

Towson University Honors College

Spring 2022 Graduate Bios and Acknowledgements

Graduates from each class are asked to write a personal bio and are given the opportunity to acknowledge anyone they wish to recognize. Below are the bios from the TU Honors College class of spring 2022.

Salem Alamirew

Salem Alamirew was born in Ethiopia and moved to the United States at the age of two with her family. She will be graduating this spring, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. After graduation, Salem plans on working on a neonatal intensive care unit as a new graduate nurse. She also plans on going back to school in hopes of one day becoming a nurse practitioner. During her time at Towson, she was a general board member and the events coordinator for the Ethiopian-Eritrean Student Association. She also served as an orientation leader for the Honors College in 2019. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of the support they have given her throughout these four years.

Amy Augustino

Amy Augustino will graduate with a mathematics secondary education degree. The UTeach program at Towson has prepared her to student teach in Howard County, where she grew up. She plans to teach math there after graduation as well. Amy presented about her student teaching internship and research on justification in math at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning, where she placed second in the internship category. Her favorite part about the Honors College was planning and attending HCLC events, especially the bingo nights! She would like to thank everyone who helped make her college experience unforgettable.

Gabryelle Awkard

Gabryelle Awkard is a graduating Psychology major from Prince George's County, Maryland. With a cumulative GPA of 3.82, she is planning to continue her studies at a graduate program with a focus in art therapy. Throughout her years at TU, she has participated in a number of extracurricular activities and programs including two executive board positions, a successful research study, and several service-learning programs. Her long-term goals include receiving a psychology doctoral degree and opening her own practice to promote accessible therapy options for children and adolescents. Her favorite part of being in the Honors College was the consistent challenge to achieve more, and she would like to thank everyone who inspired her to keep going!

Ryan Baldino

Ryan Baldino is from Bel Air, Maryland, and will graduate with a degree in Sport Management, while earning Dean's List Honors every semester. Ryan was captain of the Towson Men's Swimming and Diving team and excelled as an athlete at the Division I level. He was a major part of Towson University's first-ever Men's CAA Championship team in 2021. Ryan was CAA Individual Champion in the 100 and 200 freestyle and had numerous top 3 finishes at the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Championships during his four-year career. Ryan is currently pursuing a career in the sport industry. He would like to thank his parents and all his mentors and peers who have helped him throughout his college career.

Bailey Bosley

Bailey Bosley is a graduating Honors student majoring in environmental science & biology with a minor in GIS. Originally her plans after graduation were unsure, but now she is on the lookout for jobs to start her career. During her senior year, she completed an internship with the Chesapeake Research Consortium where her passion for geospatial application and analysis expanded. She hopes to continue working in related fields, but also has a lot of interest in conservation, sustainability, and restoration. She would like to thank her professors Dr. Salice and Dr. Thebpanya, as well as her family and friends, who helped guide her through her time at Towson University.

Briseyda Barrientos Ariza

Briseyda Barrientos Ariza is a Hyattsville, Maryland native, graduating summa cum laude with degrees in psychology and English literature. After graduation, Briseyda plans to travel and rest before pursuing her Ph.D. in literature and applying for the Rhodes Scholarship. As an undergraduate, Briseyda founded Honorables of Color, established a \$1,000 HOC scholarship for first-year Honors students, and was a resident assistant in Douglass House. Briseyda served on the Latin American Student Organization executive board, was a Writing Center tutor, teaching assistant, and conducted research in Guatemala after receiving The Leadership for Public Good Fellowship Grant. Briseyda was a Truman Scholar nominee and the recipient of the Student Government Association Student Leader of the Year Award, vice president of Student Affairs Leadership Award, and Northeast Regional Honors Council Student of The Year awardee. Briseyda is a published poet whose work earned the National Gold Circle Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, featured in Grubstreet literary magazine volumes 69-70. She would like to thank her mentors Dr. Fehskens, Dr. Ballengee, Mrs. Gonzalez-Wright, Mrs. Napoli-Clements, and all those who assisted her throughout her undergraduate career. Gracias a mis padres por su apoyo incondicional y a toda mi comunidad, quienes son porque y por quien lo hago.

Sydney Baucum

Sydney Baucum will be graduating with a degree in sport management and a minor in business administration. During Sydney's time at Towson University, she served as an Honors College Student Director, was a member of the Towson Minorities and Women in Sport and Women in Business club, and interned with Towson's Athletics Compliance Service Office, as well as the Food and Drug Administration. Sydney also served as an undergraduate research assistant for faculty advisor Dr. Jaime DeLuca. She presented research on transferable skill development in sport management at the MCHC Conference and was accepted into the North American Society for Sport Management Conference. Sydney also won 1st place in the Internship Research Category at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning for her research with her faculty advisor, Dr. Jessica Minkove, on *Name, Image, and Likeness in Collegiate Athletics*. She would like to thank her family, Honors Faculty and staff, and the sport management department for supporting and guiding her through the past four years.

Jaden Beall

J Beall grew up in a rural area of Clarksburg, MD, and will be graduating with Honors and with a bachelor's degree in accounting. While at Towson, J has served as a student leader for the Queer Student Union and for GenderBLUR. J has that experience to thank for directing them towards a career in nonprofit accounting. After graduation, J will be working as a Financial Associate in the Office of Shared Service at the University of Baltimore, where they will also be pursuing their master's in accounting & business advisory services. They would like to thank the professors of their Honors courses, from "History of Jazz" and "Native Women's History" to "The Power of Myth" and "Viking Mythology, Literature, and Language", for enriching their college experience, and would like to thank Christa Gloster and Lisa Simmons-Barth for their support in student leadership. J also thanks the student leaders who came before them and the members stepping up in their place, and thanks their friends and family for their support throughout their college career.

Olivia Bowley

Olivia Bowley is from Bel Air, Maryland, and will be graduating with Honors, earning a bachelor's degree in health education and promotion. Following graduation, Olivia will continue her education at Towson University through the entry-level occupational therapy doctorate program. During her undergraduate career, Olivia was fortunate enough to have various involvements on campus, including her roles as a building representative through Building Council, a writing tutor through the Writing Center, an undergraduate research assistant through the Psychology Department, and a sexual assault peer educator through the Health Center. Olivia is very appreciative of all the skills and experiences she has gained through the Honors College. Last fall, Olivia was awarded second place for her presentation in the research category of the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning where she presented

her research on the relationships between approaches to learning, teaching styles, and student engagement in higher education. She would like to thank the Honors College faculty, her professors, her friends, and her family for all their support throughout her undergraduate career.

Nina Bundy

Nina Bundy '22 is from Ellicott City, MD and will graduate magna cum laude with Honors, earning a degree in political science and Spanish. After graduation, Nina will attend George Washington Law School with plans to become an attorney and pursue a career in corporate or criminal law. During her time at Towson, she has served as the following: Honors College Student Director; Honors College Recruitment Officer; Honors Civic Engagement Council Marketing Chair; leader ambassador of TU Women's Leadership Collective; vice president of the Undergraduate Research Club; student liaison for Dean's Student Advisory Council; member of the Pre-Law and the National Society of Leadership and Success; and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Among these activities, Nina has won numerous awards/recognitions such as becoming Towson's first Truman Scholarship Finalist in the university's history, TU's 2021-2022 Homecoming Queen, Best Presentation Award recipient from the Maryland Honors Collegiate Council Conference, and recipient of the Dr. Maravene Loeschke Leadership Scholarship. She is also published in both Spanish and English and drafted her own legislation to dismantle the school to prison pipeline. She would like to thank the Honors College faculty, her family, mentors, Karate Senseis, and professors for their unwavering support.

Lauren Cammer

Lauren Cammer comes from Bel Air, Maryland, and will graduate magna cum laude, earning a degree in molecular biology, biochemistry, and bioinformatics. After graduation, Lauren plans on taking a gap year before applying to medical school MD/PhD programs. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College were the support of her advisors and the enriching experiences of her Honors courses. Lauren works as an undergraduate learning assistant in the molecular biology lab class BIOL 410. Additionally, she is set to complete summer research in the Diet and Cancer Lab with Dr. Tsuji, working on the gut microbiome project. She would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, her advisor Dr. McCartney, and her family for helping her succeed throughout her college career.

Alyssa Cavezza

Alyssa Cavezza is originally from Howell, NJ, and will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in molecular biology, biochemistry, and bioinformatics. After graduation, Alyssa plans on working as a graduate assistant for the Towson University Honors College, while pursuing a master's degree in biology. What she appreciated most about the Honors College was the

opportunities and sense of community it has given her. During her time at Towson Alyssa was a student worker for the Honors College and an undergraduate Learning Assistant for the biology department. She was also a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She would like to warmly thank all the staff and faculty in the Honors College and her family for supporting and helping her throughout her undergraduate degree.

Amanda Chiei

Amanda Chiei is graduating with a degree in mass communication and political science. During her time at TU, she enjoyed volunteering in the community and working as a communications consultant for a small nonprofit. Some highlights of Amanda's academic experience include participating in the 2019 Public Speaking Competition and presenting one of her research projects at the 2022 Northeast Regional Honors Conference. She would like to thank her academic advisors, her family, and her co-workers at the Public Communications Center for always supporting her academic, professional, and personal endeavors.

Lea de Lausnay

Lea de Lausnay grew up in Flemington, NJ, and will graduate with a degree in mathematics, with a concentration in actuarial science and risk management. After graduation, she will be working as an actuarial intern with the standard insurance company. Lea will then be pursuing a master's degree in actuarial science and predictive analytics at Towson University. During her time at Towson University, Lea served as secretary for the Actuarial Science and Risk Management Club. Further, she was awarded the audience choice award for the 2022 Honors College Celebration of Scholarship and Learning, for which she completed a project with a group of students for the SOA 2022 Student Research Case Study Challenge. Lea would like to thank the staff and fellow members of the Honors College, her advisor and mentor, Dr. Deng, and her family and friends for their continued support.

Nico Dureza

Nico Dureza grew up in Maryland and will graduate cum laude, with a degree in Biology. After graduation, he plans to teach Biology in Baltimore City Public Schools and hopes to engage young to-be scientists in the same field that he loves. Being a member of the Honors College gave him opportunities for volunteering, making genuine connections, and experiential learning that would not have been possible elsewhere. Nico also performed in various student-run theatre productions with both the Towson Theatre Department and Actors Anonymous, even serving on the Executive Board as the Public Relations Chair. He would like to thank his professors, the faculty at the Honors College, his family, and all the wonderful friends he made for helping him succeed academically and artistically.

Meghan Ely

Meghan Ely is from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania and will graduate with a degree in biology. After graduation, Meghan plans to work in the medical field while applying for medical school. She was awarded a biology departmental scholarship. While at Towson University, Meghan was one of the inaugural Hill-Lopes Scholars, played club lacrosse, and was active in the Honors College, both on the Honors College Leadership Council and as an Honors Orientation Mentor.

Samantha Frank

Samantha (Sam) Frank is from Parsippany, New Jersey and will be graduating from the Honors College with a bachelor's in science in family and human services with an introduction to child life track and Spanish minor. She is also in an accelerated master's program for Child Life, Administration and Family Collaboration at TU. After graduating and completing her masters, Sam plans to become a certified child life specialist; one who helps children and families in a hospital setting to cope with their illness or disability. During undergrad, Sam has been involved in the Honors College as a Recruitment Officer and Orientation Mentor as well as being the president of Child Life Club. She has studied abroad in Ecuador to learn Spanish. Sam would like to thank the Honors College, her professors and mentors, family, and friends for their unconditional support throughout the past four years.

Kelsey Franklin

Kelsey Franklin of Rockville, MD will graduate summa cum laude with a degree in English Literature and a minor in Theatre Arts. Throughout her college career, she has enjoyed acting as the Editor-in-Chief for Towson's award-winning literary magazine Grub Street and stage managing for the Drama Club, Actor's Anonymous, and for Towson's Theatre Department. She received a Certificate of Merit for Stage Management from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. After graduation, she hopes to spread her love for proper comma usage as a literary editor.

Erin Frey

Erin Frey is from Rockville, Maryland, and will graduate magna cum laude with a degree in athletic training. After graduation, Erin plans to start her next journey at the University of Florida. She will be a graduate assistant athletic trainer while pursuing her Doctor of Athletic Training at UF. During her time at Towson, Erin presented research on effectiveness of Kinesiotaping on postoperative knee edema at the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association, received the Rising Senior in Athletic Training award, and served as secretary for the athletic training club. Erin was chief editor for the athletic training alumni newsletter during her time at Towson. She also was part of Alpha Gamma Delta and served as the director of academic

enrichment and the director of communications. Erin was selected to be part of the Towson University Student Leaders and is grateful for the advice and skills it has provided her. What she appreciated the most about the Honors College was some of the friendships she was able to make in the Douglass House and being able to talk to prospective students while being an Honors College Recruitment Officer.

Kristen Gittings

Kristen Gittings is from Salisbury, Maryland and will be graduating with degrees in psychology and family science, and a minor in sociology. Throughout her time at Towson, Kristen enjoyed participating in extracurricular activities like the Undergraduate Research Club and Honors Recruitment Officers. While at Towson, Kristen had the opportunity to complete an Honors independent study in family science with Dr. Bethany Willis Hepp as well as a departmental honors thesis in psychology. Under the supervision of Dr. Blaire Weidler and Dr. Jarrod Bock, her thesis investigates how perceptions of personal safety bias legal judgments. This research has been presented at multiple conferences and received both the College of Liberal Arts Student Research award and the Towson University Research Impact Award. Following graduation, Kristen will be continuing this research at Arizona State University in their Law & Psychology Ph.D. program. Kristen would like to thank her parents, friends, and advisors for their guidance and encouragement throughout the last four years. The unwavering support that she had received from the faculty at Towson is unparalleled and Kristen could not be more grateful for those that have helped her along the way.

Samantha Greenbaum

Samantha Greenbaum is from Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and will graduate with Honors, earning a dual degree in chemistry and biochemistry. During her time at Towson, Samantha completed research under the guidance of Dr. Mark Bulmer and received both The Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry Committee Research Impact Award and The Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics (FCSM) Undergraduate Research Grant for her work. She also had the opportunity to present her research findings at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning and the Research and Creative Inquiry Forum. Samantha served as captain and president of the Towson University All-Star Cheer Club, was a member of the Tri Beta Biological Honors Society, and was a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Club as well as the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. Samantha also led cycle classes at Burdick Gym since the fall of her sophomore year as well as mentored new instructors. Samantha would like to thank her friends and family for their unwavering and unlimited support throughout her undergraduate career.

Maggie Grogan

Maggie Grogan hails from Long Island, New York, and is excited to graduate with Honors earning degrees in elementary education and special education, with a minor in Spanish. She is looking forward to the start of her teaching career, fulfilling her lifelong goal of working as a special educator for students with profound emotional and intellectual disabilities, in a small Title I school in Baltimore County. Although there were many aspects of the Honors College she appreciated, the sense of community and connectedness between students was vital to her success. They say it takes a village, and the TU Honors College is proof of that. Maggie would like to give a special thank you to Dr. Fox for his kindness and support, Ms. L.Chapman and Ms. D.Diven for their steadfast reassurance, mentorship, although Maggie will miss them incredibly as they transition into a well-deserved retirement. Finally, Maggie would like to thank her family for their love, support, humor, and encouragement over the years. She is forever grateful for her parents, and siblings and will miss them immensely as she starts the next chapter.

Michael Hagepanos

Michael Hagepanos grew up in Bel Air, Maryland and is planning to work in Philadelphia post-graduation. Michael is also pursuing law school in the upcoming years. He is a dedicated and hardworking senior who has participated in various clubs at Towson while incorporating leadership roles and community service through a rigorous work and school schedule. He was a dedicated member of Phi Alpha Delta, the Men's Ultimate Frisbee Team, and Toastmasters during his four-year stint at Towson.

Meilin Harwood

Meilin Harwood is from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and will graduate in the top 10% of her graduating class from the College of Business and Economics, earning a degree in business administration with a concentration in project management and business analysis. After graduation, Meilin plans to stay in Towson for another year while pursuing a full-time career. What she appreciated most about being in The Honors College were the discussion-based seminars and the professors that were personally invested in her success. Meilin served twice on the executive board of her sorority, Phi Mu, once serving as president, and was a recipient of a scholarship from The Greater Baltimore Alumnae Panhellenic Association. She has also previously served as a recruitment officer for the Honors College. She would like to thank her family for supporting her in more ways than one throughout her college career.

Yasmeen Hasan

Yasmeen Hasan is from Pasadena, Maryland and will graduate magna cum laude this spring, earning a degree in Elementary Education. After graduation, Yasmeen plans to spend her summer with her family traveling and then start working at an elementary school at the beginning of the school year. What she appreciated the most about being in the Honors College were the challenging classes that exposed her to new topics and information.

Yasmeen worked two jobs while being a full-time student and was the Public Relations chair for the Society of Arab Students here at Towson. She benefited and appreciated the help from advisors, specifically Dr. Blake, who was very supportive and helpful throughout her time in the Honors College and guided her through the process of it all. She would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, her supervisor Dr. Lisa Trattner, and her family for supporting her throughout her college career.

Reham Hessein

Reham Hessein, originally from Egypt and raised in Baltimore, MD, will graduate from Towson University and the Honors College with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a concentration in marketing. During her time at Towson, Reham has done a total of three internships to further her career in marketing, two for the Honors College and one for the College of Business and Economics. After graduation, Reham plans to pursue a master's degree in marketing and advertisements. Reham enjoyed the in-depth discussion and debate in her Honor's classes, as well as participating in the upper-level experiential and advanced learning courses. During her time at Towson, Reham co-founded the Society of Arab Students, was the vice president her sophomore and junior year and was co-president her senior year. Reham would like to thank all of her professors at Towson, the Honors College staff and her family and friends for all of the support and guidance she received throughout her college career.

Maya Hill

Maya Hill is from Ewing, New Jersey, and will be earning a degree in mass communication with a dual concentration in advertising and public relations and a minor in marketing. During her time at Towson University, Maya has successfully completed several internships in the media and entertainment industry including working as a digital convergence intern at Food Network during the summer of 2021 and beginning in the fall of 2021 she completed two consecutive internships at HBO Max working as a direct-to-consumer intern and a design program marketing and strategy intern. Maya served as a resident assistant in Tower B and Tubman House and is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, her various mentors, and her friends and family for helping her throughout her college career. After graduation, Maya plans to continue to work in the media and entertainment industry.

Nathan Hopkins

Nathan is graduating from college with a degree in electronic media and film, a minor in history, and a BCLA minor. He would like to thank family, friends, teachers, and peers for supporting him.

Jenna Jaeger

Jenna Jaeger, from Owings, Maryland, will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. After graduation, Jenna plans to teach an elementary grade in Calvert County, then begin her master's degree. Jenna appreciated the advisors, events, and opportunities provided by the Honors College, as well as being able to live in Douglass House freshman and sophomore year. She was involved in a sorority on campus, Future Educators, and the Honors College Leadership Council. She pursued research on English Language Learners in the classroom, as well as social and emotional learning related to academic textbooks. Jenna also student taught in 1st and 3rd grade her senior year. She would like to thank all of the staff of the Honors College, including Dr. Fox, as well as the Honors professors and advisors that supported her throughout her college career.

Sydney Johnson

Sydney Johnson is from Sandy Spring, Maryland, and is graduating from the College of Business and Economics with a degree in international business.

Katherine Jones

Katherine Jones hails from Frederick, Maryland and will be earning two degrees in mass communication and electronic media and film. After graduation, Katherine plans to work on her career in journalism, focusing on audio and music journalism. Katherine is extremely grateful for all of the professors within the Honors College who aided her in challenging her creative and academic abilities. She appreciates each person she met in the Douglass House while working as a Community Center Assistant and wishes them all the best. Katherine would like to thank her EMF and mass communication professors, especially Elsa Lankford, Dominic Delauney, Elia Powers, and Stacy Spaulding, for encouraging her passion for audio production and storytelling. She would also like to thank her family, especially her parents for their constant support throughout her academic career.

Emily Kehs

Emily Kehs is a student from Westminster, Maryland, and will graduate in May 2022, earning a degree in nursing. After graduation, Emily will be working as a nurse in the Neonatal ICU at St. Joseph's Medical Center. What she appreciated most about The Honors College was the

opportunity to learn more about her specialty of choice and work hands-on in her desired patient population. Presenting at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning enabled her to gain confidence in her public speaking abilities and afforded her the opportunity to share her research and internship experiences with others. She would like to thank all of the staff at The Honors College, her advisor Dr. Park, her mentors Dr. Frank and Dr. Iobst, and her family and friends who have supported her throughout her college career.

Bryce Krasauskis

Bryce Krasauskis is a native of Frederick, Maryland and will graduate with Honors, earning a degree in political science with a minor in history. After graduation, Bryce hopes to work as a staffer on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. During his time at Towson, Bryce interned for both the Maryland General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives. He was also a member of the Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity and the Towson University Marching Band while a student at Towson. He would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College for their mentorship and guidance over the last four years, especially Dr. Alison McCartney. He would also like to give a special thank you to all of his family and friends for their love and support throughout his undergraduate career.

Julia Mabini

Julia Mabini will be graduating cum laude, earning a degree in mass communication and a minor in marketing. After graduation Julia plans to start a position at her current internship, the digital creative agency Code and Theory, as a brand strategist. She would like to thank her family for their love and support throughout her college career.

Katherine Marszalek

Katherine Marszalek is from Houston, Texas but previously lived outside Boston, Massachusetts. She is earning a degree in health education and promotion with a concentration in community health as well as receiving a minor in psychology. After graduating, Katherine is attending Chatham University for graduate school to earn a doctorate degree in occupational therapy. During her time at Towson University, Katherine was a peer mentor at the Public Communication Center, a research assistant for Dr. Mattanah in the Psychology department and was a member of HCLC Honors Helping Hands and Women in Business. She would like to thank all of her professors, her mentors, her family, and her friends for helping her get through her undergraduate college career and to those who will continue to do so in her future academic and professional endeavors.

Grace Mberekpe

Grace Mberekpe is from Nigeria and will be graduating with a degree in molecular biology, biochemistry, and bioinformatics. After graduation, Grace plans to start her new job at John Hopkins hospital and is planning on applying for medical school this application cycle. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College were the various opportunities available to the Honors College students. Grace was the vice president of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and Relay for Life coordinator. She would like to thank all the staff at the Honors College and her family and friends for helping her throughout her college career.

Jillian McIntyre

Jillian McIntyre is from Bowie, Maryland and will graduate with a dual degree in early childhood and special education. After graduation, Jillian plans to be teaching in a local school in Baltimore County. The Honors College has provided her with many opportunities to enrich her college experience with volunteer work and she is grateful to have been a part of such a welcoming community. Jillian was in multiple organizations such as Honorables of Color, Honors Helping Hands, and Educators Rising. She served as a recruitment officer and freshman orientation leader in her time at Towson. She was also a recipient of the third-place award in the internship category for the spring 2022 celebration of scholarship and learning. She would like to thank all the staff and advisors from the honors college who helped her succeed in her college career.

Louis McVicker-Dyer

Louis McVicker-Dyer, from Columbia MD, will graduate with a major in English with a concentration in writing, and a minor in LGBT studies. After graduation, he plans to return for his master's in teaching. While COVID drastically altered his plans to study abroad, he appreciated his time in the Honors College and would like to thank all of the dedicated professors who made his experience so engaging.

Benjamin Mehr

Ben Mehr grew up in Joppatowne, Maryland, and will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in business administration with a focus in marketing and an EMF minor. Ben incorporated his video production business (Grand Media) in 2017 and plans to continue growing his company while pursuing film production upon graduation. During his time at Towson University, Ben produced several short films premiering at festivals around the country. Ben's business has been able to attain numerous clients thus far, such as the industry standard screenwriting software Final Draft, The Critics Choice Association, and the Eastman Kodak Company. He would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, Dr. McCartney

in particular, for providing numerous resources and support during his college career. Ben would also like to thank his family for their support and guidance in getting him to this point in his life. The power of their love is immense and appreciated. Ben's work places particular emphasis on environmental and mental health issues. He feels blessed and empowered to use the knowledge and skills he has gained at TU for the betterment of those around him and his community as a whole.

Brooke Menikheim

Brooke Menikheim is a Maryland local who is earning a degree in business administration with a concentration in international business and foreign languages with a Spanish concentration. After graduation, Brooke will be traveling to Europe for a couple weeks and immersing herself in the cultures of Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Greece. Upon her return, she will continue interning at KPN Architects as a Marketing Coordinator, an internship she started in early April 2022. Towson Honors College has provided her with experiences that have enhanced her critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a way to prepare her for her future after Towson.

Madeleine Meyer

Madeleine Meyer comes from Glenwood, Maryland and will be graduating with Honors with a B.A. in international studies and minors in political science and German. During her time at Towson, Madeleine was an active member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Undergraduate Research Club, Model United Nations, Women's Leadership Collective, and Order of Omega Honor Society. As a student, Madeleine was actively involved in undergraduate research and was a recipient of a Research Impact Award and Summer Research Grant for her work on Civic Engagement education and Model United Nations. She also received a Vice President of Student Affairs Award for her leadership and contributions to the University Community. Madeleine attended a variety of research conferences to share her work, including the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference, and the American Political Science Association Conference. Post-graduation, Madeleine intends to pursue a career with the Federal Government. She would like to extend her gratitude to all those who have supported her throughout her undergraduate career including her family, friends, and research mentor, Dr. Alison McCartney.

Natalie Miller

Natalie Miller is from Rosedale, Maryland, and will graduate magna cum laude, earning a degree in speech-language pathology. After graduation, Natalie will pursue her master's at Towson University in order to become a children's speech-language pathologist. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College were the fascinating seminar topics and the inspirational professors. Natalie was an Honors Orientation mentor, was accepted into

study abroad programs in England and Ireland and had an internship at the Speech & Language Center at the Institute for Well-Being. In her free time, she taught beginner ballet, tap, jazz, and pointe classes, was actively involved with Baltimore County Foster Care, and volunteered with Gabriel Network as a social media manager. She would like to thank all of the faculty, friends, and family that have helped her throughout her college career.

Amanda Molino

Amanda Molino is graduating with a degree in English secondary education and a minor in history. During her undergraduate career she has substituted in Baltimore County Public Schools, worked as a teacher's assistant at Hampton Lane Childhood Development Center, provided childcare for local families, and interned in Harford County Public Schools. She has accepted a position as an English Teacher at Edgewood Senior High School and is excited to continue her teaching career in Harford County next year. Amanda Molino was awarded the Provost Scholarship and Sarah Tolson Memorial Scholarship by Towson University in 2018. During her time as a student Amanda made Dean's list each semester as well as participating in Towson clubs such as Not Your Granny's Book Club, Honors Helping Hands, and Relay for Life where she led sponsorship committee and organized fundraising events for The American Cancer Society. She also volunteered for Towson's Big Event and Educators Rising. She would like to thank her Towson University supervisor Mrs. Katie Gjoni, her mentor teachers, her parents, and friends for all their support throughout her time at Towson University.

Emilie Mooney

Emilie Mooney from White Marsh, MD will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in psychology and criminal justice with a minor in French. After graduation, Emilie plans to pursue a JD degree at Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law with a Dean's Merit Scholarship. She intends to concentrate on the international business sector of law. She has appreciated the support and numerous opportunities for growth provided by the Honors College here at Towson. Emilie has served as academic coordinator and risk management of her sorority Delta Phi Epsilon and participated in the Women in Business club. She has also been awarded two TU Foundation scholarships: the Alumni Association Scholarship and Alumni Association Distinguished Scholar Endowment Award. Additionally, she has balanced her educational endeavors while working part-time and completed a summer internship with the Office of the Public Defender where she shadowed attorneys at the Towson courthouse. Emilie would like to express her profound gratitude for her parents, Scott and Elena Mooney, for their unwavering support and dedication to her success. She also appreciates the help of her advisors and all Honors College staff.

Jessica Mortillaro

Jessica Mortillaro will graduate with a BFA in dance choreography & performance. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in performance before continuing her education to become a college professor of dance. Jessica has had the opportunity to choreograph and perform many pieces for student choreographed shows, including her yearlong project "What Am I Supposed to Do with This?" She has also performed as a part of the Dance Company here at Towson. Jessica also conducted research on "Unconventional Cross-Training for Dancers" and traveled to the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Philadelphia. She would like to thank the Honors College as well as the dance department for creating environments that encouraged learning through support and inquiry with a special thanks to dance professor, Susan Mann, for being a mentor for conducting research in the dance field.

Stephanie Myers

Stephanie Myers, from Salisbury, Maryland will be graduating this spring, May 2022 earning a degree in psychology as well as minor degrees in sociology and family studies. After graduation, Stephanie will continue as a registered behavioral technician with Autism Behavioral Services for a year before continuing to pursue her MBA. While participating in her studies, Stephanie also found the time to participate in a variety of clubs. She was part of Towson's Marching band as well as a teacher for her on-campus dance club. Through the Honors College, Stephanie was also able to participate in service-learning and presented her project during the Celebration of Learning in which she earned third place for her project. She would like to thank all the staff of the Honors College as well as her parents for assisting her throughout her education.

Colin O'Connor

During Colin O'Connor's three years at Towson, he honed his sense of teamwork while playing the Men's Varsity Lacrosse team at Towson. Colin strove to use every opportunity to help the surrounding community: HEADstrong Foundation, Susan G. Komen, and the Cool Kids Campaign. Alongside Colin's work in the community, he maintained his spot as a college athlete, majored in economics with a minor in business administration; and worked with the Accessibility and Disability Services department at Towson University. Colin learned that the term "simple task" is not the same for everyone, and creativity for everyday activities is necessary. He focused his time on one student in particular who has been visually impaired since birth. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Colin aided his navigation of the online classroom environment as we moved online for the past year and a half. He evolved his communication methods to accurately describe charts and graphs for his economics classes over Zoom. This experience forced him to think outside of the box and find creative ways to achieve his goals. Colin developed a startup mindset while working in Annapolis at Zentility. While working there, he developed an understanding of Algorithms and AI while tracking the energy market.

Ebubechukwu Obi

Ebubechukwu Obi will be graduating a cum laude earning a degree in nursing. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She is excited to pursue her career as an ICU nurse at Sinai Hospital, after which she will pursue a career of being a Cardio-thoracic Surgeon. Ebubechukwu was recognized on the Dean's list for Spring 2020 and 2021. She hopes to publish her research titled "The Heart of a Woman; Implication of Gender and Societal Bias" on American Nurses Association. She expresses that the Honors College has made her strive for greater heights and improved her academically. She would like to thank all Honors College staff for making their classes academically challenging and a safe space.

Lauren Pahutski

Lauren Pahutski is from Elkton, Maryland, and graduates this Spring, earning a degree in Biology. After graduation, Lauren will continue her education by earning a master's degree in occupational therapy here at Towson University. Lauren is a Residential Assistant in Douglass House, Event Coordinator for Towson's Health Outreach Organization, and recipient of an Undergraduate Internship Award. Lauren is also the recipient of the John David Horst Memorial Awards for Best Undergraduate Research Project from the Jess and Mildred Fischer College of Science and Mathematics, for her research on teaching systems thinking to middle school students using entomological and ecological lenses. Lauren would like to thanks to Dr. McCartney, Dr. Fox, Rio Napoli, and her research mentor Dr. Weeks. Lauren gives special thanks to her family and friends for encouraging her to keep it groovy.

Stephanie Prem

Stephanie Prem hails from Perry Hall, Maryland, and will graduate earning a degree in computer science with a track in Software Engineering and a minor in music performance with a concentration in flute. After graduation, Stephanie plans to start her internship at Mindgrub as an associate software engineer. What she appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the community created in and out of classes. Stephanie was a member of the Marching Band and became the Flute/Piccolo SMAC and the woodwind captain, played piccolo in the Pep Band, played flute and alto flute in the Towson University Wind Ensemble, sister of Tau Beta Sigma and was secretary and parliamentarian, sat on the executive board of the Independent Greek Council as Secretary, a member of the Software Engineering Club, in the alpha cohort of the Hill-Lopes Scholars Program, and was a member of Upsilon Pi Epsilon the Computer Science Honor Society. She would like to thank all her professors, mentors, and family for helping her throughout her college career.

Maria Puglese

Maria Puglese is from Fallston, Maryland and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in German. After graduation Maria is applying to medical school and during her gap year will work at Walt Disney World as a cast member for the Disney College Program. What she loved most about the Honors College was the seminars and wonderful professors. Maria was a biology undergraduate learning assistant as well as a student ambassador for Towson Admissions. She was the president, media director, and volunteer coordinator for Towson's American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the public relations officer for Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, the historian for Kappa Kappa Psi, and club safety officer for Women's Ultimate Frisbee. Maria was the recipient of The Richard E. Burdette, Jr. Scholarship from the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics in Spring of 2021 and was awarded the German Society of Maryland Merit Award for German Minors in spring 2022. She would like to thank all the Honors College staff and friends for their unwavering support and for always believing in her.

Jerrica Robertson

Jerrica Robertson is a graduate from the TU Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a minor in deaf studies. Jerrica is also a current member of the Honor's Clinical Psychology Area of Focus Program, where she completed a year-long internship with Sheppard Pratt's Trauma Disorders Program. After graduation, Jerrica will continue her work at Sheppard Pratt while pursuing her master's degree in clinical psychology from Towson University.

Julia Roush

Julia Roush is from Calvert County, Maryland, and will graduate with a degree in early childhood and special education. After graduation, Julia plans to pursue a teaching career within the local public-school systems. She appreciated the support from her Honors and departmental advisors and the friendships she created within Douglass House. Julia studied abroad in the Galápagos Islands, was a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honors Society in Education and was a recipient of a Celebration of Scholarship and Learning Award. She would like to thank her two amazing mentors, Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Smith, her two supervisors, Ms. Cudmore and Ms. Miller, and her family for helping her grow into the teacher she is today.

Nicholas Ruzala

Nicholas Ruzala from Hampstead, MD will graduate earning a degree in biology. After graduation, he plans to attend a physician assistant graduate program and pursue a career in medicine. He also plans to work as a medical assistant in between graduation and the start of

his graduate program. What he appreciated about the Honors College was the support from his peers and the enjoyable experience being a resident assistant in Douglass House. Nicholas was the president of the Towson Pre-Physician Assistant club for two years during his undergraduate studies and an Undergraduate Learning Assistant for multiple courses including anatomy and microbiology. He also received awards for his research on gold nanoclusters including the Audience Choice Award at the Honors Celebration of Scholarship and Learning and the URCI Committee Research Impact Award. For his academics, Nicholas received the Compton Crook Award for Outstanding Junior Biology Major as well as the Betty Kennedy Dale Scholarship Award. He would like to thank Professor Evans, Professor Lustman, Dr. Devadas, Dr. Estes, and all of the faculty who helped him succeed throughout his undergraduate career. Nicholas would also like to thank his family and friends for their continuing support and kindness.

Stephanie Salgado

Stephanie Salgado will be graduating with a degree in English. This summer she will be pursuing her Masters in the Art of Teaching (MAT) here at Towson, so she can become a high school English teacher. Through the opportunities the honors college has created for her, Stephanie completed a grant writing internship last fall, presented at The Celebration of Scholarship and Learning, and took on several challenging courses. She'd like to thank her family and friends for supporting her during her academic journey.

Abigael Schmidt

Abigael Schmidt hails from Westminster, Maryland, and is expected to graduate magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in psychology. After graduation, Abigael plans to enter the workforce to obtain experience in the field of psychology before pursuing a master's degree. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College were the fascinating Upper-Level Seminars and the numerous opportunities for professional development, such as research and internship experiences. Abigael completed an internship with the Johns Hopkins Center for OCD, Anxiety, and Related Disorders for Children, and received a Departmental Achievement Award for her research assistantship at this lab. She would like to thank the staff at the Honors College, as well as her family for encouraging her to reach new heights throughout her college career.

Rachel Schneider

Rachel Eden Schneider was raised in Carroll County, MD, and started at Towson University in fall 2019. Rachel has been a cycling instructor for Campus Rec for three years and served as the President of the Towson National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association Chapter for the past two years. Rachel is currently a registered behavior technician and provides applied behavioral analysis therapy to children with autism. Rachel completed independent

research on culturally informed speech therapy practices, as well as the dual diagnosis of down syndrome and autism. She is graduating a year early and will be spending two weeks this June studying abroad in Italy- a life-long dream. Rachel will be attending Towson's Master of Science program for speech-language pathology this fall and has been selected as a scholar for Towson's Project LINC program, which is a federally funded Autism training grant program for future speech-language pathologists. Rachel has been awarded a full-time Graduate Assistant position in the fitness department of Campus Rec, allowing her to continue her passion for instructing fitness classes. Many thanks to her mom for setting her up for success, to Derek for pushing her, and to her dad's legacy serving as her motivation.

Grace Smithers

Grace Smithers is from Long Island, New York and is earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, Grace will begin earning a master's degree in occupational therapy at Stony Brook University. What she appreciated most about being in The Honors College were the opportunities to grow and learn that it presents, as well as the professors that helped her throughout. Grace was the vice president and captain of the Towson All Star Cheer Club and a member her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. She would like to thank her parents for all of the support that they have provided throughout her years of schooling. As well as her friends and mentors that have advised her along the way.

Julianna Swarner

Julianna is graduating with a BS in exercise science and a minor in health science. She will be starting her M.S. in Occupational Therapy program this fall at Shenandoah University, Leesburg, VA. She enjoyed working as a student employee for TU Campus Recreation in the membership and guest services office and at the reception desk. She met so many wonderful people through this job, and she would like to thank her boss, Dave Stewart, for all his support and guidance. She appreciated all the time and effort that her professors contributed to the department of kinesiology and her classes. She would like to thank professor Katie Dondero for challenging her and helping her develop clinical skills for the exercise science field. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their continuous support throughout her college journey.

Elizabeth Sweeney

Elizabeth Sweeney is from Rockville Centre, New York and will graduate with Honors with a bachelor's degree in family and human services and a minor in psychology. Following graduation, Elizabeth plans to continue her studies by earning her master's degree in social work in New York. What she loved most about the Honors College were the interesting class offerings, the strong community, and the life-long friendships and support system she has found through living in Douglass House. During her time at Towson University, Elizabeth's

major offered her the opportunity to intern at Adoptions Together and Kennedy Krieger Institute which furthered her interest and desire to work in the human services field. She is ready and excited to take the next steps in her professional pursuits but will greatly miss TU. She would like to thank the Honors College Staff and Family Studies department for supporting her in her undergraduate and future endeavors, as well as her amazing family and friends for their constant love and support.

Abhijeet Toor

Abhijeet Toor is from Baltimore, MD and is graduating with a bachelor's degree in electronic media and film. Abhijeet plans to go into freelance and aspires to be a director of photography for a variety of projects from films to commercial work. Abhijeet is currently working on making an indie feature and an Amazon Pilot series come to life after graduating from Towson. What he appreciates the most about the Honors College was the opportunities it allowed for not only him, but also for his colleagues. Abhijeet was the president of Alpha Chi Rho and worked on a countless number of short films and other projects during his time at Towson. He wants to thank all his professors, friends, and especially his mom and dad for helping to support him through his years at Towson.

Madeline Trainor

Madeline "Maddie" Trainor hails from Frederick, Maryland, and will graduate this May with a degree in international studies, political science, and environmental studies. After graduation, Maddie plans on continuing her studies in preparation for post-graduate examinations such as the Japanese Language Placement Test (JLPT) and to further expand on her foreign policy and intelligence research with the hopes of publishing in the Towson University Journal of International Affairs. As a member of the Honors College community, she has most enjoyed the strong, interpersonal connections she has made with numerous of her brilliant peers. Maddie studied abroad in The Gambia and Senegal, was the President of She's The First, engaged with students as a TU Study Abroad Office Peer Advisor, and has served as an academic tutor and note taker throughout her Towson career. She would like to thank her family, close friends, Honors college peers, faculty, staff, and the Cook Library Starbucks for supporting her journey in higher education.

Seon Tromble

Seon Tromble hails from Reisterstown, Maryland. He will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in economics. Seon would like to thank his parents, peers, and advisors who constantly supported him throughout a tumultuous college experience. Special thanks to Mom, Dad, and Dr. Fox. Semper sursum.

Bailey VanBuren

Bailey VanBuren is from Salisbury, Maryland and will graduate with Honors, earning a degree in mathematics with a concentration in actuarial science, and a minor in business administration. After graduation, Bailey plans to start his new job as an actuarial analyst at Highmark Health in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During his time at Towson, Bailey worked as a math tutor, passed four actuarial exams, and had the opportunity to intern at Highmark Health over the summer before his Senior year. He also received the Porter Family Scholarship in Mathematics and Computer Science that helped support his undergraduate education. What he enjoyed most about the Honors College was the close-knit community that was fostered in Douglass House as well as the unique interdisciplinary courses offered each semester. He would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him throughout his undergraduate career.

Samira Vuchula

Samira Vuchula is from Cockeysville, Maryland and will earn her Bachelor of Science in biology. After graduation Samira plans on taking time off before applying to medical school. Samira is in the Alpha Cohort of the Hill-Lopes Scholars Program, which provides support for women in STEM. Samira found the Honors seminars some of the most enriching classes she has taken throughout her time at Towson University. She would like to thank the Hill-Lopes faculty mentors and program director, as well as family and friends, for encouraging her throughout her college career.

Samantha Walsh

Samantha Walsh, born in Hazleton, Pennsylvania will graduate with Honors, earning a degree in psychology and a minor in biology. After graduation, Samantha plans on taking a gap year to find a research position. During this time, she will be applying to PhD programs, where she hopes to pursue her doctoral degree in psychology with a concentration in behavioral and/or cognitive neuroscience. Currently, she is finishing her undergraduate thesis that focuses on anxiety and cognition and has presented her research at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research. She is also a Towson Foundation Scholar and has been awarded a graduating senior award in psychology. Samantha would like to thank the staff members of the Honors College, and especially, her advisor, Blaire Weidler, for supporting her for most of her undergraduate career. Lastly, she would like to give special thanks to her wonderful mother for always being there for her, as she would not be where she is today without her.

Emily Yellen

Emily Yellen, from Long Island, New York, will be graduating with a major in political science and a minor in sociology. Through Towson's dynamic and diverse courses, Emily has learned how to make the change she wishes to see in the world. The Honors College has provided Emily with the opportunity to critically interpret current events and social institutions through hands-on experiences, experiential service learning, and conducting thought-provoking research; specifically working in the realms of social movements, equitable education, and international human rights and collective compliance. Emily hopes to use her interdisciplinary education towards achieving political and social justice on both a large and small scale. During her time at Towson University, Emily was a member of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and a founding member of the Panhellenic Diversity Equity and Inclusion task force, where she worked towards helping the Greek community unlearn institutionalized biases. Emily cites her past and future successes to the generosity of her supportive professors and family members.

Sarah Young

Sarah Young is from Perry Hall, Maryland and will earn a degree in history and international studies. She loved all of her experiences in the Honors College and really appreciated being able to take Honors seminars alongside her fellow classmates from the amazing professors at Towson. Throughout her time at TU, Sarah was the president of the drama club—Actors Anonymous—and worked as an actor and producer on 14 productions for AA and the Towson Theatre Department. She is a sister of Alpha Gamma Delta and held two director positions, was a CCA in Douglass House, and was a soprano in the Towson Choral Society. She had the honor of having her research paper, *Silenced Voices: The Oregon Trail's Toll on the Women of Pioneer-era America*, published in the Towson Journal of Historical Studies. She also won second place in the service-learning category at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning for her project, "UNESCO: Preserving and Celebrating World Heritage for Future Generations," and her organization, Actors Anonymous, received a Student Affairs Leadership Awards nomination for "Organization of the Year." She would like to thank the Honors College, the amazing staff, and Mom and Steve for all their support.

Garrett Zahner

Garrett Zahner is a Maryland native from Essex. Garrett will graduate with Honors with two separate bachelor's degrees in political science and economics. After graduation, Garrett will attend law school focusing on constitutional and corporate law. Garrett also started a full-time job as the Deputy Director of the Maryland Republican Party to coordinate campaigns, implement election strategies, and administrate the party's governance. His greatest appreciation from the Honors College was its opportunities and outstanding professors. Through the Honors College, Garrett was able to present research at multiple conferences including the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and the Naval Academy

Foreign Affairs Conference. Garrett also extends his deepest thanks and affection to his numerous professors including but not limited to Dr. McCartney, Dr. Korzi, Dr. Clark, and Dr. Christensen. Garrett was an active member of the Maryland Federation of College Republicans as their Executive Director and the President of his Fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho. Furthermore, he was involved in Model UN, German Club, Undergraduate Research Club, Women's Leadership Collective, Honors College Leadership Council, Maryland Student Legislature, Towson Pre-Law Society, Towson Student Foundation, and the Towson RISE Campaign Committee. Garrett was also an Albrecht Fellow of the World Trade Center Institute.