Towson University Honors College

Spring 2023 Graduate Bios and Acknowledgements

# Brynne Adams

Brynne Adams is from Cumberland, Maryland, and graduated summa cum laude in December, earning a degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Brynne has committed to Towson University to earn her Master's degree in the fall. She recently interviewed for and received a graduate assistantship position at the Towson University Speech and Language Center that she will begin in August. During her time at Towson University, Brynne participated in a clinical practicum, worked as a class proctor, presented at a national conference in New Orleans, worked alongside Dr. Pellowski in an Independent Study, and earned a 3.95 cumulative GPA. She would like to thank the Honors College faculty and her friends and family who have helped her along the way!

# Ebunoluwa Adelola

Esther Adelola hails from Nigeria, and will be earning a degree in Molecular biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics. After graduation, Esther plans on taking a gap year before applying to medical schools. what she loved the most about the Honors College was that she felt like a part of a community even though she never lived in Douglass House. she did research on small portion analysis and was part of the Hill Lopes scholars program, as well as the Towson Opportunities in Stem program. she is grateful to God for the community she found here as well as the life long friends the made here.

# Stephen Aguirre

Stephen Aguirre, graduated December 2022 with a Bachelor’s in Public Health and pursuing the Master’s of Health Science Dual Concentration of Community Health and Administration along with the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Health Leadership. The Honors College helped motivated and encouraged Stephen to challenge himself to reach beyond the limits of his endeavors. He thanks everyone especially Dr. McCartney for advising and guiding him through his Undergraduate studies.

# Motunrayo Akinloye

Motunrayo Akinloye is from Lagos, Nigeria and she moved to the United States for school. She will graduate cum laude with a degree in Political Science aand Psychology. After graduaation, Motunrayo plans to attend law school in the DC area. She plans to concentrate on business and immigration law as it is her desire to own her firm where she can help low income families and thise who are unable to defend themselves.

# Hiba Awan

Hiba Awan is from Baltimore Maryland, and will graduate with honors earning a degree in Biology with a minor in Bioinformatics. She works in the Emergency Department with over 4,000 patient care hours.After graduation she hopes to take a gap getting a post bac in health leadership. Then apply for medical school. She does research in a Immunology Lab on the expression of gene regulation in septic mice. She was the president of the Muslim Students Association. Vice President of the Pakistani Student Association. She would like to thank her parents, friends and Research mentor Dr. Erin Harberts for helping her through her college career.

# Christina Balanc

Christina Balanc is from Silver Spring, Maryland, and has graduated cum laude early in only 3 and a half years. She has a degree in psychology, and is currently enrolled in Towson University’s counseling psychology master’s program, with plans of becoming a licensed mental health counselor. Christina is also a co-author on a publication submitted to the 2023 American Psychological Association convention. Christina would like to thank her family, honors college instructors, and her psychology instructors for supporting her goals and academic successes during her undergraduate journey.

# Christian Baldon

Christian Baldon is from Glenn, Dale, Maryland, and will graduate earning a degree in Biology. After graduation, Christian plans to attend medical school after studying for the MCAT this summer and gaining additional experience working during his gap year. What he appreciated most about the Honors College were the small discussion-based classes. Christian served as an Undergraduate Learning Assistant for BIO 200 and CHEM 121L, played in both of Towson University's top instrumental music groups, the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra, and was the President of the Towson University Pre-Med Club. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support during his time at Towson University.

# Paul Balsley

Paul Balsley will graduate with two degrees in Music Education and Vocal Performance. After graduation, Paul will be pursuing a teaching position for choral music. While at Towson, Paul most appreciated the leadership opportunities he was provided within the TU choirs and throughout the music department. Some highlights of his tenure at TU was organizing the University Chorale’s week long tour to Georgia over winter break and being awarded first place in the Sydney Lieberman Music Competition. Paul would like to thank all of the faculty and staff at Towson and his family who have helped to further his studies throughout his undergraduate career.

# Georgia Beachley

# Jackson Bonvissuto

"Jackson is proud to be receiving his computer science degree from Towson University. He was homeschooled and took advantage of dual enrollment to start his college education early, earning honors as a high school student. He is excited to begin his career as a software engineer at Textron Systems in Maryland during the summer of 2023, where he hopes to apply his knowledge and skills to make a positive impact on the world.

In addition to his academic achievements, Jackson has also taken the opportunity to explore other interests during his time at Towson. He spent a summer studying abroad at Yonsei University, where he gained valuable cross-cultural experience and furthered his education in computer science. He is also an avid climber, and has been an active member of the Towson climbing community throughout his time at the university. He has even competed in multiple climbing competitions alongside his fellow students, demonstrating his commitment to teamwork and his ability to excel in a challenging and competitive environment.

Jackson appreciates the flexibility and support provided by the Honors College at Towson, and considers them an tool as part of his college journey. "

# Colby Bragg

Colby Bragg is from New Market, Maryland, and will graduate cum laude with a degree in psychology. After graduation, Colby plans to take a gap year and then apply to graduate school in order to study educational psychology. Colby was a member of the marching band as well as the gamma pi chapter of Phi Sigma Pi national honors fraternity. Colby was also the president of the Independent Greek Council. Colby would like to thank Professor Beth Gallihue and Dr. Doug Valchar for showing him how meaningful and personal education can truly be.

# Sarah Brewer

Sarah Brewer resides in Ellicott City Maryland. Throughout her time at Towson, she studied Elementary Education. She will be teaching at Padonia Elementary School next year. She worked as a yoga instructor at the Universities gym. She also studied abroad in Cost Rica. Her favorite part of the Honors College was conducting her action inquiry project about teaching styles. She would like to thank Professor Blake and Professor Trattner for their dedication to helping her become a better teacher and person. She would also like to thank her two best friends Kayla and Leyla for their unwavering support throughout college.

# Jodi Bronfman

Jodi Bronfman is from Bethesda, Maryland, and will graduate with a degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduation, Jodi plans on teaching in Montgomery County Public Schools. Jodi learned a lot during her student teaching experiences, and presented on research about expanding her 3rd Grader’s vocabulary at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning. She was also a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, where she held many leadership positions such as being the New Member Educator and Philanthropy coordinator. She would like to warmly thank her family and friends for supporting her throughout her undergraduate degree.

# Keira Brown

Keira Brown will graduate with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Family Studies. She plans on pursuing a career in case management and obtaining a Masters degree in Social Work. Keira wants to thank her family and friends for believing in her and supporting every decision she has made throughout her college career.

# Rose Cabral

# Karin Cakir

Karin is from Montgomery County, Maryland. Karin will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Human Services, with a track in Services to Children and Youth, and a minor in Psychology. Throughout her educational career at Towson University, she has maintained her professional career as an Early Childhood Educator and after graduation will take the role of Lead Teacher as senior staff in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Her time at the Honors College has given her opportunities to engage with fellow students and expand her thinking through seminars. This final semester at Towson, Karin has been completing an internship with Art with a Heart where she has been taking Family Studies content and engaging in field experience. She would like to thank her mother, Ani for supporting her through her education.

# Elisa Carlini

Elisa Carlini is from Westminster, Maryland and will graduate in May, earning a degree in elementary and special education. Elisa hopes to become an elementary school teacher for Howard County Public schools. Her favorite part of the Honors College was the sense of community among the students and staff. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support in the last four years.

# Madeline Catalano

Madeline Catalano is a Niagara Falls, New York native, and is graduating this coming May with a degree in Electronic Media and Film. Madeline is an avid writer and plans to pursue her passion in the film industry, writing for film and television. Madeline will be attending City, University of London in the fall, pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing. Her favorite part of the Honors College was the ability that the college gave her to collaborate with like-minded students and colleagues. Madeline made connections within the Honors College and her major that she will have for the rest of her career. Madeline is eternally grateful for the opportunities that the Towson Honors College and EMF Program gave her during her time here. She would like to thank her family, friends, and professors for encouraging her, allowing her to pursue her dream, and supporting her as she took the road less traveled.

# Kishore Clark

"Kishore Clark is from Laurel, Maryland, and will graduate earning a degree in Biology. After graduation, Kishore plans to and will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in finance. After graduation, Joseph plans to start his new job at Morgan Stanley, while pursuing his MBA at Johns Hopkins. What he appreciated most about being in The Honors College were the advisors and events in Douglass House. Joseph studied abroad in England and France, was the president of the French Club, and was a recipient of an Undergraduate Research Award. He would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, his mentor Dr. Frank, and his family for helping him throughout his college career."

# Alexander Cochrane

Alex Cochrane, a student from Gambrills Maryland, will earn a degree in Computer Science with a concentration in Cyber Operations. After graduation, Alex is looking to start work at Fort Meade. He has worked with Dr. O'Leary on building the network infrastructure for COSC 481. He has also worked with Dr. Deng on analyzing Internet-of-Things Malware for a research project. Alex also participated in the Cyber Defense Club, and represented Towson University at the opening of Towson's Cyber Center. Alex is extremely grateful for the professors in the Honors College for all their hard work and for helping him get through college, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. Alex would also like to thank Dr. O'Leary for helping him make sure that he landed on his feet.

# Snowden Cortright

Snowden Cortright is from Annapolis, Maryland and will graduate with Honors, earning a degree in Psychology and a minor in Business Administration. Throughout her time at Towson, she enjoyed participating in extracurricular activities like surf, boxing, and hiking club, as well as College Democrats of Towson University and the the Towson University Investment Group. Snowden lived and worked in Yellowstone National Park during the summer of 2022. She plans on further pursuing her itch to travel by living and working all around the world once she graduates, immersing herself in the different cultures, and then eventually building her own business. She would like to thank her family for their unconditional love and support.

# Rida Dhanani

# Katrina DiClaudio

Katrina DiClaudio will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a minor in chemistry. Throughout her undergraduate years, she was a teaching assistant for introduction chemistry courses and a research assistant in the Emotion Science Lab. After graduation, Katrina plans to start working in research at the National Institute of Health. She plans to continue her education in medical school with hopes of becoming a physician. Katrina would like to thank her parents and her sisters for their continued support throughout her college career.

# Brooke Donald

Brooke Donald, from Frederick, Maryland, will graduate with a BFA in Acting, with two minors in Deaf Studies and Business Administration. During her time at Towson University, Brooke started the TU improvisation club (ImprompTU) and served as President for three years. She has also been the Membership and Guest Services Manager at Campus Recreation for three years where she has managed over 30 student-staff in three different departments. Brooke would like to thank her parents for always encouraging her to follow her passions, and for giving her so much love and support every step of the way. She would also like to thank Towson University Honors College for her random roommate assignment Freshman year, as this is how she met her best friend and continued roommate, Shannon Smith, who is also graduating from the honors college this semester. After graduation, Brooke plans to stay in the Baltimore area to work on her acting career while also working in theater education and teaching artistry.

# Ruthie Douglass

Ruthie Douglass is from South Jersey, and joined the Towson Honors College her Freshman year, where she lived in Douglass House. She will be graduating with a major in Communication Studies, and minors in Political Science and Theatre Arts. Throughout her time at Towson, she has participated in student-run theater productions and served on the executive board of her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. One of her favorite experiences was studying abroad in London, UK for the Winter 2023 semester. Her senior year, she also held an internship position at the International Rescue Committee, Baltimore, in the Cultural Orientation Department. After graduation, she plans to attend law school, and hopes to continue working in the non-profit field. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her, and all the friends and faculty who have gotten her through the last four years!

# Patrice Downs

Patrice Downs is from Silver Spring Maryland and will graduate cum laude with a degree in Public Health. After graduation, Patrice plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park to obtain a master's degree in healthcare administration. During her last semester at Towson, she completed an internship at Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center as a community and population health intern. Her favorite part about the honors college were the seminars they offered on diverse topics. She would like to thank her parents for supporting and guiding her throughout these 4 years.

# Abigail Drake

Abigail Drake of Riva, Maryland graduated magna cum laude in December of 2022 with a degree in psychology. Post graduation, she has been working towards expanding her resume and preparing for graduate school where she will study clinical psychology hoping to serve the military and prison systems by supplying individuals with comprehensive mental health care. Abby enjoyed her time in the Honors College where she was able to take rigorous courses focused on Viking Mythology, disease pathology, and women’s literature focused on mental illness. While attaining her undergraduate degree, Abby served as Marketing Director and Fellowship Chair for Towson’s Catholic Campus Ministry. She also assisted in Dr. Jan Sinnott’s research lab conducting studies on the relationships between post-formal thought, need for cognition, and locus of control and looks forward to becoming a published researcher at the conclusion of the study. She has many fond memories with the friends she made in Douglass house and at the Newman Center and extends thanks to all of them for supporting her in her journey. She would also like to extend gratitude to her family and the Honors faculty for believing in her and helping her achieve her goals.

# Hannah Dunkerton

Hannah Dunkerton From Perry Hall, Maryland, will graduate with a bachelors of science in nursing. After graduation, Hannah will work as a pediatric nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College were the research classes that increased my knowledge. She would like to thank all of her family and friends for her support.

# Owen Edwards

# Jonathan Ellis

Jonathan Ellis is from Perry Hall, Maryland and will be graduating with a degree in Financial Economics and a minor in Accounting. Jonathan would like to thank his parents, friends, and professors who supported him throughout his college experience.

# Mikaela Ellis

Mikaela Ellis is from Long Island, New York, and will graduate with Spanish Secondary Education degree. During her senior year, she interned in Baltimore County Public Schools at Parkville Middle School and magnet school, Eastern Technical High School. She taught Novice B Spanish to 7th and 8th graders at Parkville. At Eastern Tech, she taught 10th-12th graders in Spanish 4GT and AP Spanish 5. Following graduation, Mikaela plans to stay in Maryland and work for either Baltimore or Howard County as a Spanish teacher. In the near future, Mikaela plans to pursue a Master's Degree in School Administration. While at Towson, Mikaela also got the opportunity to study abroad over the summer in Madrid, Spain. Her favorite part about the Honors College was being able to take a wide variety of different and interesting courses, and the consistent challenge to achieve more. Mikaela would like to thank her parents for their support and everyone who helped to make her college experience unforgettable!

# Britney Erickson

Britney Erickson is from Olney, MD and will be graduating with a bachelor’s in cell and molecular biology and a double minor in business administration and molecular biology, biochemistry, and bioinformatics. After graduation, Britney plans to work in the biological sciences industry, before pursuing a master’s degree in biotechnology. During her time at Towson, Britney served as an undergraduate research assistant in Dr. Snyder’s Cell Biology and Immunology Lab, the vice president of the Towson Pre-Veterinary club, treasurer of the Towson Equestrian Team, and vice president of the American Marketing Association. Britney had the opportunity to present her research at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists, the Northeast Regional Honors Council Undergraduate Research Conference, the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council Undergraduate Research Conference, and the American Association of Immunologists Annual Meeting. She was also the recipient of the Honors College Student Research Award, the ABRCMS Student Travel Award, the Dr. Ruth Stocking Lynch Memorial Scholarship for Biology Scholars Award, the James Edward Ewig Memorial Scholarship Endowment Award, and the Fisher College of Science and Math Undergraduate Research Grant. She would like to thank her mentors Dr. Snyder, and Dr. Dickie, the Honors College faculty, and her family for their continuous support throughout her undergraduate career.

# Caroline Etherton

Caroline Etherton is from Mount Airy, Maryland, and will graduate with a degree in Cell and Molecular Biology. Following graduation, she plans to complete a yearlong environmental science internship before continuing on to graduate school. During her time at Towson, she was part of the Beta cohort in the Hill-Lopes Scholars Program, the Secretary for Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, the Vice President of Membership for Tau Beta Sigma, a member in several clubs, and a tutor at the Writing Center. For all four years, she also participated in marching band and color guard, serving as a captain for three of those seasons. She had the amazing opportunity to study abroad with Towson faculty in Costa Rica, and won third place for her presentation at the Honors College Celebration of Scholarship and Learning. Currently, she is enjoying working in an internship through one of her classes at the National Aquarium. Caroline is grateful for the many opportunities at Towson, and would like to thank her family, professors, and all her friends that make up the supportive community at Towson.

# Brendan Farrar

Brendan Farrar, a native of Mechanicsville, Virginia, is graduating with a B.S. in Integrated Elementary and Special Education this spring. After graduation, Brendan plans to be a 1st grade teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools, as well as attend graduate school to earn his Master's degree. At Towson, Brendan served as a member of the Men's Swimming & Diving program, and was the President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. During the 2020-2021 school year, Brendan was the recipient of the SGA Pride Award, and received a multitude of scholarships from the College of Education during his tenure. Brendan enjoyed working with all of the Honors College faculty over his years at Towson, and appreciates the supports and experiences the Honors College has provided him. Brendan would like to thank his classmates, teammates, Towson faculty, friends, and family for the endless support across this journey.

# Emily Feron

Emily Feron, from Lutherville, Maryland, will graduate summa cum laude this spring, earning a degree in exercise science. After graduation, she plans to work in a healthcare-related setting to gain more clinical experience before applying to physician assistant masters programs and medical sales positions. During her undergraduate career, Emily obtained considerable exposure to this industry thanks to the variety of academic experiences and internship opportunities Towson University provided her with. Some of Emily's most noteworthy accomplishments are attaining the Dean's List each semester of her time as an undergraduate student, being a member of the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, and developing her own research surrounding the benefits of IV therapy for performance recovery in athletes. She would like to thank the entire staff of The Honors College, her mentor Professor Barton, and her family for helping to mold her in the young woman she is today.

# Jessica Foss

Jessica Foss is from Milford, Connecticut and will graduate with a degree in psychology. During her four years at Towson University, Jessica was a member of the Towson University Dance Team. This year, Jessica was a senior captain of the team and helped to lead her team to nationals. Last month, the team won its 19th division one national championship. After graduation, Jessica will pursue a Master’s degree in school counseling from Southern Connecticut State University. She would like to thank the honors college faculty members, her dance coach Tom Cascella, and her mother and father for all of their support and guidance throughout her college career.

# Skylar Gayhart

Skylar Gayhart is from Bowie, Maryland, and will graduate with a degree in computer science with a track in Cyber Operation. Following graduation, Skylar will be continuing her education at Towson University, starting graduate school for a master’s in computer science with a specialization in Data Science, and working for the Department of Defense upon graduation. During Skylar’s time at Towson, she was involved in many different areas of the community. She was in the beta cohort of the Hill-Lopes Scholars program, a cybersecurity scholar, part of the accelerated program, and the community events coordinator for Delight Ministries at Towson. She has presented at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning twice, with her Spring 2020 presentation “Taking on Crime and Punishment in the UK” about her study abroad experience in London placing 3rd. Her other presentation dealt with her research on bringing your own devices into the workplace prompted by a summer internship with the Navy. She would like to thank Dr. Cynthia Ghent and Dr. Josh Dehlinger, as well as her family, friends, and other professors, who helped support and guide her while at Towson University.

# Raymond Gebhardt

Ray Gebhardt graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in accounting last December. He is now completing a master's degree in accounting and business advisory services at Towson and plans to work at Ernst & Young within their audit practice this summer. His best memories from Towson come from his time in Greek life, where he was able to take multiple leadership positions including Director of Communications for his chapter and VP of Judicial Affairs for the Interfraternity Council. He has completed research projects studying occupational fraud within universities, independence issues within accounting firms, and how information technology will affect the audit industry. He would like to thank his family, friends, and professors for the help and guidance he has received over the past four years.

# Alana Germroth

Alana Germroth from Ellicott City, Maryland will graduate with a degree in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics and a minor in Chemistry. During her four years at TU, she found community within the Honors College, competed for the Equestrian team, and got to perform undergraduate research on bacteriophages in the biochemistry lab of Dr. Hancock. She would like the thank the Honors College, her mentor Dr. Hancock, and the MB3 program for academic and professional support thoughout her college career.

# Jesse Griffith

Jesse Griffith is from Aberdeen, Maryland, and will be graduating with Honors, earning a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry. Following graduation, Jesse will enter into the work field of chemistry driven research or forensic investigation where he then hopes to pursue his masters degree in Forensic Science. During his undergraduate career, Jesse was fortunate enough to have various involvements on campus, including his roles as a section leader and member of the piccolo section in the World Famous Towson University Marching Band and Pep Band, captain of his intramural volleyball teams, member of the Towson University Winter Guard, member of the Forensic Science Student Organization, Public Relations Director of the Independent Greek Council, and member, webmaster, assistant vice president of membership, diversity and risk management officer, chapter assessment program officer, and President of Tau Beta Sigma. Furthermore, Jesse completed a summer internship on Aberdeen Proving Ground working under the DEVCOM Chemical Biological Center CBR Filtration Team where he researched and presented the ""Photooxidation of a sulfur mustard gas simulant using metal organic frameworks."" Jesse also dived into undergraduate research with Dr. Dana Kollmann to anthropologically study human remains and further build his forensic knowledge. Jesse is very appreciative of all the skills and experiences he has gained through the Honors College. He would like to thank the Honors College faculty, his professors, his friends, and his family for all their support throughout his undergraduate career."

# Ava Grounds

Ava Grounds will graduate this spring summa cum laude with a degree in biology. While at Towson, Ava specialized in molecular biology through her coursework and through extracurricular research in Dr. Hancock’s biochemistry lab. She also pursued her multidisciplinary interests by taking computer science courses and teaching herself how to code, and by completing an English minor. Ava presented several of her works at the 2023 Towson Geo-Aesthetics Conference and at the spring Celebration for Scholarship and Learning, for which her research on literary modernism won first prize. After graduation, Ava plans to find work in the biomedical industry before pursuing her graduate degree. She is incredibly grateful to all of the Fisher College professors that helped her build and gain confidence in her technical background and research skills, especially Drs. Hancock and Alkharouf for their commitment to her progress and growth. She would also like to thank Dr. Vincent, her English research advisor, for his unrelenting enthusiasm and support of her literary passion.

# Athena Hall

# Colt Hanlin

Colt Hanlin is a graduating Honors College student from Taneytown, Maryland, majoring in Computer Science with a concentration in Cyber Operations, and Foreign Languages with a concentration in Spanish. While at Towson University, Colt participated in several clubs and organizations, including Actors Anonymous, the Honors College Leadership Council and Alpha Chi Rho. Additionally, he’s joined two separate honors societies, the Beta Chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon for Computer Science, and the Eta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi for Spanish. Separate from his clubs and academics, Colt worked as a consultant at the University of Maryland Medical System as a web editor and translator for Spanish web pages. Since Summer 2022, he has worked on campus in the admissions department as a student ambassador, and in the information security division of OTS as a security analyst and will continue working in these occupations post-graduation, while studying for certification exams. Colt would like to thank the Honors College, his family, his friends, and his professors that made his success possible.

# Bailey Hardwick

Bailey Hardwick of Churchville, Maryland will graduate with her degree in environmental science and studies with a focus on policy and management. She also earned minors in geography, environmental sustainability, and psychology during her time at TU. Bailey has studied abroad in Costa Rica, interned with both Harford and Baltimore County Parks and Recreation, and worked as a data analyst in TU’s Office of Energy Engineering and Conservation during her time as an undergraduate. Additionally, she has served as an executive officer for the Student Environmental Organization, Eco-Reps, and Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority. After graduation, Bailey intends on pursuing a career in environmental conservation and a master’s degree to protect the natural world for future generations to come. She would like to extend her gratitude to her family, friends, supervisors, professors, and emotional support animals for constantly supporting her in her endeavor to make the world a better place.

# Carolin Harvey

Carolin Harvey is from Ellicott City, Maryland, and will graduate with a B.S. in Electronic Media and Film with minors in Mass Communication and English. Carolin directed two short films in the EMF program: "Prom Night" (2021) and "Motel" (2022). "Prom Night" won Best Local Film at the 2022 Soul 4 Reel festival in Hyattsville, MD, and was an official selection at festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada including the Columbia Film Festival, Orlando International Film Festival, Raleigh Film & Art Festival, and the Femme Fatale Film Festival. In her senior year, Carolin took on the Photo Editor position for the Towson Towerlight. Over the summer, Carolin will be working as a photographer at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna, VA. She would like to give endless thanks to the EMF faculty who she had the pleasure of spending four years with.

# Caroline Hazuda

Caroline Hazuda is from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She will be certified to teach in the state of Maryland from birth to 3rd grade. After graduation, Caroline will move back to the Eastern Shore to begin her teaching career in a public school system. During her time at Towson, Caroline was an active member of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority where she served in various positions: Philanthropy Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Historian, and Senior Programming. Caroline had the unique opportunity to intern at the same school in Baltimore City for the entirety of her internship rotations (Spring ’22, Fall ’22, and Spring ’23). She interned in kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade classrooms. She enjoyed experiencing the variety of grade levels in her certification and truly becoming a part of the school community. Caroline would like to thank the Honors College for being such an important part of her college experience, particularly Dr. Fox and Dr. Blake. She would also like to thank her supervisor, Dr. Christenson, Professor Pett, and her family and friends for the constant support.

# Spencer Herrin

# Jay Heslen

# Amyah Hill

Amyah Hill, a Maryland native, graduated cum laude with a B.S. in Mass Communications. After graduation, Amyah plans to work as a Marketing Specialist at George Washington University while simultaneously pursuing a Marketing M.A. The most rewarding part of her college experience was being a public speaking mentor at the TU Public Communication Center and the many students she got to help along the way. Amyah’s favorite part about The Honor’s College was the rigor of the classes and the way her professors and peer always challenged her to be better. Her most treasured memory of the Honor’s College is winning third place at The Honor’s College’s Fall 2022 Celebration of Scholarship and Learning for her research titled Peer Mentoring: A Tool for Personal and Professional Development. She would like to thank her family for supporting her throughout college, the PCC for being her second family, and Dr. McCartney for teaching the most challenging class she ever had during her final semester at TU.

# Kaila Hodge

As a member of the Honors College, Kaila studies Law and American Civilization. Her background in English, interest in local and national politics, and deep concern for education reform have compelled her to focus on this issue and advocate for civic education in public schools. Prior to her undergraduate studies, she interned at the Maryland General Assembly where she conducted research and drafted testimony for legislation aiming to end the school-to-prison pipeline. During her sophomore year at TU, she interned for the Anne Arundel County Executive. There, she piloted and co-created a paid internship program that exposed youth to the inner workings of local government. Kaila currently works in the non-profit sector as an advisor to various social and environmental organizations. As an aspiring communications professional, she has accepted an offer to attend the Johns Hopkins Political Communication Master's program. Her background in legal studies, interest in local politics, and deep passion for civic duty have compelled her to inspire change in her immediate community and is committed to encouraging others to realize their civic agency. "

# Moyna Holz

Moyna Holz is graduating with a bachelors in Elementary Education and Special Education. After completing research in person centered planning, working at the university Writing Center, completing teaching internships at four different schools, and working as a para-educator, Moyna will be graduating and moving on to being a special educator in the Howard County Public School System.

# Lauren Hornsby

Lauren Hornsby is from Salisbury, Maryland and will graduate with a degree in Biology. She was a member of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, a Resident Assistant in Douglass House for two years, an FYE Leader, Summer Event Staff, in ASBMB, Women in STEM Club, the Pre-med Club, Tiny Tigers, and played intramural volleyball. Lauren participated in scientific research on amino acid substitutions and is currently working as a part time medical assistant in a dermatology office. Lauren also plans to apply to medical school in the summer and work full time as a medical assistant for a year before entering medical school. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her academic pursuits. She would also like to thank Dr. Stephen Hancock for helping her pursue research and better understand biochemistry. Finally, Lauren would like to thank the Douglass House staff for their support and the life-long friendships that have been created out of these past two years.

# William Hunter

Will Hunter from Forest Hill, Maryland will be graduating this spring, May 2023 a year early. He will be earning a degree in Mathematics, with a concentration in Applied Mathematics. Will has made the Dean's List every semester and has also been awarded the Provost Merit Scholarship. Along with his academic achievements, Will is a research member for Dr. Nganguia's studies in bio-locomotion where he utilized the code program DeepXDE in order to construct a program to approximate the movement of biological organisms and artificial micro-robotics. Through his thorough understanding of course material, Will has also worked as a grader for various courses in the Mathematics department, including Differential Equations and Linear Algebra, working to provide support to professors. He would like to thank his mentor, Dr. Nganguia, along with his family who have supported him in his studies.

# Kayla Hurley

Kayla Hurley majored in Electronic Media & Film and minored in Entrepreneurship. She transferred in January 2020, and then graduated in December 2022 with a Bachelor of Science. Durning her years at Towson University, Kayla balanced 5 course curriculars each semester, along with 5 extracurriculars in which she held leadership positions each semester as well. Kayla even had a job at the brand new StarTUp. All the while, she managed to have a GPA above 3.65. She was honored to have the opportunity from Dr. Fox to be a Tiger Mentor for the Honors College Orientation in August 2022, as she never had the Honors College Orientation herself. At Towson University, the Honors College gave Kayla the faculties to bloom, blossom, and grow with such a full experience in her years here. Kayla is #TUproud!

# Toby Ichniowski

Toby Ichniowski will graduate with a major in classical vocal performance and a minor in marketing. During their time at Towson, they placed first in the Sidney-Lieberman Scholarship Competition for voice and had the opportunity to participate in an apprenticeship in collaboration with Opera Baltimore and Opera Delaware for the production of La Traviata in Spring 2023. They also studied abroad in Rome and Florence. Looking forward, Toby hopes to attend graduate school to continue their pursuit of classical voice with a focus on opera performance.

# Michelle Jin

From Howard County, Maryland, Michelle Jin will be graduating this May with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. After graduation, she will soon work as a New Graduate Nurse in the Emergency Department while balancing being a color guard staff member for the Mt. Hebron Marching Unit and The Collective Winter Guard. During her time at TU, Michelle was an active participant in the Towson University Marching Band as a color guard member, becoming a captain her senior year. She also spun and danced for the Towson University Winter Guard. With the aid of her mentor Dr. Sessions and the Honors College, Michelle published a paper titled, ""The Effects of Elderberry Usage in Preventing and Treating Upper Respiratory Infections"" in the Maryland Nurse and presented this topic at the Maryland Nurses Association. She was also the Fall '22- Spring '23 recipient for the College of Health Professions DreamMakers Scholarship Endowment award. She would like to graciously thank her advisor Dr. Park, her mentors Dr. Sessions and Dr. Horning, and her wonderful nursing professors for aiding her journey through Nursing School and the Honors College. She would also like to give a shoutout to her close friends and family for being amazing cheerleaders.

# Maia Johnston

Maia Johnston, a Baltimore native, is proud to be graduating with honors and a bachelor’s degree in English. She plans to pursue a master’s degree in library science with a focus on archival studies. This pathway forward reflects the career successes she’s had while attending Towson University. She thrived as an archival intern at the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives and continues to expand her horizons as a current intern with the Maryland Historical Trust. Maia would like to honor her family for their ever-present support and thank Dr. Zosha Stuckey for her mentorship.

# Lucienne Karszen

Lucienne Karszen is from Frederick, Maryland and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Economics. After graduation, Lucienne plans to work for one year as a data analyst with an emphasis on education before pursuing a master's degree in economic analytics. Lucienne is thankful for the faculty, staff, and fellow students she has met and learned from in the Honors College, as well as the experiential learning opportunities provided. She interned for an education technology startup in Berlin, Germany with encouragement and guidance from Dr. Alison McCartney. Lucienne also conducted research focusing on improving gender and racial diversity in the economics profession guided by her thesis advisors Dr. Seth Gitter and Dr. Melissa Groves. She presented her research at the Eastern Economics Association’s Conference in New York, TU’s Research Forum, CBE’s Development and Research Conference, and the Honors College Celebration of Scholarship and Learning this year, in which she earned second place in the research category. She would like to thank Professor Howard Baetjer for sparking her interest in economics. She is grateful for her family and friends’ support, her professors and advisors' guidance, and the Honors College for enriching her undergraduate experience.

Allison Kashan Allie Kashan, originally from Edison, New Jersey is honored to be graduating with a degree in political science and sociology-anthropology: criminal justice and minors in women’s and gender’s studies and Jewish studies. She has enjoyed her involvement in Hillel and Chabad on campus where she has had multiple leadership positions. She was also a recipient of the Ida Lee Friedman Scholarship and a Dan Jones Writing Prize nominee. While a student, she interned with Senator Kagan and United Way of Central Maryland and is thankful that she got to go on educational travel experiences to Europe studying how Jews have lived and continue to live around the world. She would like to thank her professors, friends, and family (and cat) who have helped guide her through her college career.

# Lauren Kemmer

Lauren Kemmer is from Severna Park, Maryland, and will graduate with honors, earning a degree in Psychology and a minor in Applied Adult Disability Studies. After graduation, she will attend the MGH Institute of Health Professions to pursue a doctoral degree in occupational therapy. During her time at Towson, Lauren served as president of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, presented “The Trajectory of Healing: Lessons from a Concussed Brain” at TEDxTowsonU 2022, and became a member of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. She served as an Honors Orientation Mentor, joined the Honors College Leadership Council’s Programming Committee, and enjoyed the sisterhood of faith she found in Delight Ministries. Lauren would like to thank the Honors College community, her mentors, her friends, and, most importantly, her family for their ongoing support of her ambitions.

# Janice King

Janice King is from Baltimore, Maryland, and will graduate with Honors, earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology. During her time at Towson University, she earned Dean's List Honors every semester. She would like to thank her family, friends, and professors for their support.

# Jacqueline Kistler

Jacqueline Kistler came to Towson from Voorhees, New Jersey, and will graduate this upcoming May with a Communication Studies degree. In her time at Towson University, she joined Alpha Xi Delta, where she fulfilled several leadership positions including VP of Member Development, and served on the executive board of TigerTHON as Family and Hospital Relations Chair. This past January, she embarked on a study abroad program to London titled Corporate Communication in the UK. Upon returning, she presented her biggest take-aways from this course at the Honors College Celebration of Scholarship and Learning in a presentation titled “London Through a Comparative Lens,” which received the Audience Choice Award. She is currently completing a Marketing and Communications Internship with the Irvine Nature Center, a non-profit located in Owings Mills. After graduation, she hopes to continue working in the non-profit sector, particularly that which relates to nature and environmental causes. She would like to thank the honors college staff, her advisor Professor Morris, and her friends and family for always being such a strong support system.

# Jared Klima

# Colin Lang

Colin Lang is from Frederick, MD and will be graduating from the Honors College as a double major with degrees in English and Psychology. Throughout his time at Towson, Colin has worked diligently in his classes and been named Dean’s List each semester. Colin’s hard work awarded himself with the opportunity to study as an undergraduate research assistant for two semesters with Professor Bock in social psychology. His experience furthered his knowledge and skills in conducting research and analyzing data. In his last semester, Colin joined the Grub Street literary magazine team and worked as an assistant poetry editor on the magazine's publication of Volume 72. During his four years, Colin has worked three different jobs off-campus, most recently as a trainer at Nando’s for over a year. In his time in the Honors College, Colin has been able to learn from and engage with fellow peers and exceptional professors. The Honors College offered him the opportunity to take classes that introduced new ways of thinking and critical engagement with material to obtain insight. Colin would like to thank his parents for continually supporting him in his academic endeavors.

# Lela Lanier

Lela Lanier will graduate magna cum laude earning a degree in Deaf studies. Her long term goals are to become an attorney and pursue a career in disability or civil rights law. During Lela’s time at Towson she was a division one athlete on the university’s cheerleading team, and worked as a resident assistant in the American Sign Language Living and Learning community at Barton House. Lela had the honor of having her research paper, “Hearing Loss in Prison Populations”, published in the Towson University Foreign Language Gazette. During her senior year she held an internship in the Department of Interpretation and Translation at Gallaudet University where she expanded her interest in Deaf culture. She would like to thank all her professors, family, and friends for their unwavering support during her undergraduate experience.

# Grace Larocque

# Akeem Laurence

Akeem Laurence grew up in the Carribean and moved to Aberdeen, Maryland with his family to pursue higher education. He will be graduating this Spring with a degree in Computer Science with a Software Engineering track and a minor in Mathematics. After graduation, Akeem plans to return to Towson this fall and continue his Accelerated Master's program for Computer Science. In his time at Towson, Akeem kept busy working as both a Writing Center Tutor and an Undergraduate Learning Assistant. His writing has received the Information Literacy Award and his research work as a ULA won 1st Place for Research at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning. Akeem would like to thank the Honors College program and professors, his research professor Dr. McDougal, and his family for putting up with his busy schedule and their unwavering love and support.

# Colby Lemke

Colby Lemke is from Newark, Delaware, and will graduate this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology and a minor in Public Health. Colby will attend Towson University next fall, earning his M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology to become a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. During his time in college, Colby has served as the community service coordinator for Towson’s local chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and has had two internships. These internships include working as a Routine Behavioral Technician (RBT) for a behavioral health company and in Towson’s speech clinic at the Institute for Well-Being (IWB). Colby has also had the opportunity to take part in undergraduate research, assisting Dr. Keck with evaluating tools to assess supports and relationships that affect adolescents’ social competence. He would like to thank all his friends, family, and professors who helped him get to where he is today.

# Hannah Little

Hannah hails from a small town in Washington County, Maryland and is a graduating honors college student earning a degree in Molecular Biology and minor in physics. Hannah is a Jess Fisher FCSM Scholar and recipient of the Towson University Alumni Association Distinguished Scholar Award. Hannah completed research under the guidance of Dr. Stephen Hancock in computational biochemistry and received the Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics (FCSM) Undergraduate Research Grant for her work. Hannah had the opportunity to present her research findings at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning and Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference. Hannah served as Vice President of Turning Point USA and has been engaged in multiple political speaking events. She also worked as a peer science tutor, helping students in general chemistry, physics, and biology at the Science drop-in center. After graduation, Hannah plans on entering the workforce and eventually moving on to graduate work in a field closely related to her major and minor. Hannah would like to thank her wonderful, amazing family for being there along the way.

# James Lysaght

James Lysaght is a Greenville, North Carolina native who earned his degree in Public Health. At TU, James played all four years on the baseball team. In the spring of 2023, he led in the development of a career preparation program for Towson Athletics called TigersAspire. He also was a CAA scholar-athlete for all eight semesters at TU. James is thankful for the Honors College, as the Honors classes that he took introduced him to meaningful topics and many brilliant people with unique perspectives. James plans to move back to North Carolina to work as an EMT before applying to Physician Assistant school. James would like to thank his parents, Christine and Mike, along with his siblings Kate, Jon, and Drew for their support from afar during his career at TU. He would also like to thank Coach Biagini and Dr. Skelton for their help through his time at Towson.

# Kate Mackin

Kate Mackin is receiving a Bachelors if Science in Family and Human Services with an introduction to Child Life track and continuing to complete her masters in Child Life, Family Administrations, and Collaboration.

# Madison Maisel

Madi Maisel is from Columbia, Maryland and will be graduating from the Honors College in the Spring with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing while earning Dean’s List Honors every semester. Throughout her years at Towson, she has participated in a number of extracurricular activities and programs including the Towson Student Ambassadors, HCLC, TU Marching Band, YoungLife leadership, and bible study groups. Madi works as a Technician in an Emergency department which inspired her to pursue a nursing career in a trauma ER. Following graduation, Madi will be getting married and moving to North Carolina with her favorite person! She would like to warmly thank her wonderful God, family, friends, and fiancé, who loved her and supported her well throughout the last 4 years.

# Arianne Joyce Malicdem

Arianne Malicdem originally came from the Philippines before moving to Howard County, MD with her family. She will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education. During her time in Towson, she was an active participant in the World Famous Towson University Marching Band as a Colorguard member. Arianne also took part in a summer research with Dr. Maria Perpetua “Perpie” Liwanag and successfully completed the EMPOWER program to teach ESOL. She completed her student internship for Special Education at at Middleborough Elementary School and her Elementary Education internship at Oliver Beach Elementary School. She would like to thank her advisor Dr. Darlene Fewster and supervisors Mrs. Kirsten Merashoff and Mrs. Kara Hodgson for all their support and helping her succeed throughout her college career. She would also like to shout out her friends and family or all their continued support and love.

# Paulo Manalo

Paulo Manalo will graduate with a degree in Computer Science with a focus in Software Engineering and a Minor in Math. Throughout his years at TU, he has been an active member in his community, and was driven towards getting a head start in his career as a Software Developer. He was Treasurer for two years and ended his senior year as President of the Filipino Cultural Association at Towson. He has also gained plenty of experience building services and designing websites as Software Developer for the Cyber4All Research Group, a team based on Towson campus dedicated to providing and maintaining platforms for cybersecurity educators in the US with relevant cybersecurity curricula and resources. After graduation, he will look for a career in the industry as a Software Developer.

# Tayla Mann

Tayla Mann, represents Brooklyn, New York, and will graduate with her Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration in Marketing and a minor in Public Health. After graduation she will be continuing her education here at Towson in Supply Chain Management. She has been very involved on and off campus, held different board positions for different organizations, and procured internships. She would like to shout out Dr. Siegel! She has made great friends and truly loved her time at Towson!

# Isabella Martin

Isabella Martin hails from Baltimore County, Maryland and has found so much joy during her time at Towson. After making Dean's List every semester, and maintaining a near 4.0 GPA—curse you, freshman year Geography course!—she will graduate with a double major in both Psychology and English. Though she’s been writing stories since elementary school, her freshman year TSEM class with Dr. Jabbur led her to realize that this love for words also extends to classic literature and academic writing. One of the highlights of her undergraduate career has been working at the Writing Center as a tutor. Sharing her passion for writing has brought her immense joy, and she will never forget the bonds that she has forged through working with others week after week. Over the years, she has worked closely with the Pre-Med/Pre-Dent program, helping applicants improve their personal statements. She is so grateful for such an incredible opportunity. While she will always love psychology, she is hoping to pursue a career in English. After graduating, she plans to earn her master's degree and finish writing her book, and she would like to thank everyone who has believed in her!

# Rachel Maygers

# SaraGrace McCannon

SaraGrace McCannon is a graduating Honors student from Darlington, MD, majoring in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and minoring in Deaf Studies. After graduation, she plans to work as a hearing screening technician before pursuing a joint AuD and PhD program. SaraGrace was captain and Vice President of the Women’s rugby club here at Towson. She participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Internship program through Towson, and continued research throughout senior year on spatial separations for cochlear implants. She presented on her findings at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning and the Towson University Student Research Forum. SaraGrace would like to thank Dr. Srinivasan for the research opportunity as well as his guidance along the way. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

# Grace McCormick

Grace McCormick is graduating Towson's Honors College summa cum laude with a degree in Psychology. She will miss her friends and her animal nephews when she graduates and returns home to South Jersey where she will spend the next three years studying School Psychology at Rowan University. After receiving her Masters and Educational Specialist degree at Rowan, Grace aspires to begin her career as a nationally certified school psychologist. She would like to shoutout Dr. Frank Valchar and Professor Samantha Zipp-Dowd for their support and encouragement throughout her graduate school admissions process. Grace appreciates her opportunity to intern at Kennedy Krieger Institute in their Child and Family Therapy clinic and The Harbour School as an assistant teacher. From Maryland drivers to game nights, Towson has created many unforgettable memories. Even though juggling work, internships, classes, and life was not always easy, she finally made it. Grace thanks her friends for their laughter, Kyle for being her rock, Nick for being her buddy, and Leah for their movie nights and debrief sessions. A special thanks to her mom for being her number #1 supporter and her dad for being her hero. Grace cannot wait to see what her future holds.

# Daniel McKirgan

Daniel McKirgan will graduate with a MBBB degree with a concentration of Bioinformatics and a minor in Religious Studies. Daniel plans to continuing his education at UMBC to work towards a masters in Data Science. He also worked on multiple research projects that he found through the honors college. Most of his research has been revolving around Data Science and using machine learning to make predictions about the natural world. He wants to thank all of honors college faculty, his advisors, and his family for helping him throughout his academic career.

# Sofia Merkowitz-Bustos

Sofia Merkowitz-Bustos is from Howard County, Maryland and will be graduating as a double major in Mass Communication and Art + Design. After graduating, Sofia plans on pursuing her MBA at Tulane University. During her time as an undergraduate student, Sofia worked as a writing tutor for the Towson Writing Center and was the Marketing Chair and later Creative Director for the Campus Activities Board where she enjoyed organizing and promoting TigerFest these past two years. She was also a member of the marketing department for the Towson University Honors College Leadership Council and a member of the Latin American Student Organization. In addition to these activities, Sofia was awarded with the Elizabeth Wainio Memorial Communications Scholarship and the Alexander E. Sidorowicz Memorial Scholarship. As part of her honors program, she studied abroad twice, once in Madrid, Spain, and the second time in Venice, Italy, where she learned about the languages and cultures of those countries. Sofia would like to thank her family, friends, professors, and advisors for their continuous support and belief in her abilities.

# Thomas Mollen

# Samantha Morris

Samantha Morris is a native of Manchester, Maryland, and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. After graduation, Samantha plans to start her new job as a New Graduate Registered Nurse at University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Maryland on the Medical-Surgical/Oncology unit. She will also be enrolled in the hospital's year-long nurse residency program. What she appreciated most about being a member of the TU Honors College was the opportunity to make meaningful friendships, sharing her research and internship experiences with others, and being a Recruitment Officer all 4 years of her honors experience. She would like to thank her family, friends, professors, and research faculty mentors Dr. Hyunjeong Park and Dr. Mark Walker for their continued guidance and support.

# Rachel Munley

Rachel Munley is from Calvert County, Maryland, and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Speech and Language Pathology and Audiology. After Graduation, she plans to continue her education at Towson in the Speech and Language Pathology graduate program. Rachel presented preliminary research on the relationship between mindfulness and stuttering at the ASHA conference in 2022 with Dr. Pellowski and two members of her cohort. What she enjoyed most about her Honors College experience was the honors seminar classes and professors she was able to have as part of the program. She would like to thank her parents and friends for supporting her during the completion of her degree, as well as the many amazing professors she had as part of the SPPA program.

# Julianna Natoli

Julianna Natoli comes from Baltimore Maryland and will be graduating with a degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology and a minor in French. She would like to thank her professors for pushing her to do her best as well and her advisors who were there every step of the way.

# Phuong Dinh Nguyen

Phuong Dinh ""PD"" Nguyen is from Baltimore, MD, will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in computer science. Through her time at Towson, PD has worked closely with the Honors College community, living in Douglass House, working as an Orientation Mentor, and finally serving as a Student Director. Outside of HC, she has also worked as a Research Assistant for the Computer Science Department. PD is a Fisher Scholar, a Portz nominee, and a Student Affairs Leadership Award nominee. After she graduates college, PD plans to enter the workforce.

Without the support of many people, such as her friends and the faculty and staff from both the Honors College and FCSM, PD would not be able to achieve as much as she did during her time at Towson. Specifically in her CS career, PD would like to thank Dr. Lin Deng and Dr. Josh Dehlinger for their constant support and encouragement for her to do her best. To her parents, PD would like to leave this message: “Con hy vọng Bá và Má tự hào về con. Con thương Má với Bá rất nhiều!"

# Emily Nolan

Emily Nolan is a graduating Honors student from Baltimore Maryland, majoring in mass communications with a minor in English. Being the first college graduate of her immediate family, Emily has consistently strived to do well in her academic career. With a cumulative GPA of 3.92 and consistently making Dean’s List, she hopes to keep progressing forward and continue to make her family proud. Emily walked into Towson unsure of which career path to follow, however thanks to the Honors College and MCOM Department, she now specializes in Public Relations and Advertising, has interned as the TU MCOM social media coordinator, and has represented her major proudly at the TU4U event. Although challenging, Emily has greatly enjoyed working closely with MCOM staff for her Honors independent studies in both influencer marketing and Korean advertising. Her best advice for anyone is to make the most out of every opportunity life presents to you and to always be grateful and kind to both yourself and others!

# Kathryn Nunez

Katie Nunez is from Newport News, VA and will graduate with a degree in MB3. After Graduation she has accepted a post-bacclaureate trainee position at the NIH. She loved the experience of being in the honors college. While at Towson she was on the varsity swim team where she recorded the school record in the 100 yard freestyle, was awarded the Linda Sweeting summer research fellowship, and took part in undergraduate research. She would like to thank everyone who has supported her through her time at Towson.

# Victoria Ojo

Victoria Ojo '23 is from Columbia, Maryland, and will graduate cum laude with Honors, earning a degree in Nursing. After graduation, Victoria plans to start her career as a nurse specializing in critical care and psychiatry. During her time at Towson, she has participated in several extracurricular activities and programs as the President of the Bethel Campus Fellowship Christian organization, a successful research study, and an internship. What she appreciates most about being in The Honors College is the opportunity to share her research. She would like to thank all the staff at the Honors College, Towson nursing department, and her family for supporting her throughout her college career.

# Oreoluwa Olajuyigbe

Ore Olajuyigbe was born in Lagos, Nigeria, but has spent most of her life in Columbia, Maryland. After graduation, Ore plans to start her research internship at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. What she appreciates most about The Honors College was all the memories she made while living in Douglass and all her peers she met in her Honors classes. Ore was the Vice President of the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students, a member of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honors association as well as the College Liaison for The Fischer College of Science and Mathematics. She would like to thank God, her family, and friends for helping and encouraging her throughout her college career.

# Onyedikachukwu Onyemeziem

Onyedika Onyemeziem is from Baltimore, Maryland, and will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. After graduation, Onyedika plans to start her new job at MedStar Harbor Hospital in a psychiatric unit. I appreciated the personal and academic friendships I have made while in Honors College. Onyedika was the president of Not Your Granny's Book Club and secretary of Towson University Student Nursing Association. Onyedika was a recipient of an Undergraduate Research Grant to perform research over the summer. Onyedika would like to thank her mentors Dr. McCartney, Dr. Gitter, Dr. Mark, and Dr. Brewer. Onyedika would also like to thank my friends and family who were there for me through the happiest moment of my life.

# Madisyn Parisi

Madisyn Parisi hails from Marriottsville, MD and will graduate with a degree in accounting and a creative writing minor. During their time at Towson, they earned a 3.97 GPA and served as both treasurer and communicator for Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society. In their senior year, they proudly worked as the copyeditor of Towson’s lit mag, Grub Street, which is also publishing their short story, “The Psychologist”. After graduation, they will be studying abroad in Italy and preparing for the CPA exam before they begin their accounting career at PwC. They would like to thank all of the friends and family who supported them throughout these past four years, both in their studies and their life.

# Julia Phillips

Julia Phillips is from Frederick, Maryland, and will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a health science minor. After graduation, Julia will begin working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at University of Maryland Medical Center as a new graduate registered nurse. She hopes to return to school in hopes of receiving her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and become a nurse practitioner. Julia was a member of the Towson University Marching Band and Indoor Color Guard for all four years of college and served as a captain of the color guard for three years. During her time in the Honors College, Julia completed independent research about both caregiver vaccine hesitancy and neonatal abstinence syndrome under the guidance of Dr. Karen Frank and Dr. Michelle Ness. Julia would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors at the Towson University Honors College for their unwavering support throughout the last four years.

# Sydney Redford

Sydney Redford is from Bel Air, Maryland and will graduate Towson with honors in Political Science and International Studies. After graduation, Sydney will go on to pursue a Master's of Arts in Security Policy Studies with a concentration in conflict resolution at George Washington University. At Towson University, Sydney was able to further her skills in research, by being a member of the Undergraduate Research Club and conducting two research projects that she was able to present at numerous conferences, such as Pi Sigma Alpha, a national honor society for political science, and the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference. Sydney is a member in different honors societies across different disciplines, like Pi Delta Phi, the French Honor Society and Lambda Alpha, the Anthropological Honor Society. She has also volunteered with Towson-University- Baltimore County Public Schools Model UN, helping high-schoolers understand what it is like to be a diplomat. She also studied abroad in the UK through Towson learning about Afro-Caribbean culture in Great Britain. Sydney is incredibly grateful for her time at Towson and would like to tremendously thank her mentors Dr.Alison McCartney, Dr.Nicole Fabricant, Dr.Scott Buresh, Dr.John McTague, and Dr. Navid Hassanzadeh for their guidance.

# Ayoob Mohammed Redi

Meet Ayoob Redi, a computer science graduate from Chillum, MD. Ayoob is an accomplished student who has been a member of the Honors College and consistently made the Dean's Honors List. Ayoob gained hands-on experience through his Lab Admin Internship at Towson University, where he provided technical assistance to 150+ students and faculty. He worked as an Assistant Technician at Right Mobile, increasing production rates by 20%. Ayoob has completed various exciting projects, including developing a dynamic web application, creating a multi-class cash register emulator, and developing a range of kids' games. Ayoob is poised to make a significant impact in the tech industry.

# Alexandra Reifer

Alexandra Reifer is graduating with a BS in chemistry and a BS in applied mathematics. She would like to thank her family, peers, and professors for all of their support and encouragement throughout her college career.

# Abigail Rieland

Abigail Rieland is from Mount Airy, Maryland and will graduate with a degree in Exercise Science. After graduation, she will attend Shenandoah University to earn a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. Abigail is greatly appreciative of the opportunities that were provided to her through the Honors College. Specifically, she received a grant to work as an undergraduate research for the College of Health Professions during the Summer of 2022 and continued her work as a research assistant during her senior year. Abigail was the president of the Women's Soccer Club and an active member of the Pre-Physical Therapy Club during her time at Towson University. She would like to thank the Honors College staff and Dr. Lisa Custer for their guidance throughout her college career.

# Jada Riley

Jada Riley is from Prince George's County, Maryland and will be graduating from the Honor's College with a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship. During her time at Towson University, Jada become involved in the campus community by serving as a Community Center Assistant and Resident Assistant in Marshall Hall. After graduation, Jada plans to enroll at the Aveda Arts & Sciences Institute in Arlington, Virginia to pursue a career in cosmetology. She would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support.

# Chase Rogowsky

Chase Rogowsky, from Brunswick, Maryland, will earn a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. Next year he will pursue his Master's Degree in Marketing Intelligence from Towson University. His favorite part of the Honor's College was engaging with like-minded students in seminar classes. He would like to thank his family, friends, and teachers who pushed and supported him.

# Gregory Rothschilds

Gregory Rothschilds hails from Germantown, Maryland, and will graduate earning a degree in Information Systems. After graduation he plans to work as a software developer for a private company or for the government. What he appreciated most about being in the Honors College were the unique learning opportunities that the seminar classes provided and the structure of the classes that allowed him to learn different skills and perspectives along with building different communication and research skills that have become useful for the future. He would like to thank the Honors College staff and his family for helping him throughout his college career.

# Brittany Rotolo

# Caleb Ruby

Caleb Ruby will graduate cum laude with a major in political science and minors in history and economics. While earning his degree, Caleb co-founded the Towson University Music Collective, a student organization designed to connect music enthusiasts who may not be studying music at TU. He also represented TU at the 2020 National Student Issues Conference and served as a student leader at the 2020 TU-BCPS Model UN Conference. Following graduation, he plans on pursuing a career in public policy, either in Maryland or at the federal level. Caleb would like to deeply thank Dr. Roberts, Dr. Zajicek, Dr. McTague, Dr. Gitter, Dr. Draguljić, Dr. Frye, and every other professor who made his educational experience unforgettable.

# Ryan Sandoval

Ryan is graduating a year early, magna cum laude with a degree in psychology. Following graduation, Ryan will continue to provide ABA therapy for children on the autism spectrum. Her long term goal is to study abroad in Spain, earning her masters degree in General Health Psychology. This will allow her to fulfill her dream of becoming a mental health counselor specializing in trauma and anxiety disorders. Ryan is grateful to have been a part of the honors college as it provided the opportunity to learn from wonderful professors and expand her knowledge through its interdisciplinary approach.

# Nicholas Schardt

Nick Schardt is from Annapolis, Maryland and will graduate this spring with a degree in economics. He plans to attend USAF Pilot Training next year in Oklahoma.

# Emma Shakan

Emma Shakan will graduate in May 2023 with Honors, earning a degree in Family and Human Services and a minor in Deaf Studies. After graduation, Emma plans to continue her studies through a Masters program in Europe as a human service professional. Emma feels the most thankful for the various experiential learning opportunities that the Honors College made available while completing her undergraduate degree. Emma was a member of the Dean’s Student Advisory Council and was an active member on campus as a group fitness instructor for Campus Rec. She would like to thank the Family and Human Service department’s professors and peers, her friends, and most importantly, her parents for supporting her throughout her college career.

# Bryn Shane

Bryn Shane is a Howard County native and is set to graduate cum laude from the College of Health Professions with a degree in Sport Management. After graduation, Bryn plans to work in the exciting world of professional sport, focusing on community relations. Bryn studied abroad in Florence, Italy during the Fall 2022 semester and was the proud recipient of an Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship. She would like to acknowledge the Honors College advisors, the entire sport management department, and her family for their constant support. Thanks to them, Bryn has accomplished everything she hoped and more at Towson.

# Kiarré Sherman

Kiarré Sherman is from Waldorf, Maryland and will graduate cum laude with a bachelor's in music education. Upon graduation, Kiarré will be teaching instrumental music at a public school in Maryland. Throughout her time at Towson, she was a member of various organizations including the Student Government Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, the National Council of Negro Women and the World Famous Towson University Marching Band. What she enjoyed most was serving as a section leader in the symphony orchestra. She would like to thank her parents and her director, Dr. Cristopher Cicconi, for helping her throughout her time at Towson.

# Sarah Skordas

Sarah Skordas is from Anne Arundel County, Maryland and will earn a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science with a Cyber Operations concentration, coupled with a Mathematics minor. Sarah plans to enjoy some time with her family, friends, and her dog, Ollie, before starting work in the Ft. Meade area in late summer. The Honors College is where Sarah met some of her closest friends and for that, she is forever grateful. The reduced Honors class sizes allowed for comradary between students and professors alike, where deeper relationships could be built. She would like to thank all of the Honors College staff and professors, as well as her Mathematics and Computer Science professors, for all of their support throughout her college career. Finally, she would also like to thank her parents, sister, and her boyfriend, for providing their unwavering support, encouragement, and love during her four years as a student at Towson.

# Shawn Slade II

Shawn Slade II, from Prince George’s County, MD, will graduate cum laude, with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. Following graduation, Shawn plans to continue his career as a real estate agent and investor, while also pursuing an MBA. Shawn appreciated the close-knit community, small class sizes and extremely dedicated professors of the Honors College. He says being able to register for classes before other student’s wasn’t too bad either. Shawn was a recipient of the University of Maryland Alumni Association International scholarship, as well as the Keith L. Ewancio Mass Communication Scholarship. He would like to thank the entire Honors College staff, Dr. Fox, and his family for helping him complete this chapter of his life.

# Catherine Smith

Catherine Smith is from Perry Hall, Maryland. She will graduate from the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics with a B.S. in Mathematics with a concentration in Secondary Education. Catherine will be a proud graduate of the UTeach program as well. She will be teaching High School Mathematics this upcoming academic year. What she appreciated most about being in The Honors College were the diverse students and topics that she experienced in her Honors classes; they helped make her experience at Towson University memorable and worthwhile. Catherine would like to thank her family, friends, and Honors College staff for helping her and motivating her throughout her undergraduate career.

# Zakkai Smith

Zi Smith is from Baltimore, Maryland, and is earning a degree in Forensic Chemistry with a focus in trace and drug analysis. After graduation, he plans on attending graduate school at Towson University for forensic science. Over the summer, he will be interning with the Baltimore Police Department, working in drug and trace analysis evidence. Over his time at Towson, he has worked in the anthropology lab, developing experiments on aquatic degradation, DNA contamination, and latent fingerprint development and analysis. Zi would like to thank his family, friends, Drs. Kollmann, Anderson, Moran, Margulies, Bushey, and Kautzman for their support.

# Rebecca (Beck) Snyder

Beck Snyder (she/they) is from Clear Spring, Maryland, and will graduate in spring 2023 with a Bachelor’s in English on the Creative Writing track and a minor in Film. Having made the Dean’s List every semester, they have kept up a cumulative GPA of 3.96. She has spent the last year working as an intern with Yellow Arrow Publishing, a Baltimore-based nonprofit organization that focuses on uplifting women-identifying voices in the publishing industry. During their time at TU, they worked as a Community Center Assistant at Tubman House on campus. She received the Three Arts Club Homeland Award for a collection of poetry she wrote in her senior year. Beck is uncertain where their future lies after graduation, but they are hoping to get a job in the publishing industry and are excited to discover where life will take them. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her no matter her endeavors and her amazing writing professors who have helped her grow her skills far beyond what she imagined she was capable of.

# Samantha Sobel

# Daryna Soloviova

Daryna Soloviova, originally from Kherson, Ukraine, will be graduating with a degree in General Physics before continuing on in her Accelerated Masters program in Applied Physics. Within her department, Daryna was the president of the Towson chapter of the physics honor society, Sigma Pi Sigma, and conducted research in the field of material physics. While at Towson, Daryna has participated in many Honors College events including being a Orientation Mentor for several years and taking part in the Undergraduate Research Club. Daryna was the recipient of the Summer Undergraduate Research Grant. She would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, her mentor Dr. Vera Smolyaninova, and her family for helping her throughout her undergraduate career and research.

# Ryan Sosnoski

Ryan Sosnoski is from Severna Park, Maryland, and will graduate with a degree in Computer Science with a track in Cyber Operations. After graduation, Ryan will intern in Philadelphia for the summer before he resumes his studies at Towson University, aiming to finish the Accelerated Masters Program and obtain a degree in Computer Science with a track in Cybersecurity. He would like to thank all the faculty and staff at Towson University for allowing him to further his education and his family and friends for their endless support.

# Angelique Sumilang

Angelique Sumilang is from Forest Hill, Maryland, and will graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry & Bioinformatics. After graduation, Angelique is planning on attending medical school in the Fall 2023. The Honors College gave Angelique opportunities and a sense of community through events, activities, and classes throughout the three years Angelique was at Towson. What she loved most about the Honors College were the seminars and the professors, as they inspired her to think critically, ask questions, and value curiosity. Angelique was an undergraduate learning assistant for Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II lecture and lab courses, a writing tutor for the TU Writing Center, and a researcher in Cell Biology. She was a recipient for the Fisher Scholar since Fall 2020, which paid for her tuitions at Towson for the past six semesters. She would like to thank all the faculty and staff in the Honors College and her family for the unwavering support and help throughout her undergraduate career. In the next chapter of her life, Angelique will take her experiences and use them to help and treat her future patients.

# Grace Sweet

Grace Sweet will graduate cum laude, earning a dual degree in elementary and special education. After graduation, Grace will be teaching in a general education elementary classroom in Howard County. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College was the small classes and like-minded peers. Grace was a recipient of the Edna May Merson and Mary Etzler Ware Scholarships. She would like to thank all of the staff in the Honors College, College of Education, her mentor Dr. Gartland, and her family for helping her pursue her degree.

# Francesca Angela

# Therese Tamayo

# Samantha Topka

Sam Topka originally from West Chester, Pennsylvania, graduated with a dual degree in Chemistry and Forensic Chemistry. Starting in the Fall of 2023, she will be pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at Boston University. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College is it encouraged her involvement in research, which led her to discover she has a passion for it and changed her career path. She worked with Dr. Devadas in her nanoscience lab. In addition, she was involved with the Forensic Science Student Organization and the Club Swim Team. She would like to thank Dr. Devadas for encouraging and guiding her as well as the other chemistry faculty.

# Michael Twele

Michael Twele, a Maryland native, will be graduating with a degree in Electronic Media & Film and a minor in Business, Communication, & the Liberal Arts. During his time at TU, Michael has written and directed a variety of original short films and gained experience as an Assistant Director on feature films throughout the country. At the end of the semester, Michael will be moving to Georgia to continue his work in the entertainment industry.

Michael would like to thank the EMF faculty, the Honors college staff, the Douglass house RAs, and his mom for all of their support throughout his time at Towson.

# Tamara Vallejo-Schmidt

Tamara Vallejo-Schmidt will earn her MB3 (Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics) degree. After graduation, she plans on obtaining her Master's degree in biomedical sciences at Towson University. She is excited to join the Bridges to Doctorate program and continue learning the innerworkings of the scientific community. She will also start her summer research program at Jhon's Hopkins University. She would like to thank her family, her mentor Dr. Snyder and all other lab mentors, and all the staff at the Honors College.

# Celeste Vandegriff

# Mariya (Mark) Vasilchenko

Mark Vasilchenko will be graduating magna cum laude with two degrees: one in psychology and one in criminal justice. He earned Dean's List every semester and is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma. After graduation, he plans on going to graduate school to pursue a master's in forensic psychology then a PhD in a related field. He hopes to one day become a professor and conduct research on drug policy and substance abuse disorder. He would like to thank Dr. Michelle Manasse for her unwavering enthusiasm in regards to his pursuit of academia, as well as his family for their continued support.

# Daniela Velasco

Daniela Velasco raised in Wheaton, Maryland, will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Molecular Biology under a Pre-med track. During her time at Towson, Daniela was a founding member of the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students, a club that mentors and guides students on their path toward medical school. She interned at a BioTech company where she worked alongside a team eager to cure hemorrhagic shock. Her main role as an intern was to utilize a physics-based drug design system to create antibody mutations to develop a potential cure. Daniela also has a strong interest in language arts which comes from studying Italian for five years. During her senior year, she had the opportunity to study abroad in Venice, Italy where she used her Italian knowledge to navigate through one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Although Daniela's time at Towson is coming to end, she is eager to continue learning and using the skills the Honors College has provided her with. She would like to thank the Honors College, her favorite chemistry professor, Dr. Ma, her siblings for motivating her, and her mom for sacrificing everything to provide her with a better life.

# Matthew Vollmuth

# Brett Weeks

Brett Weeks is a resident of Abingdon, Maryland, and graduated with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry in December 2022. He plans on attending medical school in Fall 2024. He would like to thank the faculty of Towson University for the opportunities bestowed upon him, as well as the Fisher family for the honor of receiving the Jess Fisher FCSM scholarship.

# Anna Welsh

Anna Welsh is graduating with a degree in Biology with a concentration in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation. During her time at Towson, Anna has acted as an undergraduate learning assistant for various biology courses, assisted in field research with Maryland Northern Map Turtles and Allegheny Woodrats, and conducted outreach for the Towson-Port Deposit Maryland Northern Map Turtle Project. She has also participated in undergraduate research at Towson, studying Allegheny Woodrat populations and their dispersal patterns. She would like to thank Dr. Doyle, Dr. Kimble, Dr. LaPolla, the TU Biology Department, and the Honors College for their support throughout her undergraduate career. Anna gives special thanks to her family for their continued love and support, and for listening to all her fun animal facts and TED Talks about her current projects.

# Leah Wenstrom

Leah Wenstrom is from Columbia, Maryland and will be graduating summa cum laude with a degree in psychology. During her time at Towson, she was a part of the Clinical Psychology Area of Focus Program and through that program, she completed a year-long internship at Pro Bono Counseling. Her presentation of this internship at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning earned her first place in the internship category. After graduation, Leah plans to gain more experience in her field before pursuing a Psy.D. to become a psychologist. She would like to extend thanks to her family, close friends, and mentors who provided support throughout her undergraduate career.

# Ash Westgate

Ash Westgate from Pittstown, NJ, has graduated and earned their degree in Psychology, along with a minor in women and gender studies. After graduating, Ash has begun working at Sheppard Pratt as a Mental Health worker before starting their masters in counseling psychology at Towson University this upcoming Fall. The Honors college played a major role in the success of this student, and their favorite part of being in the Honors college was the close knit community between peers. Ash was selected as a representative of the Honors college for the Fall 2022 convocation, and has achieved many other awards at TU including the Out of State tiger award, the Mary Lee Farlow scholarship, the MVP of Tubman House, the Key to West Village, along with others. Their time at Towson could not have been as successful and happy as it was without their mentors at the Counseling Center, Becca Cossaboom and Rachel Millary, and they look forward to a bright future.

# Justin Williamson

Joshua Wilmer Joshua Wilmer was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, and will graduate Magna Cum Laude, earning a degree in Spanish on the Pre-Medical track. After graduation, Joshua will continue to work as a medical assistant and researcher, applying to four-year medical programs in the hopes of becoming a physician. What he will remember most about being in The Honors College were the unique and diverse learning experiences had in and outside the classroom. As a Senior undergraduate researcher, Joshua had the opportunity to present his research findings at several distinguished conferences and presentations including the Harvard National Collegiate Research Conference, the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, and won first place at the Towson University Celebration of Scholarships and Learning for Research. He would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, his mentor Dr. Dickie, and his family for their unwavering support.

# Julia Winovich

Julia Winovich is from Clarksburg, Maryland, and will graduate cum laude, earning a degree in economics with a minor in finance. Julia plans to further her education with a masters program in economics and or finance. Julia's favorite part of being in the Honors College was the personal relationships and small classrooms that allowed for vivid discussion and helping her become a more well-rounded student. The seminars touched on advanced topics that make a student more aware and knowledgeable about the events of the world around them. Julia presented her research on economic disparity across the United States at the Honors Celebration of Scholarship and Learning. She is also a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon, a prestigious international economics honors society. Julia would like to thank her family, members of the honors college and her economics professors for her development across her undergraduate career and the knowledge she gained.

# Hunter Wynne

# Leah Young

# Emma Zanfardino