



# Frederik Meijer Honors College

## Honors Senior Recognition Fall 2020

# Aubrey Bills

Nursing



- Created a brochure to expand health education and promotion for Mount Mercy residents
- Plans to stay in the Grand Rapids area and begin working as a Registered Nurse

# Grace Branding

Liberal Studies



- Founder of Interrogate Injustice: a social justice centered community reading group
- Semester in Detroit Participant in Fall 2019 with an internship at The James and Grace Lee Boggs School in Detroit
- Plans to move to California to work and snowboard everyday before taking up a more permanent position in the fight for racial equity as a community organizer

# Shelby Byrne

Psychology



- Grand Valley allowed me the opportunity to work at the 2020 Information Desk and eventually become a student manager. This pushed me out of my comfort zone and let me discover that I can be comfortable in a leadership position
- Accepted an offer to work as a site director at a daycare while studying to become a special education teacher

# Claire Cavarretta

Public and Nonprofit Administration



- Integrative Health Intern at Oasis of Hope Center
- Spearheaded a health initiative called Project Hope for Oasis of Hope patients
- Plans to intern with Spectrum Health in the Lifestyle Medicine Department and pursue a Master's in Social Innovation from GVSU in Winter 2021

# Andrew Colombo

Business Economics &  
Entrepreneurship



- Graduate School Intern, Van Andel Institute
- Development Intern, Friends of Grand Rapids Parks
- Sales and Marketing Intern, MessageWrap
- Business Analyst, Monroe Equity Partners
- Will be continuing role as a business analyst at Monroe Equity Partners



# Olivia Dubay

Biomedical Sciences



- Greatest accomplishments include working full time in a leadership position while still achieving good grades, enrolling in the biostatistics masters program a semester early, and making valuable connections with friends, faculty and staff
- Plans to complete a biostatistics masters program and find a career in data science

# Meredith Filter

Special Education



- Helped develop a comprehensive curriculum for a Life Skills Special Education Class while abroad in Arusha, Tanzania
- Phi Kappa Phi member
- Plans to teach in a resource room while completing the Learning Disabilities Internship program through the Master's of Special Education



# Alexandra Gemmen

Allied Health Sciences with a minor in  
Business



- Senior project on Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
- Advisor on the health care board for the Careerline Technical Center OAISD
- Attending UToledo to obtain a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies

# Shelby Godlewski

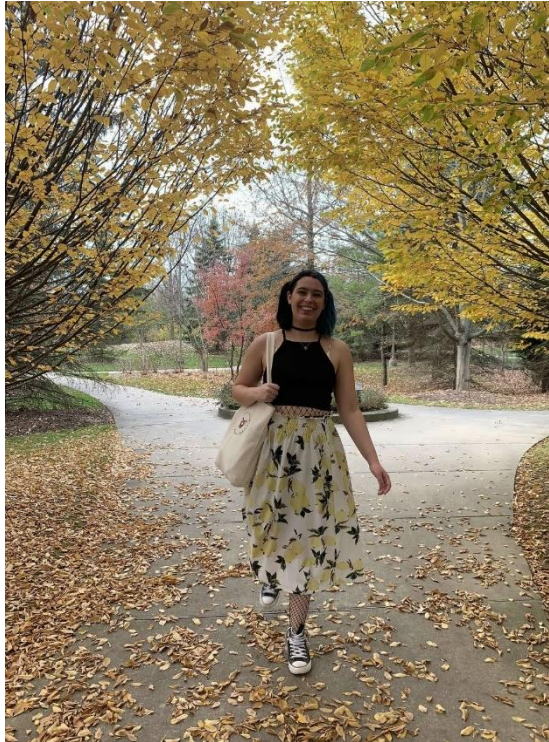
Biomedical Sciences with a minor in  
Anthropology



- Conducted research on Alternative Medicine in the Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder and Anxiety
- Very proud of the very wide range of classes that I took (especially with a minor in Anthropology) that educated me on many, many aspects of the world, and gave me cultural understanding and appreciation

# Madison Haack

International Relations with a minor  
in Chinese Language



- Intern at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Washington D.C. (Summer 2019)
- Honors Mentor
- Plans to join an AmeriCorps program this year and then travel to China

# Andrea Holt

## Nursing



- Greatest accomplishment while at GVSU has been my ability to help others; beginning as a honors student ambassador, moving on to a teaching assistant of a class I helped to create, than as a CLA Fellow for 3 years, and as a delegate in the Student Nurses Association
- Accepted a position at Metro Health University of Michigan as an RN in Labor and Delivery



# Jonathon Hufford

Public and Nonprofit Administration with  
a minor in Latin American Studies



- Greatest accomplishment was co-founding a chapter of an international nonprofit organization (Global Brigades) at Grand Valley which has grown since 2018
- Plans to work in the nonprofit or public sectors, for a local government or nonprofit organization that addresses food insecurity, LGBTQ justice, or the refugee/immigration crisis

# Kira Jarvi

Allied Health Sciences with a minor  
in Business (General)



- Senior project on Islamophobia within American culture after 9/11
- Will be joining the IT department at Sparrow Health System in January



# Avery Jones

Advertising & Public Relations with a  
minor in Spanish



- Account Executive at GrandPR
- Conducted research project regarding the benefits and drawbacks of native advertising, and its prevalence in West Michigan media
- Plans to pursue a career in corporate communications or public affairs

# Lindsey Kumpula

Political Science & International  
Relations



- Vice President of Finance for GVSU Law Society
- Intern at Legal Assistance Center of Grand Rapids
- Plans to continue working as a legal assistant in Grand Rapids before attending law school in the Fall 2021 semester to pursue a career in the field of child advocacy

# Megan Latreille

Nursing



- Greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was finding a passion in nursing that allows her to help advocate for and heal the Grand Rapids community
- Plans to begin my nursing career in the New Grad Float Pool at Spectrum Health to gain experience before becoming a travel nurse

# Michael Marry

Accounting with a minor in Criminal  
Justice



- Conducted research on: Accounting Standards Updated in 2019 for Lease Accounting, Student Loan Debt Forgiveness, Criminal Enron Collapse of 2001 and 2002, and Human Trafficking Research with a Focus on West Michigan
- Plans to begin full time employment in Domestic Tax Compliance and Planning

# Trevor McMahon

Entrepreneurship & Operations Management  
with a minor in International Business



- Partnered with Spectrum Health Innovations to design and develop a device to reduce bioburden (blood, tissue, bone, etc.) within the OR, and reduce the risks of surgical site infection
- Studied abroad in Spain (2019)
- Plans to work as a Business Developer for Velocity Research and begin building his own company

# Lyndsay Mosby

English Language and Literature with  
a minor in Writing



- Studied abroad at Kingston University, London, England, in 2019
- Greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley is the relationships built academically, professionally, personally, and abroad, over the course of the last three and a half years
- Plans to pursue a career in writing and editing, looking specifically at nonprofit organizations



# Sydney Phipps

Supply Chain Management & Finance



- APICS Scholar
- Global Supply Chain and Manufacturing Intern at General Motors
- Plans to continue at General Motors full-time as a material planner in the Global Supply Chain Department

# John Reeves

Statistics with a minor in Data Science



- Vice President of the Math and Stats Club
- After college, I plan to pursue a career in stand-up comedy because I really want to make my parents proud of me. Graduate/Law school may also be in my future, but I'm happy with wherever the wind will take me!

# Haley Sawatzki

Global Studies & Social Impact with a  
minor in Latin American & Latino/a  
Studies



- Studied abroad in Medellín and Cartagena, Colombia (Fall 2019)
- Interned at Kalpata in Medellín
- Plans to go to South America after graduation

# Sydney Sprau

Allied Health Sciences



- Published work through the Design Thinking Academy
- Senior project on the allocation of healthcare resources
- Plans to obtain Master's in Public Health at GVSU

# Heather Stoliker

Human Resources Management

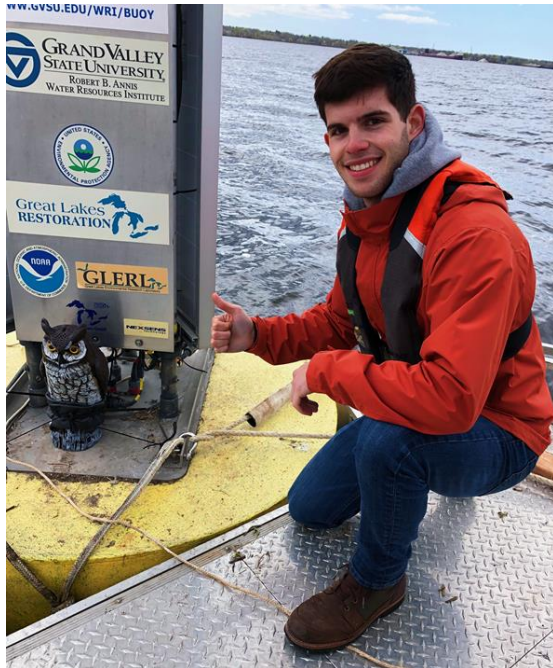


- Senior project on the gender wage gap
- Accepted an offer at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors in their human resources department as part of the HR eXelerated Rotational Program at the Novi, MI office and Highland Park, MI manufacturing plant



# Ian Stone

Natural Resources Management with a  
minor in Biology



- Annis Water Resources Institute Summer Internship
- Michigan Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Fellowship
- Vice President and Academic chair of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity
- Plans to obtain a graduate degree in environmental policy and science



# Samantha Super

Biology (Pre-Vet)



- Head Committee Chair of the 2020 West Michigan Regional APVMA Symposium
- Plans on attending veterinary school after graduation

# Eric-John Szczepaniak

Public and Nonprofit Administration  
with a minor in History



- Student Body President (April 2019 - Sept 2020)
- Kenowa Hills school board member
- Intends to work in local government or a nonprofit that will strengthen his community. His personal goal is to continually build agency and ownership in communities and strengthening our democracy.

# Olivia Trombley

Biomedical Sciences



- Cook Leadership Academy Fellow
- GVSU Varsity soccer player
- President & Founder of The Aspiras Foundation at GVSU
- Plans to attend dental school at UNC Adams School of Dentistry

# Taylor VanDerLaan

Studio Art (Graphic Design)



- Graphic Design Internship at Tekton
- Was able to participate in a variety of graphic design opportunities that allowed Taylor to further develop skills learned in class and confidently start on career path as a designer
- Accepted a full-time job as a graphic designer at Tekton in Grand Rapids

# Amanda Vander Woude

Education & Computer Science and Arts  
for Teaching with a minor in Spanish  
(Teaching)



- Studied abroad in Valencia, Spain (Fall 2019)
- Senior project on the education system in juvenile detention centers
- Plans to be a long term substitute and hopefully get a full time teaching position in the Fall

# Lukila Witthoeft

Biomedical Sciences



- Senior project on infant mortality in Michigan
- Studied abroad in Haiti (Summer 2018)
- President of Doctors Without Borders
- Plans to attend Michigan State College of Human Medicine in the Fall of 2021



# Olivia Zander

Biomedical Sciences



- Studied abroad in Ghana
- Senior project on the care of pregnant women in Ghana and the US
- Plans to continue to work to get patient care hours for PA school before applying in Spring 2021

# Paige Zielinski

Biomedical Sciences with a minor in  
Psychology



- Completed senior project on the biochemical effects of doxorubicin, and how these effects contribute to chemotherapy induced cognitive impairment (CICI)
- Laboratory research with Dr. Martin Burg
- Plans to attend medical school and become a surgeon

# Zoie Zvonar

Psychology with a minor in  
Sociology



- Senior project on teaching the causes and consequences of materialism for elementary students through stories
- Studied abroad in Ghana for 6 weeks
- Plans to go back to school after taking a gap year to become a School Psychologist