



2016 SPRING RECOGNITION CEREMONY



Sunday, April 10th, 2016

2:00 – 4:00pm in the HNI Auditorium
on the University of Iowa Campus

2016 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

- Rhodes Dunlap First Year Scholarships
- Dewey Stuit Award for Excellence in the Second Year
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- The Fellows Project for First & Second Years
- James D. Robertson Scholarships for Excellence in the Social Sciences

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS | Richard Tyner & Brett Williams

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- Guy D. and Betty J. Williams Awards

PRESENTATION OF RHODES DUNLAP COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES | Helena Dettmer, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs & Curriculum

TIPPIE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS | Kenneth Brown, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING | Keri Hornbuckle, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program

COLLEGE OF NURSING | Jo Eland, Associate Professor and Honors Advisor, Undergraduate Program

PRESENTATION OF FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS | Art Spisak, Kelly Thornburg, Bob Kirby

HONORS ADVISING AWARD | Michael Schluckebier, Tippie College of Business

HONORS SCHOLAR ADVOCATE AWARD | Fredrick Skiff, Professor and Chair, Depart. of Physics and Astronomy

HONORS AWARD FOR CAMPUS SUPPORT | Keri Hornbuckle, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program, COE

LANE DAVIS AWARD FOR TEAM TEACHING | James Tamerius, Elizabeth Ridder, Adam Skibbe, and Eric Tate

PRESENTATION OF HONORS AT IOWA SCHOLAR AWARDS | Art Spisak with collegiate representatives

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS | Kelly Thornburg & Lon Moeller

STUDENT REMARKS | Maya Amjadi, Class of 2017

CLOSE OF CEREMONY & RECEPTION WELCOME | Art Spisak

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Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, faculty and community supporters, Honors 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.

Congratulations to our 2016 student, staff, and faculty honorees

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.

Adrian Amjadi, *Music (Performance), Cedar Falls, IA*

Adrian is currently studying cello performance and also finds philosophy and neuroscience interesting as well.

Jordan Hansen, *Industrial Engineering, Mathematics, Spencer, IA*

Jordan is pursuing degrees in Industrial Engineering and Mathematics. Currently, Jordan is involved in Human Factors Engineering research with Professor Priyadarshini Pennathur. In addition to her studies, Jordan is passionate about making an impact in the lives of students at the University of Iowa. She enjoys serving others through multiple leadership positions in the residence halls and as a member of Dance Marathon.

Megan Lough, *Nursing, Eagan, MN*

Megan is pursuing a Nursing major with a minor in Spanish. Currently, she is a research assistant in the College of Nursing analyzing eating patterns of patients with dementia. Megan is also highly invested in The Salt Company Iowa City, a Christian organization on campus. She is looking forward to studying abroad in Lima, Peru next fall to increase her knowledge of different cultures and improve her Spanish speaking skills.

Mikaela Mallin, *Biomedical Sciences, Dance, Waterloo, IA*

Mikaela is a Biomedical Science and Dance double major who enjoys participating in mentored research in Dr. Robert Cornell's genetics lab on campus, performing original choreography with various University of Iowa Dance Department staff and students, and selling cupcakes at Molly's Cupcakes downtown.

Danielle Marvin, *Psychology, DeWitt, IA*

Danielle is working towards a B.A. in Psychology with an interest in applying to the School of Social Work. Danielle volunteers her time as a research assistant in the University of Iowa Morality Lab and at the Ronald McDonald House. This summer, Danielle plans on working at a childcare center located on the U.S. military base in South Korea. She also plans on applying for a post-genocide restoration study abroad program in Rwanda.

Nicolas Psihoyos, *Human Physiology, Dubuque, IA*

Nicolas is from Dubuque, Iowa studying Human Physiology on the pre-medicine track. Nicolas explores his interests in health sciences through participation in Medicus. He is involved in Healthy Today for a Healthier Tomorrow, which teaches elementary school students about health, the human body, and the importance of healthy lifestyles. He shares his passion for the University of Iowa through participation in STAR.

Shao Yang Zhang, *Biomedical Engineering, Business, Bettendorf, IA*

Shao Yang is currently pursuing a biomedical engineering degree with a minor in mathematics and chemistry. He has been involved in a plethora of organizations on campus, including the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Multi-Ethnic Student Association, and the residence organization Associated Rienow. In addition,

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Shao Yang volunteers at Justin Grobe's lab and works as a resident tutor. During his free time, he enjoys discussing various global cultures with his friends.

Shangguan Wang, *Business, Las Vegas, NV*

Shangguan is pursuing a major in marketing. Shangguan pursues self-discovery by taking challenging moderate-level courses in the Communication Studies department outside of her major requirements. As a first generation college student, Shangguan maintains a strong level of perseverance for academic performance. Her dedication to her work at the school Marketplace and the Law Library Special Services is fueled by her sense of chariness and responsibility.

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.

Valerie Drake, *International Studies, Solon, IA*

Valerie is a second-year undergraduate on the pre-law track majoring in International Studies and pursuing minors in Korean and Russian. She is a study group leader for the Iowa LINK program, and is active in the Honors Program as an Honors Peer Advisor and a member of the Honors Fellows Project. Valerie is planning to study abroad in Russia and Korea to further explore their language and culture.

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Eleanor Burke, *Psychology, Cedar Rapids, IA*

While studying for her major in Psychology, Eleanor studies decision-making under professors Gary Gaeth and Irwin Levin. Their research aims to better understand how populations on the autism spectrum make decisions. She also works as a research assistant under Paul Windschitl studying judgment. She is taking steps towards her goal of being a clinical psychologist by training to be a respondent at the Crisis Center Hotline.

Naomi Cochran, *Communication Studies, Oskaloosa, IA*

Naomi is studying Communications and Rhetoric, as well as subjects in Business and Event Planning, in hopes of pursuing a career in marketing. She is an executive member of Tippie Community Collective and a member of the American Marketing Association. She was a coordinator for the February Bernie Sanders campus event. Naomi looks forward to being an orientation guide and visiting her family in Japan this summer.

Laura Fischer, *Biochemistry, Chemistry, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Laura is an aspiring research scientist whose goal is to earn a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and ultimately run her own research lab. She is currently pursuing degrees in Biochemistry and Chemistry, as well as a minor in Mathematics. Under Dr. Marc Wold, Laura is researching Replication Protein A, which helps stabilize DNA. This summer, Laura will be at the University of Michigan conducting cancer research.

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

Lance is majoring in Biochemistry and Neurobiology, while pursuing a certificate in Clinical and Translational Science. Lance is an RA for the STEM Scholars LLC, an ICRU Ambassador, the undergraduate representative on the UI Research Council, and created *Did You Know...*, an online and print research publication. He competes on the

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competitive ballroom dance team. Lance investigates a neuroprotective molecule's effect on neurodegenerative diseases hoping to someday find cures for these diseases.

Megan Helms, *Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Downs, IL*

Megan Helms is majoring in Biomedical Engineering with the hope of going to medical school once she graduates. She is a part of Dr. Arlene Drack's translational research Ophthalmology lab, under the Wynn Institute for Vision Research. She is an ICRU Research Ambassador. She volunteers at the hospital, and recently participated in her first Dance Marathon.

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

Jacob is majoring in Physics and Astronomy and minoring in Computer Science and Geology. He is currently engaged with two research projects: one studying extrasolar planets and the other studying star formation in the early universe. He is involved with astronomy public outreach programs, such as Clear Skies. Jacob will spend the next academic year in Sweden comparing its research culture to our own.

Alora Kraus, *Biochemistry, Iowa City, IA*

Alora is pursuing a major in biochemistry. She loves to rock climb, participate in the Honors Writing Fellows program, and travel. Alora will spend her junior year at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

Austin Moss, *Accounting, Finance, Muscatine, IA*

Austin will graduate in May 2017 with his Bachelors of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting. He will then continue at the University of Iowa for an additional year, earning his Masters of Accountancy. Austin has had the opportunity to make an impact on the students around him through involvement with Financial Management Association, Hawktrade, tutoring, and being a supplemental instructor. Austin will be performing research next school year with an accounting or finance professor.

THE FELLOWS PROJECT

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

Eileen Campbell, *English, Theatre Arts, Wayne, IL*

Eileen is pursuing a major in Theatre Arts and a minor in Spanish, with aspirations to become a playwright. Her involvement in the University Theatre Department includes appearances in "Hunting Bigfoot" and "Danelaw," as well as the production of her play "Clockwork" in the Iowa Ten Minute Play Festival.

Ethan Slater, *Biomedical Engineering, Colorado Springs, CO*

Ethan is studying biomedical engineering with the hopes of attending medical school following graduation. Ethan was born in Hong Kong and grew up in Taiwan for the first ten years of his life. Since his time living overseas, he has aspired to serve the hopeless. He desires to use the avenue of medicine to serve those who are in need physically, emotionally, and financially.

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Liana Suleiman, *Mechanical Engineering, Iowa City, IA*

Liana is majoring in mechanical engineering with a strong focus in international development. Through self-projects and international competition, the last four years of her educational career have been focused on scientific research and engineering discoveries. Liana is currently in multiple human rights organizations on campus, is an executive member in the University of Iowa's Students for Human Rights Campaign, and is a member of the Hawkeye Marching Band.

Emma Weddle, *Religious Studies, African American Studies, Des Moines, IA*

Emma is majoring in Religious Studies and African American Studies. Her research interests are related to the intersection of religion and nationalism in the formation of identity. She is a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee (DSAC), where she advocates for the development of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Iowa. Emma is currently looking forward to working on her mentor's research project over the summer.

Alexandria Yakes, *Political Science, Ethics & Public Policy, Omaha, NE*

Alexandria is seeking majors in Political Science and Ethics and Public Policy and minors in GWSS and Spanish. She is currently a student organizer for NARAL Pro-Choice America in Iowa City; through this position, she co-founded Hawks for Choice, a new student group. In March, Alexandria attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, where she met with other activists to advocate for women's involvement in peace and development.

John Akpan, *Business, West Des Moines, IA*

John Akpan is the current National Pan-Hellenic Council president and secretary of the Kappa Psi chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Furthermore, he works to improve the experience of black students at the University of Iowa. Most recently, he organized an event named Powernomix in which he recruited black business owners, professionals, and educators from across the state for a panel discussion/networking dinner on race empowerment.

Marina Gibbs, *Human Physiology, Chemistry, Chandler, AZ*

Marina will graduate with bachelor's degrees in human physiology and chemistry. She is a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee, as well as a peer advisor and student admin for the Honors Program. When she is not working on her research studying hybrid sterility patterns or serving as a teaching assistant for chemistry courses, she can be found coaching softball, staying up way too late or watching more than enough episodes of *Grey's Anatomy*.

Kathleen Kiesewetter, *English, Art, Farmington, IL*

With mixed disciplines in English, Art, and Gender, Women's, & Sexuality Studies, Katie is exploring how to correlate her interests to produce works with a balanced trio of clear communication, pleasing aesthetics, and an activist attitude. As an ICRU Fellow, an Honors Administrative Assistant, and a member of UI Students in Design, Katie has been able to indulge her artistic curiosities and work collaboratively with other student artists as well as Iowa City clients.

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Anya Kim, *Biology, Spanish, Psychology, Indianola, IA*

Anya is pursuing majors in Biology (Neurobiology track) and Spanish. She works in a research lab in the Biology Department where she studies microglial cells and stroke, and she hopes to pursue an MD/PhD after college. Outside of her academics, she is the Student Leader Board Member in charge of the Burn Unit at UIHC, the Director of the ImmUNITY Campaign, a UN Shot@Life Champion, and member of the Ultimate Frisbee Women's Team.

Evan Kramer, *Philosophy, Marion, IA*

Evan is studying philosophy. His main research interests are philosophical theology, philosophy of time, universals, and medieval philosophy. He is a member at Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where he serves as head usher and church librarian.

Jacob Simpson, *Political Science, Ethics & Public Policy, Clinton, IA*

Jacob Simpson is majoring in Political Science and Ethics & Public Policy, and minoring in Music. As Vice City Council Liaison for UI Student Government, Jacob advocates for student interests in local city council meetings—particularly student interests regarding affordable housing. Jacob is also passionate about sustainability initiatives pertaining to locally grown organic food. As Co-President of UI Gardeners, his goal is to have student-operated gardens on main campus before he graduates.

Nathaniel Weger, *Mechanical Engineering, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Nathaniel is a Mechanical Engineering student with a math minor and a focus in renewable energy and aerospace technology. He is working with Ricardo Mantilla to utilize LiDAR and hyperspectral data to enhance flood models. He is doing research with Albert Ratner regarding biomass energy and the uses of biochar. Nate is the 2016-17 president of Continental Crossings, is an executive of the university AWEA chapter, and is a member of AIAA.

JAMES D. ROBERTSON AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Madison Creery, *Political Science, International Relations, Hawkeye, IA*

Madison Creery is a junior pursuing her B.S. in International Relations and B.A. in Political Science. She intends to achieve honors in International Relations by completing an honors thesis over Russia's recent transition onto the world stage and what this implicates for the international community. Currently, Madison is an undergraduate teaching assistant for Introduction to American Foreign Policy. This summer she will be interning in Washington, D.C. with the international affairs program.

Lauren Freeman, *Political Science, Economics, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Lauren is a junior pursuing majors in political science and economics. She volunteered for numerous political campaigns and served as the President of College and Young Democrats of Iowa and the President of the University Democrats. Lauren is a senator and committee chair in UISG. She conducted original research in the Iowa Policy Research Organization, where she now serves as the teaching assistant. Lauren is passionate about community development and hopes to earn an MPA.

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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.

Eli Bratsch-Prince, *Political Science, Ames, IA*

Eli is finishing his second semester at the University of Iowa as a political science major. He is also pursuing an Arabic minor and a certificate in sustainability. Eli is a dedicated member of the University of Iowa Running Club and a percussionist in the University of Iowa Latin Jazz Ensemble. This summer, Eli will travel abroad to study in an intensive Arabic language and culture program in Fez, Morocco.

GUY D. AND BETTY J WILLIAMS AWARDS

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.

Paige Noble, *Biochemistry, Sioux City, IA*

Paige is a sophomore biochemistry major. She is currently involved in undergraduate research studying mitochondrial dysfunction in diabetes as a member of the Grumbach Lab and is also as a research ambassador for the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates. Paige's other passions include volunteering at the UIHC and engaging with the international student community through Global Buddies and Friends without Borders.

Patrick Adrian, *Mathematics, Physics, Chicago, IL*

Patrick is a junior physics major who has aspirations to join the plasma physics research community. He has been involved in undergraduate research supported by the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, of which he is an ambassador who inspires underclassmen to take on research. He has held an internship through the Department of Energy, studying plasma sources of energy to address our climate crisis. Overall, Patrick is interested in the intersection of plasma physics and modern technology in implementing plasma processes in manufacturing, medical treatments, and energy production.

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.

Ryan Kunkle, *History, Boone, IA*

Ryan will graduate with honors in history, minoring in Latin and philosophy. Ryan took part in research opportunities and part-time jobs on campus, participating in the ICRU program for over two years with Prof. Rosemary Moore, the Writing Fellows program, and tutoring in logic for over two years. He has also been very involved in the university's Kiwanis-affiliate Circle K chapter, as well as Habitat for Humanity.

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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.

Keri Hornbuckle, College of Engineering

Keri is the Donald E. Bently Professor of Engineering and Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the College of Engineering. She is on the faculty of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Human Toxicology and a Research Engineer at IIHR-Hydroscience and Engineering. She is an expert on the environmental fate and transport of Persistent Organic Pollutants. Prof. Hornbuckle is a past President of the International Association for Great Lakes Research and is Associate Editor of the American Chemical Society journal *Environmental Science & Technology*. She was awarded an early CAREER development award from NSF, the University of Iowa Distinguished Achievement Award for women faculty, and the College of Engineering Distinguished Research Award.

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.

Michael Schluckebier, Tippie College of Business

Mike is the Associate Director for Recruiting & Admissions in the Tippie College of Business, having served previously as the Assistant Director for Student Leadership Development. In his role, he oversees all honors-related processes in the College, as well as teaches an introductory research course for students interested in joining faculty-led research projects. Mike earned his PhD from the University of Iowa and an MBA and BA from Drury University in Springfield, MO, where he worked in residence life and leadership programs.

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.

The Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

At The University of Iowa, physics and astronomy students are taught in small classes by professors who are the leading researchers in their fields. An undergraduate degree in physics and astronomy is the "liberal arts technical degree," giving students a broad-based science education that enables immediate employment after graduation or enrollment in a variety of graduate programs.

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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. Awardees receive a memento and certificate signed by the Honors Director and University President.

ADAM SKIBBE, ELIZABETH RIDDER, JAMES TAMERIUS, AND ERIC TATE

Adam Skibbe's position within GSS and CLAS is to offer GIS support to users in the department, college, and university as a whole. He is the chair of the university's GIS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which attempts to grow and focus the GIS community on campus. In addition to his support role, he is tasked with oversight of the GIS Instructional Lab in 243 Jessup Hall, assisting in developing research (as it pertains to GIS) for both departmental and non-departmental faculty, teaching short trainings sessions and short courses, and organizing ICIGO (undergraduate student group).

Elizabeth Ridder is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Geographical & Sustainability Sciences at the University of Iowa. She obtained her Ph.D. in Geography from Arizona State University. Her research falls under the broad umbrella of human-environment interactions, and she uses field-based methods to study vegetation and landscape-level disturbances by integrating geospatial analysis and modeling. From this perspective, Liz examines historical land cover change, models present-day species distributions, and combines projections of land cover change and species distributions under multiple climate change scenarios.

James Tamerius is a medical geographer specializing in the effects of environment on human health. Much of his past research has focused on the environmental processes that affect the transmission of infectious diseases. He also investigate the role of the environment and social processes in the development of disease and injury. Recently, he has become more interested in how environmental processes modify human behavior and health. He uses statistical and mathematical modeling techniques to gain insight into these spatial and spatiotemporal processes.

Eric Tate's research focus is at the confluence of environmental hazards and society, primarily through the development of geospatial models of flood hazards, vulnerability, and water sustainability. His research interests tend to fall into three general areas: 1) Development of vulnerability, resilience, and sustainability indicators, 2) Uncertainty and sensitivity analysis for geospatial models, and 3) Flood hazard mitigation. At UI, he is a member of the water sustainability cluster and is a faculty affiliate with IIHR – Hydrosience & Engineering and the Center for Global and Environmental Research.

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Maya Amjadi, *Spanish, Biology, Cedar Falls, IA*

Maya is studying biology and Spanish. She conducts research in the Nauseef Lab, investigating the inflammatory response of the innate immune system to staph infection. She studied abroad in Spain. Maya volunteers at the University of Iowa Hospital in the Medical Intensive Care Unit and at the Free Medical Clinic. Her extracurricular activities include advocating for immunizations, mental health, and social justice.

Alec Archer, *Electrical Engineering, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Alec is majoring in electrical engineering and minoring in mathematics. Alec is a lead tutor at the engineering tutorial center. He is involved with undergraduate research and presented at the Fall Undergraduate Research Festival in the fall of 2015. His involvement in AIAA has allowed him to apply his engineering skills outside the classroom and has furthered his interests in the field of aeronautics.

Christina Blomquist, *Speech & Hearing Science, Psychology, Onalaska, WI*

Christina studies Speech and Hearing Science and psychology. She is an undergraduate research assistant in the MACLab, investigating the cognitive processes of speech and language. Christina volunteers with Best Buddies, Iowa Youth Writing Project, and Miracles in Motion. Through the India Winterim program, she observed Smile Train, at a mission hospital, provide surgery and speech therapy to children with cleft lip/palate. Christina is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Rho Lambda, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Jonah Heskje, *Biology, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Jonah is working to complete a major in biology on the neurobiology track, with a minor in philosophy and a pre-medical interest. He has enriched his Iowa experience through research in the Tranel Neuropsychology Lab, service on the UIHC College Student Volunteer Leader Board, and forming the Neuroscience Journal Club. Most importantly, Jonah has enjoyed the invaluable support of numerous teachers and mentors such as Dr. Daniel Tranel, Jean Reed, and Dr. Carrie Figdor.

Sydney Hofferber, *Human Physiology, Engaged Social Innovation, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Sydney has a passion for health, shown through her positions as a student staffer in the Healthy Hawkeyes program (a childhood obesity initiative), an intern and coach in the local Girls on the Run chapter, and a Camp Adventure counselor. To afford her coffee addiction, Sydney is a Discourses Coordinator for the Honors Program, Starbucks barista, and tutor. Sydney is working on a breastfeeding intervention for a thesis to be finished next May.

Seth Howard, *International Relations, Interdepartmental Studies, Elgin, IA*

Seth will graduate with bachelor's degrees in international relations and health science. He has worked at the Iowa Lions Eye Bank as an eye tissue recovery technician. As an alumnus from Grinnell College (BA Psychology), he felt he wanted to pursue counseling. A fellowship at a community action agency revealed the struggles in social work and the societal faults in reproducing illness and poverty. As such, he has refocused on medicine and policy.

Dylan Jones, *Finance, Entrepreneurial Management, Johnston, IA*

Dylan will graduate from the Tippie College of Business with bachelor's degrees in finance and entrepreneurial management. As the current president of Enactus, he leads a service-based student organization that strives to better our world through entrepreneurial action. He also holds a leadership position in Sigma Nu Tau, Iowa's

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entrepreneurial honors society. This summer, Dylan will be interning at Mizuho Bank as a financial analyst.

Erin Maier, *Astronomy, Physics, Hudson, OH*

Erin is pursuing her B.S. in Astronomy and Physics. She is actively involved in research on- and off-campus, her current interest being astronomical instrumentation, which she will research this summer at Texas A&M University as part of the NSF REU program. As a Latham Science Engagement Fellow, she is working to expand the Physics and Astronomy Department's outreach opportunities and to provide resources and support for minority students interested in STEM fields.

Nicholas McCarty, *Biochemistry, Microbiology, Geneva, IL*

Nicholas McCarty is pursuing a B.S. in Biochemistry and Microbiology. He has conducted research on diabetes and heart failure for the last three years with Professor E. Dale Abel, MD, PhD. As an ICRU Research Ambassador and Latham Science Engagement Fellow, he is developing science outreach projects to bolster the connection between scientists and their communities. Nicholas plans on pursuing an MD/PhD in Biochemistry after graduation.

Benjamin Ross, *Music Performance, Music Education, Rockford, IL*

Ben is a voice performance and music education student studying with Professor Stephen Swanson. He has been featured in four operas with the University of Iowa Opera Theater and has been a featured soloist with the UI Symphony Orchestra. Outside of the performing arts, he is the current president and co-founder of Delta Lambda Phi, a fraternity that attempts to create an inclusive space for LGBT+ identified individuals on campus.

Tom Werner, *Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Tom is studying computer science, math, and statistics. His main interests are in machine learning and building the infrastructure and tools necessary for machine learning. He is the current president of the University of Iowa's ACM chapter and will be interning with Google this summer.

Kasra Zarei, *Biomedical Engineering, Biochemistry, Coralville, IA*

A member of the wonderful, loving honors community since his first year, Kasra intends on pursuing a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering with a focus in Medical Imaging. He seeks to continue conducting research on eye diseases and neurological disorders and teach at the university level. As a future servant of academia, he is also devoted to addressing problems and deficiencies in higher education.

Angela Zhang, *Statistics, Biochemistry, Ames, IA*

Angela is majoring in statistics and biochemistry and minoring in mathematics. From her experiences working in Jacob Michaelson's systems biology lab and Alex Horswill's microbiology lab, she hopes to combine both benchwork and bioinformatics techniques in her future research. This summer, Angela will be conducting research in autism at the Scripps Research Institute, Florida Campus.

Rachel Zuckerman, *Journalism & Mass Communication, Political Science, Livonia, MI*

Rachel is pursuing majors in Political Science and Journalism & Mass Communication, as well as a certificate in cultural competence. She is highly involved in University of Iowa Student Government and Fraternity and Sorority Life and works as a Resident Assistant in Petersen Hall. She looks forward to pursuing a Masters of Public Administration upon and hopes to work some day in municipal government in the City of Detroit.

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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

Jeffrey Ding, *Economics, Asian & Language & Literature, Political Science, Iowa City, IA*

Jeffrey will graduate with majors in political science, economics, and Chinese. A Truman Scholar and a Udall Scholar, Jeffrey is dedicated to building a more sustainable U.S.-China relationship. He studied Mandarin abroad at Peking University and interned at Hong Kong's Legislative Council. His research interests include China's environmental governance and foreign policy, as well as how to avoid doing laundry. Named a Rhodes Scholar in November 2015, he will study for a MPhil international relations at Oxford University.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Kathryn Langenfeld, *Civil & Environmental Engineering, Iowa City, IA*

Kathryn is graduating with bachelor's degrees in environmental engineering and mathematics. While studying at the University of Iowa, Kathryn has been a member of Dr. Craig Just's research group in the environmental engineering department. As an undergraduate researcher, she has investigated the bioremediation of insensitive munitions explosives using endophytic bacteria from willow trees. In addition to research, Kathryn is serving in her third consecutive year as president of the student organization Continental Crossings. As part of the organization, she has spent two summers in rural Nicaragua building pedestrian bridges so isolated communities would have year-round access to healthcare, educational institutions, and economic opportunities. Kathryn will be starting her doctoral studies in environmental engineering at the University of Michigan.

Alexis Miller, *Biomedical Engineering, Dubuque, IA*

Alexis will graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering and a minor in Global Health Studies. An Iowa Biosciences Academy Scholar and a teaching assistant for Cell Biology, she enjoys discussing her research experience in cell signaling pathways with her students and peers. Outside of the classroom, Alexis delights in ballet, volunteering at children's hospitals, and participating on the executive boards of the Presidential Scholarship Program, Hillel, Tau Beta Pi, and Omicron Delta Kappa. Finally, she most looks forward to traveling with special needs children and at-risk girls during a small summer camp she developed. Alexis will be taking a gap year to work as a research associate at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. Following this additional year of research, she intends to pursue a dual doctoral degree through the Medical Scientist Training Program.

Ian Nessler, *Chemical Engineering, Iowa City, IA*

As a chemical engineering major, Ian has spent an extensive amount of time on campus, whether this meant that he was studying for rigorous courses or taking part in student organizations such as Continental Crossings, Men's Rowing, or Badminton, among many others. After traveling to Nicaragua to build a bridge and research in the summer of 2013, Ian joined Dr. Schnieders' group and gained experience publishing in two journals and interning

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at Genentech. Ian is looking forward to attending the University of Michigan this coming academic year, where he will continue with his research on pharmaceutical formulation and application.

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Carter Bell, *Political Science, Waukee, IA*

Carter will graduate with a B.S. in Political Science and the Fundraising and Philanthropy Communication Certificate. She has conducted original research relating to racial disparity in jail incarceration and currently researches with a journalism professor on new media and social activism. She currently serves as the chair of the University Lecture Committee and served two years as the president of University Democrats and two years as the treasurer for the League of Women Voters of Johnson County. Carter is applying for full-time job opportunities in research, activism, and development. Carter looks forward to staying actively involved in the 2016 election and plans to attend law school in two years.

Maddie Bro, *Journalism & Mass Communication, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, Ames, IA*

Maddie will graduate this May with majors in Journalism & Mass Communication, Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies, and a certificate in Fundraising & Philanthropy Communication. As a Division I NCAA swimmer, Maddie earned the Big Ten Conference's highest academic honors, including Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and Academic All-Big Ten. While in the Honors Program, Maddie served as research assistant to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Stephen Berry and was selected as a national finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Christina Crowley, *English*

Christina has immensely enjoyed her time at Iowa. A few highlights have been playing in the Hawkeye Marching Band and Iowa Pep Band, traveling to Chicago with the Honors Program for NCHC, and completing an honors thesis through the English department. She will be going to graduate school to pursue a Masters in English with a teaching license.

Hannah Gallo, *Communication Studies, Chicago, IL*

Hannah will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Hannah studied abroad in Barcelona to further pursue her interests in Spanish culture and language. In addition to being involved in multiple student organizations, Hannah is a research assistant for the Communication Studies department, where she assists on research that focuses on relationships and conflict. She has worked for the University of Iowa Honors Program, where she is a Student Event Programmer and a member of the Outreach Team. She plans to pursue a career in public relations. Hannah is originally from Chicago but came to the University of Iowa because of the unique culture and opportunities the UI has to offer. After graduation Hannah plans to spend the summer traveling Europe. Upon her return, Hannah is moving to Raleigh, North Carolina to pursue a career in public relations. Eventually Hannah plans to continue her education by getting her MBA at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Nate Hua, *Chemistry, Cedar Falls, IA*

Nate will graduate with a degree in chemistry and minors in theatre arts and English. During his time as an undergraduate at Iowa, he conducted research that involved exploring active site dynamics of the enzyme Human Carbonic Anhydrase II using 2DIR spectroscopy, acted in several productions through the theatre department, volunteered at Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, developed an ardor for creative writing, and worked as a standardized patient for the Carver College of Medicine, among a variety of other things. Iowa City is one of Nate's favorite cities, and he is incredibly grateful for its cultivation of his personality and presentation of all the endeavors he has been able to pursue. Looking towards the near future, Nate is excited to take the first year after he graduates to travel and learn a little more about the world and himself. Nate will be taking a gap year to travel across Europe

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and Asia in hopes to gain cultural understandings and introspection by seeking out nontraditional forms of learning. While abroad, he will be applying for environmentally related graduate programs.

Colton Jensen, *Chemistry, Waukee, IA*

Colton will with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. His passion for chemistry led him to conduct research with molybdenum coordination complexes and various organic ligands. Outside of the classroom, Colton worked as a resident assistant in the residence halls, a summer orientation ambassador for the Honors Program, and a teaching assistant intern for the Department of Biology. Colton was also named the 2015 Homecoming King at Iowa. Colton will be attending the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine next year.

Marilyn Keane, *Human Physiology, Webster City, IA*

Marilyn will graduate with a Bachelor's of Science in Human Physiology and a minor in chemistry. She has enjoyed being part of the Honors Program and taking advantage of unique course opportunities, including the Harry Potter and the Quest for Enlightenment seminar. Outside the classroom, Marilyn has had the opportunity to assist in research in Dr. Susan Lutgendorf's lab in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Marilyn will be starting the Physician Assistant Program in the fall at the University of Iowa Carver College Of Medicine.

David Kessler, *Speech and Hearing Science, Champaign, IL*

David Kessler will be graduating a major in Speech and Hearing Science with minors in French and psychology. He is currently finishing his honors thesis under the supervision of Dr. Elizabeth Walker in the Pediatric Audiology Lab. Outside of class, David has worked as a tour guide for the University for the past three years. This fall, David will be entering the Doctor of Audiology program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He is currently interested in pursuing a career as a Pediatric Audiologist at a hospital but is excited to gain clinical experience with all types of ages and populations.

Ryan Kunkle, *History, Boone, IA*

Ryan Kunkle will graduate with honors in history, minoring in Latin and philosophy. Ryan took part in a number of research opportunities and part-time jobs on campus, participating in the ICRU program for over two years with Professor Rosemary Moore, the Writing Fellows program for two years, and tutoring in logic for over two years. He has also been very involved in the university's Kiwanis-affiliate Circle K chapter, as well as Habitat for Humanity. Ryan will be taking a year off in Des Moines following graduation and plans to attend law school the following year, specializing in the study of constitutional law.

James Ottavi, *Economics, Dubuque, IA*

James is an aspiring wave maker who has surprised himself with a degree in economics. He has done research in three departments, changed majors eight times, and survived a marathon For The Kids. He has acted as an over-exuberant recruitment chair, a captain who bumps up morale, and a balding nerd who loves data. He has asked questions about everything, found answers to (practically) nothing, and thanks everyone for their support throughout this magnificent journey. James will be moving to Dubuque, Iowa to begin a career as a Business Analyst at Cottingham & Butler upon graduation.

Emily Szymanski, *English, French, Hickory Hills, IL*

Emily will with two bachelor's degrees in French literature & culture and English literature. These past four years, she has enjoyed being a part of the UI Swing Dance Club, editing the Honors Newsletter, and drinking smoothies from the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. Her favorite college experience was spending the year abroad in Montpellier, France. Emily will return home for most of the summer to work, but in July she will attend the Denver Publishing Institute in Colorado for their certificate program.

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Laura Wang, *English, Asian Language & Literature, Cedar Rapids, IA*

Laura Wang will graduate with bachelor's degrees in English (creative writing) and Chinese, a certificate in writing, and a minor in translation for global literacy. Her involvement in two Hawkeye Service Trips and the Iowa Youth Writing Project sparked her interest in serving underprivileged communities. Last summer, Laura studied Mandarin Chinese in Suzhou, China, as part of the U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Program. This experience prompted her to work with the International Writing Program to address international and domestic student relations. Ultimately, Laura sees herself as a writer, having engaged in Iowa City's literary community and studied Chinese-to-English literary translation. Laura plans to spend a year working in China or Taiwan as a teacher or a reporter before returning to the United States.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Anne Parker, *BSN, Brookfield, WI*

Anne Parker will graduate a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honors Society of Nursing. She has extensive experience in cardiac nursing through her senior internship in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at UIHC and work in the Main Operating Room as a scrub tech intern on the Cardiac, Vascular, and Thoracic surgical team. Anne Parker will be working as a Registered Nurse in a hospital setting on a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit in the Chicago area. After a few years of experience, she plans to get an advanced degree as a Nurse Practitioner.

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