a foundation in valuable life skills such as leadership, fellowship, and service. She hopes to continue to take advantage of these many opportunities throughout her college career.

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Harrison Freund, Electrical Engineering, West Des Moines, Iowa

Harrison Freund is pursuing a major in Electrical Computer Engineering as well as minors in Spanish and Mathematics the University of Iowa. Harrison is also working on Mathematics and Spanish minors. While Harrison loves math and computer programming, he has many interests outside of the classroom. These include independently learning Hebrew and working to ensure all people are welcome at the University of Iowa. Harrison hopes all his experiences will merge and guide him in a successful engineering career.

Austin Greenough, Business, Urbandale, Iowa

Austin plans on graduating in May of 2018 with a double major in finance and accounting as well as a minor in political science. He plans to study abroad at some point during his tenure at Iowa as a way to expand his cultural horizons and he is heavily involved outside of the classroom. Austin is a member of the Financial Management Association and HawkTrade student business organizations that have piqued his interest in the finance world and he tutors as a way to help fellow peers succeed in their academic work. In addition to those commitments, Austin is also involved with 24/7 Campus Ministry. Despite all of these engagements, Austin still manages to enjoy time with friends and family.

Alexander McCammant, Open Major, Eldridge, Iowa

Alexander is a first-year student on a pre-medicine track and is pursuing a minor in anthropology. In March, he was elected VP of the DeGowin Blood Center Student Organization. In the future, he is interested in researching neurodegenerative diseases. Alexander participated in band, jazz band, baseball, and cross-country for four years in high school, along with achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 2012.

Heather Rickord, Nursing, Lombard, Illinois

Heather is a first year direct admission nursing student. She is involved in STAR and Dance Marathon at the University of Iowa. She is also a long time volunteer for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Erin Rumsey, Communications Studies, Minooka, IL – No biography provided.

Angela Schab, Biology, Orland Park, Illinois

Angela is a biology major and physical activity and nutrition minor. She is on a pre-health track and intends to further her education after earning her undergraduate degree. Her ultimate goal is to work in the health science field. Angela currently works as a lab assistant and is a member of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), both of which help her to engage in her passion for the sciences.

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Alec Archer, Electrical Engineering, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Alec Archer will graduate in May 2017 from the University of Iowa with a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering and a minor in mathematics. Alec is focusing on power systems as well as renewable energy as research fields in the upcoming years. He is an engineering tutor who works to help fellow engineering students with their studies. Alec will be extending his knowledge and expertise as an intern this summer at John Deere.

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Dot Armstrong, English, Dance, Winona, Minnesota

Dot Armstrong, a sophomore pursuing a BFA in Dance Performance and a BA in English, strives to connect the written word with embodied experiences and utilize movement as a tool for creating social change beyond the studio and stage. She's currently fascinated by dance ethnographer Maya Deren, the use of film as an artistic method of capturing reality, and choreographer Liz Lerman's philosophy of turning discomfort into inquiry. As Events Coordinator and Alumni Week committee member for the Undergraduate Dance Organization, Dot is invested in working with faculty and students to build community among artists. When she's not in rehearsal or finishing an essay, Dot can be found exploring the outdoors, teaching/practicing yoga, penning poems, and/or laughing uproariously at terrible puns.

Sydney Hofferber, Health and Human Physiology, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Sydney Hofferber is majoring in Health and Human Physiology: Health Promotion with a certificate in Nonprofit Management. She is currently interning for Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa. Sydney is the swim captain of the University of Iowa Trihawks Triathlon team. She is a student staff for the University of Iowa Honors Program and is a Barista at Starbucks. This summer she will be working in Ansbach, Germany with Camp Adventure. Sydney hopes to continue working with nonprofits and become a registered dietician with a masters in public health.

Casey Inman, Human Physiology, Boone, Iowa

Casey Inman is a current sophomore studying Human Physiology. Outside of the classroom, Casey works as an undergraduate research assistant in the Biology Department, investigating the mechanisms of human neurodegenerative diseases, such as Huntington's disease. She also enjoys her roles as an Honors Peer Advisor, a peer mentor for the Women in Science and Engineering organization, and a volunteer in the Emergency Department at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Danny Linggonegoro, Human Physiology, Sheldon, Iowa

Danny Linggonegoro plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Human Physiology. Outside of the classroom, he serves as a senator for the University of Iowa Student Government, heads the volunteer program at the Burn Treatment Center at the UIHC, and is the Friendship Captain for Best Buddies. Danny also works in the Department of Pharmacology with Dr. Justin Grobe as they research how hypertension and preeclampsia in pregnant women is regulated.

Dylan Mann, Biomedical Engineering, Marion, Iowa

Dylan Mann is an undergraduate studying Biomedical Engineering and minoring in Spanish. He is a black belt in Tae Kwan Do and has been involved on campus in a variety of martial arts. He is currently shadowing his mentor in the neurology clinic at the University of Iowa hospital. Dylan hopes to study abroad in Spain before graduating college and then continue his education through medical school.

Hanley Sayavong, Civil Engineering, Spanish, Sioux City, Iowa

Hanley is in her second year of college at the University of Iowa as a double major in civil engineering and Spanish and a minor in chemistry. She enjoys working with Engineers Without Borders. Currently, she is studying abroad in Madrid, Spain. She looks forward to returning back to the University of Iowa in the fall of 2015.

Angela Zhang, Statistics, Biochemistry, Ames, Iowa

Angela Zhang is currently a sophomore majoring in statistics and biochemistry. She plans to pursue graduate school after obtaining her bachelors and hopes to one day teach introductory chemistry to a lecture hall of

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400 undergraduates. Her research interests lie in statistical theory and application. As an undergraduate research assistant in Jacob Michaelson's lab, she works with gene expression data and the workflows associated with analyzing this RNA-seq data. This summer, she will intern at Washington D. C. in the National Agriculture Statistics Service in the Methodology branch. In her free time, Angela enjoys graphic design, playing the piano, and exploring.

THE FELLOWS PROJECT

The Fellows Project was established to identify some of our most 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.

First Year

Valerie Drake, Open Major, Solon, Iowa

Valerie Drake is a first year undergraduate student, currently an open major. Valerie has a passion for learning foreign languages and immersing herself in cultures from around the world. After years of intensive study of Korean, Valerie plans to study abroad next summer in Seoul. International Studies, as well as various fields in science are presently being explored as possible majors. When she is not reading, Valerie enjoys teaching flute lessons, and practicing archery.

Lance Heady, Biochemistry, Biology, Quincy, Illinois

Lance Heady is majoring in Biochemistry and Biology emphasizing in Neurobiology and minoring in Psychology. Lance's involvement in various residence halls has culminated in his selection as a STEM Resident Assistant. He is also a competing member of the Hawkeye Ballroom Dance Company. Lance participates in mentored research in Andrew Pieper's laboratory investigating a neuroprotective molecule's effect on neurodegenerative diseases and someday hopes to help find a cure for these devastating diseases, like Alzheimer's.

Jacob Isbell, Physics, Garrison, Iowa

Jacob is currently pursuing a double major in Physics and Astronomy and a minor in Computer Science. His extracurricular activities include involvement with the Society of Physics Students, President's Leadership Society, and Associated Daum. He is working to get involved with physics research soon, specifically experimental plasma physics or computer simulations. He aims to study abroad in the Spring 2016 Semester.

Molly Kigin, English, Chandler, Arizona

Molly Kigin is a first year student pursuing a major in English and Creative Writing and minors in Theatre Arts and Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies. She serves on the editorial board of Ink, an undergraduate literary magazine, volunteers for the Iowa Democrats, and mentors young writers from disadvantaged populations through the Iowa Youth Writing Project. Her passions for literature and social justice drive her academic and social pursuits at Iowa and within the community.

Alora Kraus, Biochemistry, Iowa City, Iowa

Alora, a biochemistry major, is passionate about contemporary environmental issues and is pursuing a career that combines her interests in biology, chemistry, and land remediation. She currently conducts research in civil and environmental engineering, and has participated in melanoma therapy research for the University of

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Iowa since 2012. Alora hopes to study abroad during the Spring 2016 semester, and spent two months working at the National Centre for Biological Sciences in Bangalore, India last summer.

Rebecca Paras, Business, Naperville, Illinois

Rebecca Paras is currently a freshman pursuing a double major in Business Management and Economics. She is involved in the President's Leadership Society and serves as the freshman class representative on the executive board. She is also involved in the University of Iowa Knitting club and in her free time she enjoys knitting baby hats for the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Second Year

Jacob Flatness, Classical Languages, Ankeny, Iowa

Jacob Flatness is a graduate of UNI with a bachelors in History. He is currently working on a Classical Languages major: learning to read and write ancient Greek and Latin. In his free time, Jacob runs an online community of over 100 members and has been able to meet and talk with a diverse group of people from around the world. Jacob believes that everyone on this planet knows something he does not, and he is eager to learn what the world has to teach him.

Astrid Montuclard, Asian Languages & Literature, Arue, Tahiti

As a trilingual Pre-Med student interested in the global aspect of Public Health, Astrid hopes to contribute in the future to national and international health prevention programs through governmental action and, hopefully later in her career, through the United Nations. Research-wise, Astrid works as an ICRU Fellow and studies the factors that promote UIowa students' soft drink consumption on campus. On a weekly basis, the Pre-med student also volunteers for the Iowa United Nations Association office, for the Maternal and Child Health Department at Mercy Hospital, and as an Assistant-Coach for Girls On The Run. This Spring semester, the French student decided to run for next year's Student Government where she intends to promote students' physical and mental health as a Student Senator. Finally, this summer, the French student will follow Chinese classes in Tianjin, China, shadow, and volunteer in Tianjin University's Hospital where she will collect testimonies from native patients and physicians about the globalization of medicine in China.

Kasra Zarei, Biomedical Engineering, Biochemistry, Coralville, Iowa

Kasra Zarei is a second-year student pursuing majors in biomedical engineering and biochemistry, actively engaged in research surrounding eye diseases and neurological disorders. He wants to focus on image-aided diagnosis and the quantification of changes in disease models to develop, administer, and test novel therapies for eye diseases and neurological conditions. The focus of the former aim is to detect preventable disease prior to onset, and the focus of the latter aim is to elucidate disease mechanisms to design novel therapies.

Rachel Zuckerman, Journalism & Mass Communication, Political Science, Livonia, Michigan

Rachel Zuckerman is a sophomore at the University of Iowa where she is pursuing bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Journalism. Rachel currently serves as a University of Iowa Student Government Senator, sits on the Council on the Status of Women, enjoys membership in Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, and works as a Resident Assistant. She recently concluded a University of Iowa Alternative Spring Break experience where she spent a week in Detroit, Michigan doing service with local community members.

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GUY D. AND BETTY J. WILLIAMS AWARD

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.

Patrick Adrian, Physics, Mathematics, Chicago, Illinois

Patrick is pursuing majors in Physics and Mathematics, as well as a minor in Computer Science. Patrick is majoring in Physics and Mathematics with an interest in plasma physics. He is interested in the stability of weakly and strongly coupled plasmas. This year, he has collected data for the Mars Express, a satellite studying the Martian Ionosphere. This summer he is interning at General Atomics in San Diego which is the principal site for research into fusion energy. Next year he is working on improving mathematical descriptions of plasma-solid interactions.

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

HONORS ADVISING AWARD

Advisors who distinguish themselves in their work with Honors' students are valuable assets to both departments and to our program. This recognition is given each year to acknowledge the extraordinary dedication of a committed academic advisor on campus.

2015 Recipient: Amy Brewster, College of Engineering

HONORS SCHOLAR ADVOCATE AWARD

Our Scholar Advocate Award was created to acknowledge the critical role faculty and staff play in the cultivation and preparation of competitive applicants for national scholarships and fellowships.

2015 Recipient: Blaine Greteman, Department of English

HONORS ALUMNI & FRIENDS AWARD

This award recognizes an especially distinguished alumni or friend who is invested in honors education here and beyond our campus.

2015 Recipient: Pat Rolston, The Federal Group

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TIPPIE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Jeffrey Ding, Economics, Chinese, International Business, Political Science, Iowa City, Iowa

A junior currently serving as the Vice-President of the University of Iowa Student Government, Jeffrey majors in political science, economics, and Chinese. He is interested in intersections between the U.S. and China: an internship at Hong Kong's Legislative Council, a research project about Chinese environmental governance, promotion of educational exchanges as a campus ambassador for the 100K Strong Foundation, and Hy-vee Chinese food (#HyChi).

Xiwen Liu, Finance, Beijing, China

Xiwen Liu is a Finance major in TCOB. Xiwen currently serves as the Treasurer of Financial Management Association, and he is a Scholar in the Hawkinson Institute of Business Finance. Various campus activities including lifeguarding, tutoring, and volunteering made Xiwen a creative and collaborative person. Xiwen will join CUNA Mutual Group as a Finance intern in Summer 2015. Xiwen also enjoys travelling. He has been to more than 10 states in the U.S.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Alexandra Bartlett, Chemical Engineering, Finance, Clive, Iowa

Alexandra is a third year pursuing degrees in finance and chemical engineering. She works to build strong student mentoring programs within the five organizations she is active in. Alexandra enjoys learning about all things related to nanotechnology, and has conducted research with polymer nano-materials for the past three years to satisfy some of this curiosity. To escape the academic rigors, Alexandra competes with the Iowa sailing race team across the Midwest.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Carter Bell, Political Science, Waukee, Iowa

Carter is pursuing a BS in Political Science. She has conducted original research relating to racial disparity in jail incarceration and currently serves as the teaching assistant for the Iowa Policy Research Project. She has led the University Democrats for two years as president, serves as Governmental Relations Liaison for University of Iowa Student Government, and is a member of the University Lecture Committee. She also serves as Johnson County League of Women Voters.

Maddie Bro, Journalism & Mass Communication, Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies Ames, Iowa. Maddie Bro will graduate in May 2016 with bachelor degrees in journalism and gender/women's studies and a fundraising/philanthropy communication certificate. As an NCAA swimmer, Maddie has earned Academic All-Big Ten honors and is a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. Maddie sits on the UI President's Student Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct and is a violence prevention workshop facilitator. Maddie hopes to draw upon these experiences as she pursues a degree and career in law.

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Christina Crowley, English, Des Moines, Iowa

Christina is an English major and a French minor. She enjoys working for the Honors program, acting as an English Ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and teaching French to elementary students. She was especially glad to take on the challenge of a research project about the Shakespeare Club of Marion this year, and looks forward to presenting it at the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival. Her favorite part of being a Hawkeye is participating in the Hawkeye Marching Band and Iowa Pep Band.

Meredith Francisco, Classical Languages, Ancient Civilization, Des Moines, Iowa

Meredith majors in Classical Languages and Ancient Civilizations with a special interest in both linguistics and gender roles in classical societies. She is the president of Eta Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Society for Classical Studies, a Latin tutor for the university, and also organizes a Latin reading hour outside of class. She will be travelling to Rome this summer for a spoken Latin program.

Nate Hua, Chemistry, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Nate is a kid just trying to live the dream. What is the dream? He's still working on it. Nate is a junior majoring in chemistry and minoring in theatre and English. Along with being a research assistant in Professor Chris Cheatum's laser lab, he is also an actor, appearing in two productions this year and working as a standardized patient at the Carver College of Medicine. He sends much love to his wonderful mother.

Marilyn Keane, Human Physiology, Webster City, Iowa

Marilyn Keane is a junior studying Human Physiology. Beyond the classroom, she works at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics as a nursing assistant in the Intensive and Specialty Services inpatient units. Marilyn's research interests involve a web-based quality of life intervention for cancer survivors.

David Kessler, Speech and Hearing Science, Champaign, Illinois

David is a junior from Champaign, Illinois studying Speech and Hearing Science with minors in French and Psychology. After completing his undergraduate degree he plans on attending graduate school to become a certified Audiologist. Currently, he works as a research assistant in Dr. Jean Gordon's Aging and Aphasia Lab and as a campus tour guide and Orientation Hawkeye Guide. Outside of class, David enjoys singing in the Voices of Soul UI Gospel Choir and serves as the Undergraduate president for the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) UIowa chapter.

Ryan Kunkle, History, Nevada, Iowa

Ryan is a junior undergraduate student, majoring in history and minoring in philosophy and Latin. Ryan's academic passions include, broadly, Classical antiquity and ancient philosophy. Ryan has conducted research in these subjects with Dr. Rosemary Moore at the History Department since fall 2013. After graduating, Ryan plans to attend law school, specializing in U.S. constitutional law. In his spare time, Ryan enjoys reading, playing music, and volunteering.

Lauren Peters, Communication Studies, Journalism & Mass Communication, Prairie City, Iowa

Lauren Peters is pursuing majors in Communication Studies and Journalism & Mass Communication. She is currently working as a research assistant with Professor Andrew High of the Communication Studies Department, and she also works as a Writing Fellow for the University of Iowa. Lauren is interested in media and gender representations, and she hopes to obtain a career that has a positive impact in the way women are portrayed in the media.

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Emily Szymanski, English, French, Hickory Hills, Illinois

Emily Szymanski will graduate next May in the hopes of pursuing a career as a copy-editor and a translator. Emily has spent the 2014-2015 academic year studying abroad in the south of France. When on campus, Emily is highly involved with the swing dance club, the Iowa Youth Writing Project, and the Honors Newsletter. Although she is not happy about leaving France, Emily is looking forward to returning back to Iowa to make the most of her senior year.

Austin Van Loon, Psychology, Sociology, Ankeny, Iowa

Austin Van Loon is an undergraduate at the University of Iowa; he studies psychology, sociology, music, philosophy, and informatics. He is a research assistant to Professor Alison Bianchi, and his main interests are experimental social psychology, sociological meta-theory and theory construction, and criminology. He is currently working on his honors thesis, which will examine the connection between stereotypes and prejudice in the University of Iowa Marching band. He currently works for the UIHD as a catering cook and plays and writes music for fun.

Brigitte Waldier, Speech and Hearing Science, Frankfort, Illinois

Brigitte Waldier studies Speech and Hearing Sciences and plans to pursue her master's in Speech Language Pathology. Currently she researches how physical environment impacts word learning. She is active in Iowa's service learning projects by traveling weekly to work on literacy skills with preschoolers and she just returned from serving the homeless in Denver. Outside of the classroom she enjoys working as an RA, dancing for UIDM, and playing on Iowa's Ultimate Frisbee club team!

HONORS AT IOWA SCHOLAR AWARDS

Each year, Honors identifies extraordinary graduating seniors across the University of Iowa for celebration as Honors at Iowa Scholars. This high recognition acclaims student work in and beyond the classroom, with an emphasis on the applicant's knowledge, skill, and experience as well as outstanding academic performance, excellence within their chosen discipline(s), and any contributions made to the University community through performance, research, organizational leadership, volunteer service and intellectual or creative engagement.

TIPPIE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Hyejung Kim, Finance, Seoul, South Korea

Hyejung is a Senior graduating with a major in Finance. She was an active member of Phi Beta Lambda and Korean Business Association in the Tippie College of Business. She took various roles in both organizations and lastly served as Vice President of Community Services and Vice President. Hyejung will be taking a CFA this year to be a chartered financial analyst. Upon her graduation, she will go down to Georgia to intern at Bobcat of Atlanta. If she won the marketing competition that she had worked for this entire semester, she would return to Korea to intern at Samsung Marketing Agency that she had dreamed of.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Allison Kindig, Industrial Engineering, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Allison is a senior from Cedar Rapids, Iowa graduating with a major in Industrial Engineering, minor in Business Administration, and a certificate in Global Health Studies. Through research, she has helped develop solar-powered cooking technologies in India and Cameroon. Her studies abroad and internship experiences have inspired her to work with communities to achieve energy security. Allison has also enjoyed being a

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resident assistant, student ambassador, and captain of the triathlon team while attending Iowa. Allison will be pursuing a MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development at the University of Cambridge in October.

William Tollefson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

William Tollefson will receive a bachelor's degree this May in Biomedical Engineering with a focus on Bioinformatics. He has been involved in the University of Iowa School of Music, Math Club, German Club, and Medicus Pre-medical Society. In addition, William has been conducting research with Dr. Michael Schnieders involving computational protein biochemistry and he is currently the Teaching Assistant for a cell biology course in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Will was accepted into the University of Iowa Medical Scientist Training Program for Fall of 2015 and has also considered engineering jobs in the Industry.

Christopher Winters, Biomedical Engineering, Oelwein, Iowa

Christopher Winters will be graduating in May with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering. Christopher's involvement with biomedical research motivated him to assist in founding a research interest student organization called HURA. Apart from serving as HURA's Director of Social Activities, Christopher also promotes undergraduate research as a Research Ambassador for ICRU. After publishing a study of pulmonary fibrosis this summer, Christopher plans to attend the Carver College of Medicine in pursuit of becoming a medical doctor.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Catherine Babikian, History, Anthropology, West Des Moines, Iowa

Catherine will graduate in May with degrees in history and anthropology. While at Iowa, she has worked both as an honors writing fellow at the UI Writing Center and as a student assistant at the Iowa Women's Archives. Her interests in British history have also taken her to Belfast and London, where she has studied abroad. After graduation, Catherine will pursue a PhD in British history at Rutgers University.

Ani Danelz, Speech and Hearing Science, Psychology, Lake Barrington, Illinois

Ani Danelz will graduate with a double major in Speech and Hearing Sciences and Psychology, as well as a minor in American Sign Language. During her time at the University of Iowa, she was involved in her sorority (Chi Omega), Best Buddies, and Dance Marathon. In addition, Ani did research at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and is seeking publication for her paper. On the side, Ani is an avid runner and will complete her third marathon this summer. In the fall, Ani will be returning to Iowa City and attending graduate school at the University Iowa for a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology.

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

Kelly is double majoring in Political Science and International Relations. She is very involved academically. She has served as an Honors Peer Advisor for three years, a Teacher's Assistant for a semester and tutored in two subjects. She is working on publishing a paper she co-authored with Professor Mitchell on international maritime disputes. The two presented their paper at a conference in Toronto last spring. She looks forward to continuing her education. Kelly plans to move to NYC after graduation to find a job at a think tank or consultancy for a few years before going back for her MA/JD.

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

Virginia is an English and American Studies double major. She has been involved in the Honors Program as a student staff member and as the Honors Newsletter editor. She has also served as a writing tutor and writing fellow. Virginia will be taking a gap year to work as an elderly persons' caregiver before pursuing Clinical Pastoral Education.



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Irina Gass, Dance, French, Deerfield, Illinois

Irina will graduate in May with a B.F.A. in Dance and a French minor. As a dance major, Irina has had the opportunity to perform faculty and student works and tour with the UI Dancers in Company. Her own choreography has taken the stage in UI concerts, and her own show "Kaleidoscopic Memoirs" will perform this April. Alongside performance and choreography, Irina received the ICRU fellowship and Ferentz grant for her research in dance history. Upon graduation, Irina will move to Chicago to pursue a career as a professional dancer. Aside from her stage career, Irina has plans to teach dance to children, as well as expand her career as a professional choreographer.

Dora Grote, Journalism & Mass Communication, Bayard, Iowa

Dora Grote will graduate in May with Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication and a minor in Political Science. Her passion for journalism has shone through her work, being named the 2015 Iowa Broadcast News Association's Outstanding Student, Managing Editor at the Daily Iowan, TV News Director for Daily Iowan TV, and this year's Top Scholar in the Journalism School. She's President of Omicron Delta Kappa, writes for several undergraduate colleges on campus, and has been involved in the College Transition Lab Leader Program. She spent last summer interning in Washington, D.C., and is ready to start her adventures in New York City this summer interning for CBS. She enjoys the outdoors and exploring new places by foot, rather than by car.

Quinn Hejlik, History, International Studies, Missouri Valley, Iowa

Quinn Hejlik will graduate in May from the University of Iowa with degrees in History and International Studies. He has complemented his classwork with a semester abroad in Prague, Czech Republic, and is writing an Honors thesis in Czech and Slovak history. Quinn has been heavily involved with the Honors Program and the Presidential Scholars Program. After graduation, Quinn plans to teach English in Russia and then continue his education in graduate school. Quinn will hopefully be going to Russia to teach English with the Fulbright Program for the 2015-2016 school year. After that, he will attend graduate school for 20th century Russian history and earn his Ph.D.

Liam Hovey, Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Stillwater, Minnesota

Liam is a 5th year graduating senior, with Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry majors and a minor in Mathematics. He loves quantitative, rigorous science, and he is deeply motivated by questions in biology and medicine. For the last 3 years he has been working in Professor Madeline Shea's laboratory in the Biochemistry Department on the biophysics of calcium signaling, and how calcium controls massive proteins that send electrical signals in heart cells and neurons. Liam will be enrolling in the Medical Scientist Training Program at either Columbia, University of Washington or Johns Hopkins to pursue study in biophysics and electrophysiology.

Noreen Jeglum, Psychology, French, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Noreen is a Psychology and French major who will be graduating this May. During undergrad she was involved in research in Psychology in the ADHD and Development Lab, and she has been a member of the girls acappella group, Take Note, for four years. After graduation she will attend the University of Wisconsin - Madison to pursue her MS in Occupational Therapy. Noreen will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison beginning in June to earn her MS in Occupational Therapy.

Emily Levine, Music, English, Brookville, Maryland – No biography provided.

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Sarah Mayer, Biochemistry, Spanish, Urbandale, Iowa

Sarah studied Biochemistry and Spanish in preparation for medical school. Since her sophomore year, Sarah conducted biochemistry research with Dr. Heather Bartlett and Dr. Dan Weeks. She also participated in the Diagnosing Diseases India Winterim and a Spanish language and service learning study abroad program in Peru. Sarah has been involved with the UIHC volunteer program's Student Leader Board, the ImmUNITY Campaign, the Presidential Scholars Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, WiSE, and Alpha Chi Sigma. Sarah will attend medical school in the fall, though location is to be determined! Until then, she plans to put her Spanish degree to use with some travel abroad.

Elizabeth Mueller, Microbiology, Chemistry, Waukee, Iowa

Elizabeth is graduating with a bachelors degree in Microbiology and a certificate in Global Health Studies. Since her freshman year, she has conducted research in the Schlievert laboratory, where she studied the mechanism of novel antimicrobials against *Staphylococcus aureus*. This work has resulted in several national presentations and publications, including a first-author. To appreciate the multi-faceted dimensions of health, she also conducted international field research with the CDC, World Food Prize, and India Winterim program. Elizabeth will be attending graduate school to earn a PhD in Microbiology and Biochemistry.

Samuel Mueting, Biochemistry, Normal, Illinois

Sam Mueting will graduate in May with a B.S. in Biochemistry and minor in Psychology. He has been involved in research projects involving ovarian cancer with Dr. Pavla Brachova, neonatal hematology under Dr. Jack Widness, and error-prone DNA repair mechanisms under Dr. Todd Washington. He has served as a Research Ambassador for ICRU, and helped start the Hawkeye Undergraduate Research Association. He also is a member of the Hawkeye Marching Band and Iowa Pep Band. Sam will be attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria in the fall.

Maureen Owens, History, Medieval Studies, Classical Languages, Spirit Lake, Iowa

Maureen will graduate in May with degrees in history and classical languages and a medieval studies certificate. She currently is finishing her honors thesis which focuses on the influence of classical ideologies on the public persona of Queen Elizabeth I. Outside the classroom, Maureen has enjoyed getting involved by volunteering and serving on the executive board for the student organization STAR (Students to Assist Recruitment). Maureen also is an active member of Iowa's classic honor society, Eta Sigma Phi. Maureen's plans for the future are currently up in the air. She either will be attending graduate school or taking a gap year to explore other possibilities.

Hannah Philgreen, International Relations, French, Lisbon, Iowa – No biography provided.

Daniel Plebanek, Psychology, Linguistics, Homer Glen, Illinois

Dan has been studying psychology and linguistics at Iowa since Fall 2011. Since his sophomore year, Dan has been working with Larissa Samuelson in the psychology department studying cognitive development and the development of executive function in young children. Dan hopes to get his PhD in developmental science and continue doing research in various aspects of child development. Dan will be attending graduate school to get his PhD in Developmental Science.

Emily White, Human Physiology, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Emily White majored in Health and Human Physiology (BS) and minored in Global Health Studies. She will be attending Carver College of Medicine in the Fall of 2015. Emily is excited to be accepted to the 2015 Women's Resource & Action Center's Iowa N.E.W. Leadership Program this May. She has been involved in

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research since the spring of her freshman year, working with multiple sclerosis patients on a multimodal intervention under the supervision of Dr. Terry Wahls and Dr. Darling. She recently began research in Family Medicine and has done research in Palliative Care briefly. She is completing an Honor's Thesis on Dignity Therapy, a narrative based therapy for end-of-life patients, and will be the only undergraduate presenting at the Examined Life Conference at Carver College of Medicine on April 16th. Next year Emily will attend medical school at University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine.

Elizabeth Wolf, Linguistics, Apple Valley, Minnesota

Elizabeth is a Linguistics major with a German minor. She spent a year and a half doing psycholinguistic research at the MAClab here, as well as a semester doing second language acquisition research under the supervision of a Linguistics professor. She also spent one semester performing with the Hawkeye Marching Band, and one semester volunteering with the NEST of Johnson County. Her interests include teaching English abroad, computational linguistics and psycholinguistics. Elizabeth is currently enrolled at the University of Iowa as a 5 year MA student in Linguistics. Her plans for the future are to graduate again next year!

Xin Xu, Biochemistry, Hangzhou, China

Xin Xu will graduate from the University of Iowa with a bachelor degree in Biochemistry. During her undergraduate career, Xin was honored to work with Dr. Brenner on non-enzymatic acetylation of mitochondrial proteins. In addition, Xin provided active service to the Palliative Care Team at the University Hospital. In 2013, Xin ventured to Trivandrum, India to further her understanding of healthcare abroad. Being a traveler, Xin enjoys hiking and befriending fellow travelers during her journey. Xin will attend the University of Washington, School of Pharmacy to earn her Pharm.D. degree. In addition, Xin is actively searching for service projects back in China during the summer.

Bingyi Yan, *Economics, Journalism & Mass Communications*, Wuxi, China

Bingyi will graduate in May with bachelor degrees in Economics and Journalism and Mass Communication. Bingyi is interested in the optimization of a country's natural resource strategy using customized dynamic economic models. He completed a research report on Roman military disciplines under the supervision of Vasiliki Kostopoulou. Fascinated by the ancient Mediterranean world, Bingyi has continued to explore different aspects of life and society during the period of Roman Empire with Rosemary Moore. Bingyi will begin his graduate study at Cornell University this fall. His focus will be natural resource and development economics.

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Jessica Lewandowski, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St. Charles, Illinois

Jessica will graduate from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Nursing and a minor in Spanish. She is an active member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honors Society in Nursing, and has enjoyed expanding her knowledge and skills through many clinical experiences at UIHC and in the community. During her time at Iowa, she has contributed to Nursing Research through a project aiming to contrast the pediatric procedural anxiety phenotype across two study phases. She presented this research at the International Society of Nurses in Genetics meeting in the fall of 2013, as well as the University of Iowa Fall Undergraduate Research Festival in December 2013. Jessica is looking forward to graduating and moving to Chicago to be closer to her family and fiancé. She is excitedly pursuing a career as a hematology-oncology nurse in the city, and ultimately hoping to work as a hospice nurse down the road.