

2018 HONORS AT IOWA RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Congratulations to our student, staff, and faculty honorees

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, faculty, and community supporters, the University of Iowa Honors Program is able to offer a range of merit-based scholarships and awards to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our undergraduate scholars as well as faculty, staff, and alumni.

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.

Nanette Chapa, *Management, Peoria, IL*

Nanette is a first-year double-majoring in Business Analytics and Management with a track in Human Resources. She is also pursuing a French minor, which has inspired her to learn more about the world with a certificate in International Business. She is currently the Communications and Marketing Director of the Petersen Hall Association and is excited to become a Peer Mentor for the Tippie Direct Admit Seminar for first-years next fall.

Grace Cook, *Microbiology, Oak Lawn, IL*

Grace is a Microbiology major with a planned Global Public Health minor. When she is not in class, she is involved with the on-campus radio station, KRUI. She is on the executive board of oSTEM Iowa, an organization devoted to providing assistance to LGBT+ STEM students. She hopes to begin lab research on infectious disease at Iowa next spring.

Elizabeth Folkers, *Ethics and Public Policy, Des Moines, IA*

Elizabeth is a first-year student with a major in Ethics and Public Policy and a minor in Spanish. She currently volunteers at the Women's Resource and Action Center as a WRActivist. There, she has assisted in researching laws concerning Felony Disenfranchisement. Elizabeth is also an active member of Phi Alpha Delta: Pre-Law. This summer, she will study abroad in Santiago, Chile with the purpose of advancing her Spanish language abilities. Elizabeth hopes to attend law school in the future.

Jo Janus, *English Creative Writing, Spanish, Lakewood, CO*

Jo is currently a first-year student. Native from Colorado, she came to Iowa for the writing program offered, and plans to graduate with a major in English Creative Writing with a tract in publishing and a major in Spanish. Inspired by a first semester Slavic mythology class, she decided to try taking Russian, and ended up adding the language as a minor. She plans to learn ASL during her free time with a friend and hopes to continue to learn languages even after graduation. She loves running, working the night shift at the bakery, and writing, especially on Friday nights, where she and her roommate can be found eating pizza rolls, researching, editing, and drawing stick figure plot points on the whiteboard.

Mason Koelm, *International Relations, Criminology, Law and Justice, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Mason is originally from St. Louis, but moved to Cedar Rapids as a child and fell in love with Iowa. He is a double major in International Relations and Criminology, Law, and Justice, as well as pursuing two certificates in Museum Studies and International Business. Mason is currently on the Mock Trial team, and has competed across the Midwest. He plans on attending Law School after graduation, with a focus in international law.

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Charlotte Lenkaitis, *Open Major, Interest in Public Health, Ames, IA*

Charlotte will graduate in May 2021, majoring in Global Health Studies with a minor in Spanish. Charlotte was elected as President of Petersen Residence Hall, a position which has provided her with invaluable leadership experience and opportunities for personal growth. Her current volunteer work with Table to Table and the Food Pantry at Iowa has expanded her knowledge of food waste and has increased her dedication to strive for sustainability in all aspects of her life. Her passion to connect with students and create a campus where every Hawkeye can show pride encouraged her to run as a senatorial candidate in the 2018 student government elections. Charlotte is actively looking to pursue a study abroad experience in the spring of 2019 to further her study of the Spanish language.

Scott Magnuson, *Political Science and Music (Organ Performance), Hanlontown, Iowa*

Scott is a first-year undergraduate at the University of Iowa studying political science, music, and philosophy. With luck, and the absence of disasters natural or divine, he will graduate in Spring 2021. Scott is a member of the UI English Society and Camerata choir. He is a former 4-Her and proud Nerdfighter. Scott's future plans include living a life of interest and wonder through thought, speech, and action without needless concern for future plans.

Charlotte Namakula, *English Creative Writing, Pre-Law*

Joshua Parbs, *Biochemistry, Urbana, IA*

Joshua is a first-year student pursuing degrees in Biochemistry and Genetics. He is still considering his options when it comes to life after college. Currently, Josh is pursuing his love for science by researching the interactions between proteins and DNA molecules. He also holds several leadership positions in various student organizations, as well as volunteers at the Children's Hospital. He enjoys dancing, singing, and eating ice cream when he isn't preoccupied with his studies.

Emily Silich, *Physics and Astronomy, Epworth, IA*

Emily will graduate in 2021 with degrees in astronomy and physics and a minor in music. Her current research interest is in string cosmology, and she is actively involved in the performing arts, playing flute and piccolo in the pep band and a concert band here at UI. Emily looks forward to exploring the world next spring when she studies abroad in the UK.

Anthony Smith, *Economics, Davenport, IA*

Anthony is a first-year student studying Economics in the Tippie College of Business. He has participated in the LeaderShape 2018 Leadership Development program, he's been a senator for the University of Iowa Student Government, and he has served on the executive boards of Habitat for Humanity and the Environmental Coalition. Anthony is looking forward to studying abroad in China, Italy, and South Africa in the next three years.

Hanxi Tang, *Human Physiology, Beijing, China*

Hanxi is a first-year student from Beijing China, currently studying human physiology. She came to the U.S. during her sophomore year of high school in order to receive an advanced education and to pursue her dream of conducting biomedical research. Hanxi is passionate about biology and psychology and hopes one day her research can save lives. In order to prepare for a career in research, Hanxi currently takes an active role in Plumert Psychology Lab and Kitamoto biomedical lab. She plans to conduct more independent research in biology laboratories in the future. In her free time, Hanxi enjoys blogging, watching movies, and mingling with her international friends.

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DEWEY B. STUIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SECOND YEAR

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.

Mackenzie Cross, *Anthropology, Zoology, Massena, IA*

Mack is a sophomore at University of Iowa majoring in Anthropology. She serves as a research assistant in two labs: the Zooarchaeology Lab where she identifies animal bones as well as the Biological Anthropology Lab where she learns of fossil primates. This summer, Mack will be conducting research on free ranging lemurs. She is interested in using comparisons between humans and non-human primates to shed light on primate evolution.

RHODES DUNLAP SECOND YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Kyle Apple, *Political Science, Economics, Eldridge, IA*

Kyle is a sophomore from Eldridge, Iowa studying economics and political science. At the University, Kyle is involved in the Iowa Policy Research Organization, College Republicans, and the Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity. After completing his undergraduate studies, Kyle would like to attend law school before beginning a career in legislative politics.

Kevin Blicharski, *Computer Science and Engineering, Algonquin, IL*

Kevin is a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering. He is involved in research with Professor Hans Johnson on using deep learning to automatically detect patterns in the human cerebellum. Additionally, he is the founder and current president of HackIowa, a club created to make attending hackathons more accessible to people of all backgrounds while encouraging professional and personal development in an engaging way.

Denise Cheeseman, *English Creative Writing, Minnetonka, MN*

Denise will graduate in the spring of 2019 with a degree in English and Creative Writing and a Sustainability Certificate. She is fascinated with the intersection of these two disciplines and hopes to work in communications for an international conversation organization one day. On campus, she served as the first-ever Sustainability Director for Homecoming Council, as the secretary for the UI Environmental Coalition, and as a founding member of the Young Democratic Socialists of America at Iowa. This summer, she will begin her life-long exploration of new cultures and ecosystems by studying abroad in Ireland.

Adam Goedken, *Finance, Economics, Independence, IA*

Adam is a second-year student double-majoring in finance and economics and earning a writing certificate. Adam is a Tippie Peer Mentor and an Honors Writing Fellow. He is the Director of Programs of Tippie Students for Service, and the Sustainability Chair for Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity. This Spring, he traveled to Washington, D.C. with Hawkeye Service Team to engage with the issue of economic disparity.

Charlotte Gude, *Political Science, Social Justice, Burnsville, MN*

Charlotte is double majoring in Social Justice and Political Science. She is involved with Student Advocates for Planned Parenthood where she holds the positions of Treasurer and Student Data Manager. Her involvement in Student Advocates for Planned Parenthood has led her to become a member of the Speakers Bureau for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and accept an internship with the organization. Charlotte is also a member of the University Democrats and CircleK.

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RHODES DUNLAP SECOND YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS - CONTINUED

Chase Johnson, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Dubuque, IA

Chase Johnson is a second-year student in Computer Science and Engineering. He is currently completing a Software Engineering Co-op with Rockwell Collins. Last Summer, Chase spent a month studying abroad in Paderno del Grappa, Italy and looks forward to his next opportunity to explore the world. Recently, as a personal project, he developed a Quiz Bowl Buzzer system on a breadboard with a microprocessor. While in school, Chase serves as a leader in Salt Company to bring glory to Jesus Christ.

Rikki Laser, Neuroscience, Vernon Hills, IL

Rikki will graduate in the Spring of 2020 with a major in Neuroscience. Currently, she does research in a psychology lab on myoclonic twitching (also known as REM sleep) and its relationship with neurodevelopmental disorders autism and dystonia. She loves the work with all her heart! Rikki also gives tours and stands on panels for the Department of Biology as a Student Ambassador and is involved in the Iowa Biosciences Academy. Rikki also likes to crochet, and the project she is most proud of is her cerebellar-neuron scarf. She also has two adorable pet rats, John and Percy.

Olivia Sandvold, Biomedical Engineering, Ankeny, IA

Olivia is a second-year biomedical engineering major who is passionate about computer science. Her research interests have primarily been in the bio-imaging field, studying single photon calcium ion imaging. She hopes to travel abroad to Glasgow, Scotland next spring and make a trip to Turkey! Olivia is a co-founder of HackIowa and currently the social media chair. She also is the secretary and professional development chair for the biomedical engineering student society.

Isabella Senno, Anthropology, Psychology, Evanston, IL

Isabella will graduate in 2020 with degrees in Anthropology (Gender and Culture Track) and Psychology. During her university career, she has written articles through the Ethics and Politics Initiative at The Daily Iowan and advocated for intersectional reproductive rights. This year, she joined an independent study in biological anthropology, focusing on the evolution of social tolerance. She hopes to elevate this work into an honors thesis.

Abigail Simon, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Ann Arbor, MI

Abigail is a second-year student majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders, along with a minor in Health and the Human Condition. She is an undergraduate research assistant in the Cochlear Implant (CI) Lab and helps to conduct research on individuals with CIs in effort to improve future CI technologies. Abigail is a senator for UI Student Government and just concluded a term serving as the Sustainability Committee Chair. Additionally, Abigail serves as a member of the University Lecture Committee and has been lucky enough to host several speakers on campus.

Rose Simonson, Education, English Creative Writing, Bismarck, ND

Rose is an Education, English and Creative Writing major. She has a passion for linguistics, and over the time of her school career, she has studied abroad in Ireland, taught in Kazakhstan, served as an editor for Ink Lit Magazine, worked as the Social Media officer for the English Society, and volunteered with the Iowa Youth Writing Project.

Joshua Yem, Human Physiology, Music Performance, Marion, IA

Joshua plans to graduate in May 2020 with a double major in Human Physiology and Music Performance on Oboe. He hopes to attend medical school after graduation and eventually work as an emergency medicine physician. Joshua is currently an Honors Outreach Ambassador and also volunteers at UIHC playing piano in the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. He also works as a pharmacy technician at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA.

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JAMES D. ROBERTSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

recognizes superlative academic and practical accomplishments in the social sciences. The recipient of the Robertson Scholarship must have come to the University of Iowa as a graduate of an Iowa high school.

Riley Lewers, Economics, Mathematics, Iowa City, IA

Riley will graduate in Spring 2020 with majors in Economics and Mathematics, and a minor in Political Science. She has been highly involved in politics during her time at UI, first getting involved as a campus fellow with Hillary Clinton's campaign last fall. She currently works for Congressman Dave Loebsack and serves as President of UI Democrats and Political Director for College and Young Democrats of Iowa. Riley has conducted research on immigration policy with Professor Rene Rocha and was last year's Darrell L. Netherton Political Science Research Scholar. Next year, Riley plans to study abroad at Mansfield College, a constituent college of the University of Oxford.

RICHARD TYNER SCHOLARSHIP

Established in the fall of 2015 by University of Iowa alumnus, Richard Tyner, the intent of the Tyner Scholarship is to offer financial support and recognition to current in-state University of Iowa students who were able to qualify for and enter the Honors Program by becoming more engaged and academically successful during their first year at the university.

Jon Sanford (formerly Seedorff), Economics, Computer Science, Political Science, Independence, IA

Jonathan is a sophomore from Independence, Iowa majoring in Political Science, Economics, and Ethics & Public Policy with minors in International Relations and Sociology. He is vice president & finance director of Pi Sigma Alpha, vice president & treasurer of ONE, finance director of Human Rights Student Collective, and president of finance of Students for Human Rights. Jonathan is interning in Washington DC this summer and will be studying abroad at the University of Oslo next academic year.

Eli Bratsch-Prince, Political Science, Ames, IA

Eli is a junior studying Political Science with a minor in Arabic and a Certificate in Sustainability. In the summer of 2016, Eli travelled to Fez, Morocco, where he studied intensive Arabic. This summer, he will travel abroad to Amman, Jordan, to again study Arabic intensively through the U.S. State Department's Critical Language Scholarship program. Eli is the president of UI's Political Science Honors Society Pi Sigma Alpha. He will graduate in May 2019.

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.

Joshua Larson, Electrical Engineering, Physics, Mount Pleasant, IA

Josh will graduate May 2019 with degrees in Electrical Engineering and Physics. His research interests are in space and fusion plasma physics. Last summer he interned at the DIII-D tokamak in San Diego, CA, where he worked on simulations for radio frequency power in fusion plasmas. This fall he was one of the first U.S. students to attend CaNoRock, a rocket field school at the Andoya Space Center in Norway.

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KAY KEESHAN HAMOD AWARD

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. This award is meant to support work on that project, so recipients must be full-time students in History and members of the Honors Program in the semester they apply for the Hamod Scholarship and in the year when they hold it. They must also be members of the University of Iowa Honors Program.

Megan Ryan, History, Russian and East European Studies, Ancient Civilization, Poplar Grove, Illinois

At the University of Iowa, I am pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in History, with minors in Russian and Eastern European Studies and Ancient Civilizations as well as a certificate in Museum Studies. After graduating in May 2018, I will continue my education at a Midwestern graduate school to obtain both a Master of Library and Information Science and a Master of Arts in Russian and Eastern European Studies. Ultimately, I want to work as an archivist dealing with Slavic primary source materials in order to communicate information about Russia to the next generations of the American public.



FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

HONORS AWARD FOR CAMPUS SUPPORT

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

Cindy Roberts, Associate Director, Scholarship Programs, Office of Admissions

For nearly 40 years, my professional life has focused on serving students. My early years were spent teaching art in the public schools. Moving to Iowa City in the mid-1980's, my work at the University of Iowa began with the prospective international undergraduate student. About 10 years ago, I moved into the role of scholarship administration for incoming first-year students. Providing students the best service I can provide has always been my passion and primary professional goal. Treating students as I would want my own children treated has been my guide. My professional life has never defined who I am. A few of my interests outside of work include art, architecture, gardening, travel excursions and the joy of walking. I'm honored to be the mother of two vibrant and strong daughters who have begun their own careers in science. Most recently, I'm thrilled to have begun my latest adventure---becoming a grandmother to a young boy who just may become President.

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Carmen Nugent, Scholarship Coordinator, Office of Admissions

After spending nearly 16 years as a Financial Aid Counselor in the UI Office of Student Financial Aid, Carmen moved to the Office of Admissions in 2015 to implement and manage the *Iowa Scholarship Portal*, an online scholarship system for undergraduate students. She was drawn to this project after many difficult conversations with families on where and how to apply for scholarships at the university. "I loved the idea that all scholarships could be found in one spot!" Carmen earned her Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa. She started out her career teaching in Baton Rouge, LA, and served as a classification specialist for the Louisiana State Department and a trainer in private industry.

STUDENT AND STAFF AWARD FOR HONORS ADVISING

Advisors who distinguish themselves in advising 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.

Marc Wold, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry, Department of Biochemistry

Marc S. Wold is the son of a biochemistry and a microbiologist. When he was young, he was interested in chemistry and wanted to grow up to be a scientist. He has gotten his wish. After high school, Dr. Wold went to Caltech where he majored in chemistry. He then got his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Johns Hopkins University. After doing postdoctoral research at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, he joined the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Iowa in 1989 where he has been ever since. As a professor here at Iowa, Dr. Wold has been very involved in teaching, research and faculty service.

HONORS AT IOWA SCHOLAR ADVOCATE AWARD

Awarded to faculty and staff by the Associate Provost's Undergraduate Fellowships Committee and the Honors Program in recognition of extraordinary commitment to the recruitment and support of national fellowship applicants at the undergraduate level.

Michael Schnieders, PhD, Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Biomedical Engineering

Michael Schnieders earned undergraduate and doctoral degrees in Biomedical Engineering from The University of Iowa and Washington University in St. Louis. Following postdoctoral work at Stanford University in the area of biomolecular X-ray crystallography and at The University of Texas at Austin in the area of protein-drug interactions, he returned to The University of Iowa as a joint faculty member in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Biochemistry. Dr. Schnieders' research is focused on understanding inherited diseases by using computational molecular biophysics theory and high performance computational algorithms to map genetic information onto molecular phenotypes.

HONORS AWARD FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS

The Honors Award for Alumni & Friends recognizes an especially distinguished alumni or friend of the program, who has gone above and beyond the call for support. By bestowing this award we honor individuals but also, through them, we recognize the larger community of supporters who promote honors education on campus and beyond.

Susan J. Hagan, JD, Executive Director, Planned Giving, the University of Iowa Foundation

Susan Hagan is originally from Burlington, Iowa. She received both a B.A. in History and a B.A. in Russian from the University of Iowa in 1990. While an undergraduate student, she was a member of the Honors Program and graduated with Honors in history. In 1994, Susan received a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law.

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After graduation from law school, Susan practiced in the estate planning group at a Milwaukee, Wisconsin law firm before returning to Iowa City in 1998 when she was employed as a trust officer at what is now US Bank. Susan joined the University of Iowa Center for Advancement Planned Giving Department in 1999, where she helps alumni and friends of the University of Iowa make gifts through their estate or with unusual or more complicated assets. She has been the Executive Director of Planned Giving since 2006. Susan has been a member of the Honors Program Advisory Board since its inception and serves on its Development Committee, and she is the University of Iowa Center for Advancement Honors Program liaison.

LANE DAVIS AWARD FOR HONORS TEAM-TEACHING

Team-teaching is a crucial dynamic of intellectual community. A great way for honors students to pursue inquiry and learn constructive argument is to witness and join lively conversations between professors who bring different educations and interests to important questions. Among many, Professor Lane Davis excelled at team teaching and this award, named in his honor, recognizes and encourages faculty to team teach honors students.

Janet A. Fairley, MD, FAAD, Chair, John S. Strauss Professor, Professor of Dermatology

Dr. Fairley is the Strauss Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology in the Carver College of Medicine. She attended medical school at the University of Michigan, where she also completed her residency and fellowship training. Dr. Fairley joined the faculty at the University of Iowa in 2007 and her area of clinical and research specialization is autoimmunity and autoimmune skin diseases. Dr. Fairley is currently the president of the American Board of Dermatology and was recently inducted as an honorary member of the Societe Francaise de Dermatologie, for her contributions in understanding autoimmune skin disorders. She is married and has two daughters: Emily, a research specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Kate, who teaches Latin in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Vincent Liu, MD, FAAD, Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Pathology

Vincent Liu, M.D. is the Robert F. Godwin Professor of Dermatology and Pathology at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, where he also serves as the Dermatology Clerkship Director. Board-certified by both the American Board of Dermatology and the American Board of Dermatopathology, Dr. Liu specializes in medical dermatology, dermatopathology, and cutaneous lymphomas.

Dr. Liu earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard University and his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Following internal medicine internship at Beth Israel Hospital-Boston, he completed dermatology residency, including a year as chief resident, and then dermatopathology fellowship, both at Harvard University. Dr. Liu served on the Dermatology and Pathology staff at Massachusetts General Hospital for four years, and then joined the University of Iowa faculty in 2005.

With a clinical and research interest in the field of cutaneous lymphomas, Dr. Liu serves as the dermatology director of the University of Iowa Integrated Cutaneous Lymphoma Program, a multidisciplinary endeavor that strives to provide the highest quality care to patients in the region by coordinating the efforts, expertise, and resources of specialists in dermatology, oncology, and pathology. His experiences in dermatology and dermatopathology have resulted in over fifty publications, several book chapters, co-authorship of a textbook of dermatopathology, and dozens of presentations at national and international conferences.

RHODES DUNLAP COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Noah Anderson, Computer Science and Classical Languages, Albion, IA

Noah is majoring in computer science and classical languages. His research combines classical languages and the digital humanities. His most recent independent project was creating a program that determines the likelihood that any two words are synonyms.

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Marc Beer, *Biology, West Chicago, IL*

Marc will graduate in May of 2019 with a degree in Biology and a minor in Environmental Science. He conducts research with the Forbes lab in the Department of Biology, where he investigates the functional significance of morphological variation in a genus of fruit fly. Post-graduation, Marc intends to pursue a PhD in a specialized area of evolutionary biology. In addition to being a student, Marc is an artist, aquarist, and film aficionado.

Kylie Gava, *Sculpture, Grinnell, IA*

Kylie will graduate in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture and a minor in Portuguese. She has been involved with research throughout her entire career at UI, working as a summer ICRU fellow for Professor Armando Duarte, translating and transcribing interviews about Brazilian culture. She has worked independently with Professor Isabel Barbuzza, crafting research grants and has recently earned a Stanley Award for International Travel. This July, she will travel to Cariacica, Espirito Santo, Brazil to complete her research on an apartment building her grandfather built in 1978.

Evan Lamb, *Microbiology, Human Physiology, Robins, IA*

Evan is a junior and will graduate with a B.S. in Microbiology with Honors, a B.S. in Human Physiology, a Certificate in Clinical and Translational Sciences, and a Minor in Chemistry. Evan researches bacterial motility and communication and intends to build upon this experience by pursuing professional training as a physician scientist. When outside of lab, Evan leads the Microbiology Undergraduate Student Association, teaches for the Department, and volunteers at local hospitals.

Melissa Lauer, *English Creative Writing, Studio Arts, Des Moines, IA*

Melissa Lauer studies English Creative Writing and Studio Art while working as a student specialist in the University's conservation lab and as an administrative intern with the Iowa Youth Writing Project. She is co-president and secretary of the UI English Society and is currently researching an abandoned hospital for her creative nonfiction honors thesis. Melissa is otherwise known as a collector of peculiar words, a serial plant-murderer, and an admirer of old and unusual things.

Camille Mumm, *Biology, Informatics, Westside, IA*

Camille is a junior majoring in Biology and Informatics as well an undergraduate research assistant in the lab of Dr. Robert Cornell. She is a third-year member of the Hawkeye Marching Band and is also active in her hometown community orchestra, All Strings Attached. In addition to playing in the marching band and researching in the Cornell lab, Camille works at Cambus as a transit operator.

Gabriela Munoz, *International Studies, German, Northfield, MN*

Claire O'Connell, *Biomedical Engineering, Green Bay, WI*

Pooja Patel, *Biomedical Sciences, Human Physiology, Dubuque, IA*

Pooja will graduate May 2019 with a degree in Biomedical Sciences and minors in Psychology and Chemistry. She is working on her Honors in the Major for Biomedical Sciences through research in the Smolikove Lab in the Department of Biology. She is a Women's Resource and Action Center Peer Educator, Volunteer at the UIHC, Supplemental Instruction Leader for Organic Chemistry II, a Tour Guide, and a tutor for TRIO SSS.

Kelley Pillar, *Biology, Wind Lake, WI*

Kelley will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology on the Genetics and Biotechnology track. Kelley is a Resident Assistant on campus, and she volunteers with the UI REACH program. Kelley's passion for discovery motivates her research on the molecular genetics of evolution and her participation in the Personal Genome Learning Center. Kelley hopes to combine her passion for science with her love of helping others to pursue a future in Genetic Counseling.

Lily Smith-Jensen, *English, Classical Languages, Marengo, IA*

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Lily Smith-Jensen is a junior studying English, Classical Languages, and Sustainability. With a passion for working with youth and working towards sustainability of all forms, Lily works at the Children's Desk at the Coralville Public Library and has an internship on the Antelope Lending Library Bookmobile. In her free time, Lily loves to pursue her writing and bake vegan goodies. After graduation, she hopes to pursue sustainability before going to grad school for library sciences.

Eilidh Spery, English, Lakewood, CO

Eilidh will graduate next May with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Spanish. She is currently studying abroad in Madrid, Spain to complete her minor and further her Spanish learning. Eilidh has written articles for the Honors Newsletter, and plans to pursue her interests in science, literature, and writing after graduation through a graduate program for science journalism.

Madeline Ungs, Human Physiology, Urbandale, IA

Madeline is a junior pursuing a major in Human Physiology and minors in American Sign Language and Dance. She is an Honors Outreach Ambassador, vice president of UI Dance Club, and volunteer teacher for Dance Without Limits, a nonprofit organization for children with disabilities. Madeline's involvements in scientific and creative movement research have contributed to her interest in studying the intersections of the arts, humanities, and medicine.

Sophia Vogeler, Biochemistry, Clive, IA

Sophia is a third-year student majoring in biochemistry and works in a research lab studying metabolism and its effects on overall health and diseases states. She is starting her senior research project for her biochemistry honors thesis. She serves as president of the National Honor Fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi, and works part-time in a pharmacy. Sophia plans to attend law school to pursue a career in pharmaceutical intellectual property law.

Adam Weis, Chemical Engineering, North Liberty, IA

Adam is a junior majoring in chemical engineering and will be starting a master's degree in environmental engineering next year. He will devote his career to improving the quality of the environment. After studying abroad in Italy and Spain, he has started a minor in Spanish and is interested in international work. Adam is currently the president of the Iowa Track and Field Club and an assistant instructor for canoeing and camping classes at Iowa. He enjoys spending time outside, skiing, backpacking, camping, and running.

Austin Hughes, English Creative Writing, Japanese, Arlington, TX

Austin Hughes is currently a junior double majoring in English (Creative Writing) and Japanese. He currently serves as a co-president of UI's English Society. His creative work is concerned with the imaginations impact on everyday reality, and he looks to Sylvia Plath, Robyn Schiff, and Elizabeth Bishop for immediate poetic inspiration and challenge. Academically, he is interested in the ways Japanese culture and literature have entered and influenced pre-Modern Western literature.

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

Chloe Sekhran, Marketing, Dance, Saint Paul, MN

Chloe majored in Marketing, on the Retail Management track, and Dance. She also worked for the Honors Program as a Student Administrative Assistant, which has been the best on-campus job she could have asked for. Outside of the University, Chloe is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, where she served as Assistant Vice President of Philanthropy, Vice

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President of Chapter Relations and Standards, and Chapter President. Chloe will be working for Alpha Chi Omega's Headquarters as a Chapter Consultant, where she will travel around the country visiting various universities and working with collegiate members of Alpha Chi Omega. She also plans to later pursue a career as a buyer for an apparel retailer and will keep up with dance through small regional projects, and by teaching both dance and yoga.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Megan Helms, *Biomedical Engineering, Downs, IL*

Megan will graduate in May with a degree in biomedical engineering. In her time at Iowa, Megan has pursued her passion for merging healthcare and engineering through the national Engineering Grand Challenges Scholars program and her extensive work in the Drack Ophthalmology research lab. She has developed a passion for working with young students as tutor for

TRiO, mentor for Women in Science and Engineering, and ambassador for the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates. Her desire to bridge gaps in healthcare-related professions has led her to volunteer for the Mobile Medical Clinic in Iowa city, and has most recently taken her to Mexico in collaboration with the College of Public Health to study food disparities in local communities. She is thoroughly looking forward to continuing her study of healthcare at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School, where she will continue applying engineering principles to healthcare problems. Megan is looking forward to starting medical school next fall at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She plans to continue being involved in biomedical research and volunteering in the community there.

Alyssa Mendenhall, *Biomedical Engineering, Asbury, IA*

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Valerie Drake, *International Studies, Solon, IA*

Valerie Drake is a fourth-year pre-law student majoring in International Studies and Russian, with a minor in Korean Studies. Last summer, Valerie attended Ewha Woman's University in South Korea. This summer Valerie will study abroad at Plekhanov University in Moscow. She has served as an Honors Outreach Ambassador, undergraduate teaching assistant, senator in UISG, and a student researcher for the Russian department. Currently, Valerie, with her faculty mentor Professor Osterberg, is completing her honors thesis in International Studies on the topic of global public health policy strategies regarding antibiotic resistance in agriculture. When she is not reading, Valerie enjoys endurance running, archery, and spending time with her horse Radar. In June, Valerie will travel to Russia to take part in a summer intensive Russian language program at Plekhanov University. Upon her return, Valerie will continue her work as a researcher for the Russian Department with Professor Kostina, and perhaps take on an additional corporate position to gain further experience. In the upcoming months, she will also be developing strong applications for graduate study fellowship opportunities. Valerie intends to focus on domestic and global public health issues pertaining to policy formation in graduate school, and eventually continue on to law school. Throughout this academic and personal journey, Valerie will continue to nurture a love for adventure, exploring mountain trails, running through forests, and meandering in pastures, with her loyal equine companion, Radar, at her side. Valerie is deeply grateful for the generous support of the faculty, mentors, advisors, and the University of Iowa Honors Program for their role in encouraging and guiding her path to self-discovery.

Sean Finn, *Ethics and Public Policy, Economics, Webster, NY*

Grant Gullion, *Human Physiology, Ottumwa, IA*

Grant will graduate in May with a degree in Human Physiology. Grant's involvements in Admissions and Residence Life have been a major component of his undergraduate experience. Grant has enjoyed working with prospective students and their families to help them in the process of choosing schools. Additionally, he believes the interpersonal skills and cultural competencies he obtained during his years as a resident assistant will be critical in his career as a dentist. Grant will be attending dental school at The University of Iowa College of Dentistry beginning in August.

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Lance Heady, *Biochemistry, Neurobiology, Quincy, IL*

Lance will graduate in May with degrees in Biochemistry and Neurobiology. Lance will be pursuing a PhD in neuroscience from UT Southwestern with hopes of continuing his pursuit of understanding how cells in the brain die. While there Lance also wants to continue growing mentoring skills to help guide students, a true love of his. He will also continue training in the art of ballroom dancing and hopes to one day be a national amateur champion. After graduating in May, Lance will be pursuing a PhD in neuroscience at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Kara Hoving, *Environmental Sciences, Mountain Lakes, NJ*

Kara Hoving will graduate in May with a degree in Environmental Science, a minor in Biology and a certificate in Sustainability. Throughout her undergraduate career she has served as co-president of the UI Environmental Coalition, written about environmental justice and women's issues as a Climate Narrative Project Fellow, coached elementary school students through Girls on the Run, and volunteered for several habitat conservation and sustainability organizations while studying abroad in Tasmania. Kara will be spending the next year in Egypt as a Presidential Intern at the American University in Cairo's Research Institute for a Sustainable Environment.

Jacob Isbell, *Physics, Astronomy, Garrison, IA*

Jacob is a karate-chopping, keyboard-wielding, Tom Petty doppelganger. He will graduate in May with majors in Astronomy and Physics. He works with Dr. Hai Fu to find galaxies in the process of merging together, acting as a Cosmic Archaeologist to discover how galaxies form. Last year, he studied abroad in Sweden where he learned to appreciate the Sun. Jacob has helped develop the Gravbox and has spread his love for astronomy at public outreach events. Beginning this fall, Jacob will be attending the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy in Heidelberg, Germany to begin a PhD program in Astronomy. He will be studying the regions near the black holes at the centers of galaxies.

Claire Jacobson, *French and Arabic, Iowa City, IA*

If Claire's college experiences could be summed up in a single word, it would be "language." A French and Arabic major, she studied abroad in Morocco, taking up translation as a way to practice Arabic, leading to an ICRU fellowship at the International Writing Program. Back in English, she wrote for the Honors Newsletter for two years before taking over as editor in 2016, worked as a Writing Fellow, and tutored in the writing center. Claire plans to attend graduate school in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, continue translating Arabic fiction, and eventually work with refugees in Europe and around the Mediterranean.

Anya Kim, *Neurobiology, Spanish, Indianola, IA*

Anya was born in North Carolina, spent most of her life growing up in Michigan, but she moved to Iowa in high school and liked it so much that she stayed for college. She does research on the neurobiology of stroke, and works with different organizations of campus to help improve how researchers communicate their work to the public. She also enjoys cooking, ultimate frisbee, making neurobiology comic books for kids, modular origami, and dogs. Anya will likely attend medical school next year, and she's currently deciding between Washington University in St. Louis and Stanford University. However, she is also a semi-finalist for a Fulbright Research Grant to Spain, and if she ends up receiving that she would definitely defer for a year to do research on Lou Gehrig's disease at the University of Barcelona.

Alora Kraus, *Biochemistry, Iowa City, IA*

Alora Kraus will graduate in May from the University of Iowa with a bachelor degree in biochemistry and a certificate of writing. Alora has been involved with the Writing Fellows program through the UI Writing Center, where she helps peers improve their writing skills in classes of all disciplines. Alora has also worked with Michael Schultz, Craig Just, and Eric Taylor in research labs in Radiology, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Biochemistry, respectively. During the 2016-2017 academic year, Alora studied abroad in Glasgow, Scotland, where she cultivated a love for culture and travel. Her next step will be applying to the Peace Corps for a position in the health sector. Alora will be applying for a Peace Corps position in the health sector for anywhere. Upon her return, she would like to enroll in a graduate program for public health.

Alexandra Lemoine, *English, Journalism and Mass Communication, Crystal Lake, IL*

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Maria Mertzenich, Psychology, Decorah, IA

Astrid Linn Montuclard, Asian Languages and Literature, Tahiti, French Polynesia

While majoring in Chinese and Pre-Medicine at the University of Iowa, Astrid happily pursued several of her interests: running for the University Track team, doing public health and psychology research, volunteering in medical settings, popularizing mindfulness practice, studying in China for a year, and serving as a Student Government Senator. Astrid deeply thanks the Honors Program for having continually nurtured her desire to grow herself above and beyond what she could have ever imagined before coming to Iowa. Over the upcoming year, Astrid will be serving as a lab manager in a UC Davis-UC Berkeley public health research team studying the impact of warning labels on college students' sugary drinks consumption. She will also complete her certification as a Mindfulness Teacher for the Duke University Center for Koru Mindfulness. After her gap year, Astrid plans to pursue a terminal degree in the field of health.

Benjamin Ross, Music, Music Education, Rockford, IL

Ben is graduating with degrees in Voice Performance and Music Education after studying with Stephen Swanson. He recently completed an honors thesis studying the works of British composer Gerald Finzi, active for the first half of the 20th century. His favorite opportunities while at Iowa were studying abroad in Vienna, Austria, and the UK, serving as president of an LGBT+ inclusive fraternity, and working many different wonderful jobs for the University Honors Program. Ben is currently seeking out a variety of different opportunities. He hopes to find a job as a high school choral director, and keep an active performing career in classical voice in choirs, operas, and other ensembles.

Jacob Simpson, Economics, Clinton, IA

Jacob will graduate in May with a major in Economics, as well as minors in Music, English, and Philosophy. As President of the University of Iowa Student Government, he collaborates with campus partners to improve financial aid, student employment, and off-campus student support. Formerly, while serving as Co-President of the University of Iowa Gardeners, he successfully pushed for the adoption of a garden and outdoor classroom on Main Campus in the UI Campus Master Plan. Jacob will pursue opportunities in local community development for two or three years before applying to law school.

Caroline Wadman, Psychology, Omaha, NE

Caroline is a Psychology major on the pre-med track with a certificate in Public Health. She was a research assistant in the University's Emergency Department where she studied ATV-related deaths and injuries. She volunteered in an after-school program where she helped educate elementary students on how to be healthy. Currently, she is an Emergency Department volunteer and has been a member of the University of Iowa Spirit Squad for the past four years. Caroline will be pursuing a Masters of Public Health in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department at Yale University.

Jennifer Wu, Biology, Iowa City, IA

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

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In awarding scholarships, selectors consider the nominee's field of study and career objectives and the extent to which that individual has the commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to his or her field as a researcher.

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Hannah Gulick, Physics, Astronomy, Creative Writing. Spirit Lake, Iowa

Hannah Gulick, Spirit Lake, Iowa, is a sophomore majoring in physics, astronomy, and creative writing. She conducts research in space instrumentation and X-ray astronomy with Dr. Philip Kaaret, and radio astronomy of stellar magnetic fields with Dr. Robert Mutel. She has helped to build and analyze NASA cube-satellite, HaloSat, and is working with ham radios to command University of Iowa space instrument, HERCI. She recently traveled to Norway for a four-day rocket campaign as Principal Investigator.

Ojas Pradhan, Chemical Engineering, West Des Moines, IA

Ojas Pradhan is a 3rd-year student in chemical engineering and computer science. He currently serves as the president of the student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and works as a Teaching Assistant for the chemical engineering department. Ojas also conducts research in pulmonary drug delivery under Dr. Jennifer Fiegel. After completing his undergraduate degree, Ojas plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and continue to study drug delivery.

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Each year approximately 125 colleges and universities are invited to nominate a student for a Beinecke Scholarship. Each school invited to participate in the Beinecke Scholarship Program is permitted to make a single nomination each year.

Austin Hughes, English Creative Writing, Japanese, Arlington, TX

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Eli Bratsch-Prince, Political Science, Ames, IA

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Alex Marti, Human Physiology, Asian Literature & Languages, Waukon, IA

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of our scholarship recipients, institutional nominees, and fellowship winners. Every Rhodes, Goldwater or Truman scholar comes to us with a distinctive combination of talent, curiosity, and commitment which we can always trace – in some measure – back to you. The proofreading is pretty great, too.

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recipients or not – for taking the opportunity to practice answering a difficult, but necessary question. While many candidates turned away from the challenge of the essay, abandoning half-finished apps or never beginning in the first place, those of you who took it on did so with great fervor and in some cases, unfiltered frustration. Whatever the result, we are grateful for the people, places, and ideas you shared with us, for your willingness to let us see a bit more of who you are and how you want to contribute to the world. We hope that by answering, you were able to recognize more of what moves you to listen, learn, and act with purpose in your lives.



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