Alexus Addison

Alexus Addison came to Towson University as a transfer student from Prince George's County, Maryland. She will graduate with honors, earning a degree in Electronic Media and Film. After graduation, Alexus plans to pursue graduate school to receive her MFA in Film Production. What she appreciated most about being in the Honors College, was that the coursework, projects and discussions helped her to explore how to use her field to make a positive impact in her community. She actively served the local community with the honors service group Honors Helping Hands, which led to her becoming a recipient of the Cynthia R. Kalodner Honors College Service-Learning Scholarship, for her service work in and outside her curriculum. She has also studied abroad in the New Zealand landscape to study film, animation and visual effects. She presented her excursion and final project at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning Conference of Fall 2019, receiving the Audience Choice Award. Alexus has been a student assistant in the Honors College Office for two years and would like to thank all of the staff for making her time at Towson University a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Marisa Bennett

Marisa Bennett from Toms River, NJ will graduate with honors with a degree in nursing. During her time at Towson, Marisa completed research on the impact of fatigue and sleep on postpartum weight retention with Dr. Burgess. She presented her work at the Northeast Regional Honors Convention and the Maryland Nurses Association Convention. She was a student ambassador, member of TUSNA, Tri Delta, and Sigma Theta Tau. She completed her externship in labor and delivery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. After graduation, she will begin her career as a registered nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital on the labor and delivery unit. She would like to thank Dr. Adriane Burgess and Nana Omole for helping her to succeed and achieve her dreams.

Ali Brill

Ali has thoroughly enjoyed her time here at Towson University - both trips. She entered Towson University as an Honors College student with a major in Psychology in 2011, and has since left, and returned as a Philosophy major. She found her niche in the Philosophy department here at Towson, and the Honors College allowed her the flexibility to expand on it. She is applying to graduate schools with a focus in Environmental Philosophy, and cannot wait to begin the next
Megan Clark

Megan Clark is from Odenton, Maryland, and will graduate with honors, earning a degree in Computer Science with a track in Computer Security. She was an intern for the Office of Technology Services in the Digital Accessibility office for over a year and was in Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity here on campus. Megan’s first job in her field was teaching programming/technology classes to kids aged 8-15 at community colleges with courses including: Drones, Robotics, Make your own App, App.io, and Code your own Adventure. Megan also completed a summer internship at the Department of Defense and accepted a job offer there for when she graduates as a Digital Network Exploitation Analyst. During her last semester here, Megan was awarded the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum Scholarship.

Cecelia Coley

Cecilia Coley hails from Chesapeake Beach, MD and will be graduating with honors, earning degrees in Music and International Studies as well as a minor in French. After graduation Cecilia plans on finding a job and using her skills learned at Towson. Cecilia was the secretary of her fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota, earned a place in Pi Delta Phi, a French Honors Society, and wrote a thesis her super-senior semester about rescue opera. She would like to thank her boyfriend, her parents and sister, and her wonderful professors at Towson.

Marissa Davies

Marissa Davies will graduate with honors, earning herself a degree in Electronic Media and Film. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in film and video production with a specialization in editing. She would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors for helping her achieve her goals, and for believing in her.

Emily Hoover

Emily Hoover comes from Sparks, Maryland, and will graduate with honors, earning a degree in biology. After graduation, Emily will be working at Mount Carmel Animal Hospital as she awaits her response from the Virginia-Maryland School of Veterinary Medicine. Emily conducted research under Dr. Beck and Dr. Oufiero of the Biology department working with sugar gliders. She would like to thank the staff of the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics and the staff of the Honors College for all of the support throughout her college career.
Alina Pargamanik

Alina Pargamanik is from Reisterstown, Maryland, and will graduate with honors, earning a degree in Business Administration - Marketing. After graduation, Alina plans to continue working at Pessin Katz Law and attend law school in the fall. What she appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being able to take a variety of discussion-based Honors seminars in interesting topics outside of her major. Alina was an Honors College Recruitment Officer, a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society, and a recipient of the Towson Seminar Information Literacy Award. She would like to thank all of the faculty and staff at the Honors College and her family for their unconditional support throughout her college career.

Matthew Phillips

Matthew Phillips is from Calvert County, Maryland and is graduating early from the honors college. Matthew majored in Political Science and minored in Economics. Upon graduating, Matthew will be working at M&T Bank. Matt’s college career was highly influenced by the guidance of the honors college and his major. Matthew worked closely with Honors College Director and Political Science Professor Dr. Alison McCartney. He was a Bureau Chief for Dr. McCartney’s ICONs class and preformed independent study under her guidance. Matt presented his research at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference. During his time in college, Matt held four different on-campus jobs and completed an internship with the USDA Office of Congressional Relations where he worked to facilitate the goals of the department and members of Congress. Matt would like to provide thanks to Dr. Alison McCartney, Dr. James Roberts, Dr. John McTague, and his other professors for making his college career such a positive experience.

Mary Lou Puglese

Mary Lou Puglese is from Fallston, Maryland and will graduate with honors, earning a degree in biology. She has been accepted to participate in the Disney College Program in the spring of 2020 in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Resort. After the DCP, Mary Lou hopes to attend optometry school to become an eye doctor. While in the Honors College, Mary Lou was an Honors Orientation Leader and an active participant of Honors College events. She enjoyed living in the Honors housing in Douglass where she met most of her close friends. In January of 2019, Mary Lou studied abroad in Venice, Italy. She was president and a founding member of the Pre-Optometry Society and a member of TriBeta, a biological honor society. Mary Lou will be the Honors College banner carrier at the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics commencement ceremony. She would like to thank the Honors College staff, as well as friends and family for assisting her throughout her time at Towson University. She would especially like to thank her two sisters and parents for always supporting her.
Cassidy Sell

Cassidy Sell is from Annapolis, Maryland and will be graduating with honors earning a B.S. in nursing. Following graduation and earning her nursing license she will begin working in the adult intensive care unit at St. Agnes Hospital. During her time at Towson Cassidy had the opportunity to study abroad in Australia and hopes to one day pursue a career in travel nursing. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support throughout the last four year and she is excited to see what the future hold.

Hannah Shevitz

Hannah Shevitz, from Annapolis, MD, will graduate with Honors, and a degree in Health Science. After graduation, Hannah plans to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology, with the hopes of opening her own practice. Hannah is most thankful that the Honors College gave her the opportunity to study abroad in Israel, to fulfill her internship requirement. Hannah describes Israel as an eye opening experience that changed her views, and pushed her to further pursue her goal of practicing mental health. The Honors College fostered experiential learning and growth in her creativity. During her time at Towson, Hannah achieved membership of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Second Place for the Internship and Poster Board category at the Celebration of Scholarship and Learning. She would like to thank Dr. McCartney for advising her throughout her time in the Honors College, and for encouraging her to study abroad. She would also like to thank Professor Reiner for allowing herself to comfortably explore her creativity through writing, and the many other Professors that stood as inspiration to Hannah and her goals.

Tyler Williams

Tyler Williams is from Bel Air, Maryland and will graduate with honors, earning a degree in Mass Communication. After graduation, Tyler will continue his full time position at McCormick and Company, where he works as a Marketing & Sales Analyst. His favorite part of his time at Towson was serving as a Resident Assistant in the Frederick Douglass House. He also served as the President of the Towson College Republicans. He would like to thank all of the faculty, friends, and family who supported him throughout his time at Towson.

Paige Zaleppa

Paige Zaleppa grew up in Mountain Top, PA and will graduate with a degree in Information Systems. After graduation, she plans to stay at Towson to pursue a master’s degree in Computer Science. During her time at Towson she was President of Software Engineering Club and completed an Independent Study on Digital Legacies in the Information Age. She would like to thank all of the faculty and staff of the Computer and Information Sciences Department, the faculty and staff of the Honors College, and her family for helping her throughout her college career.