



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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**2023-2024
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FALL 2023 GRADUATES



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NOOR ABU-RUS

Noor Abu-Rus, from Dearborn Heights, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *magna cum laude* with a minor in communication and University Honors. After graduation, Noor plans to complete her current research project before entering Master's and Ph.D. programs in forensic psychology. At EMU, Noor participated in Active Minds, serving as secretary for two years. During her final semester at EMU, Noor earned her 4th-degree black belt in TaeKwonDo, officially making her a Master. What Noor appreciated most about The Honors College were early registration and smaller classes. Noor would like to thank her dad Tareq, her mom Amal, and her brothers Ibrahim, Khalid, and Zacharia for being her #1 supporters and always a phone call away. She would also like to thank her best friend Ayah Baydoun for always being there for her.

MYA ABUGHANNAM

Mya Abughannam, from Canton, MI, earned a B.A. in political science *magna cum laude* with minors in marketing and language, literature, and writing and University Honors. After graduation, Mya plans to work towards a Master's degree in political science. What Mya appreciated most about The Honors College was early registration. Mya would like to thank her mother for always pushing her to do her best.



FAITH AEILLO



Faith Aeillo, from Lake Orion, MI, earned a B.S. in secondary special education *summa cum laude* with a concentration in cognitive impairment, minors in secondary education communication and theatre arts and arts and entertainment management, and University Honors, Departmental Honors in Special Education, and Highest Honors. After graduation, Faith plans to work as a teacher in a Michigan secondary special education transition classroom. At EMU, Faith was a founding member and president of the Sexual Assault and Rape Awareness (SARA) student organization and received a 4-year, full-ride Presidential Scholarship. What Faith appreciated most about The Honors College was the access to all the programs and resources the College provides. Faith would like to thank her mother for endless support, inspiration and encouragement and her family and friends for their love and support.

MONEEBAH ASHRAF

Moneebah Ashraf, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *summa cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, Moneebah plans to continue her research internship at the University of Michigan while she applies to medical school. At EMU, Moneebah was involved with the EMU Pre-Med Club and served as a peer mentor. What Moneebah appreciated the most about The Honors College was the support she received from faculty, staff, and the close community of the Honors College. Moneebah would like to thank Dr. E. for her guidance and advice, her mom and dad for always being there through the highs and lows of the past few years, and her siblings.



EMMA BENNETT



Emma Bennett, from Grass Lake, MI, earned a B.S.N. in nursing *magna cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Nursing.

EMILIA BRANDENBURG

Emilia Brandenburg, from Wyandotte, MI, earned a B.A. in communication *summa cum laude* with a minor in management and University Honors. After graduation, Emilia plans to continue her career in human resources as a talent acquisition partner at American Axle & Manufacturing in Detroit while she pursues an MBA. What Emilia appreciated most about The Honors College was being part of a small community where she could connect with peers and faculty. She would like to thank her family for their endless love and support.



MAE BUMPUS



Mae Bumpus, from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.A. in arts and entertainment management *summa cum laude* with a minor in marketing and Departmental Honors in Arts and Entertainment Management. After graduation, Mae plans to seek employment in the film and TV production industry and work to recreate the magic she remembers from her childhood for generations to come. She was an active member and served as treasurer for Amplifying the Arts on campus and received the Emerald Scholarship during her time as a student. What Mae appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities it created to dive deeper into topics she was most passionate about. Mae would like to thank her mom, dad, grandparents, and three brothers for all that they have done to support, love, and encourage her along the way.

COREENA FORSTNER



Coreena Forstner, a first-generation student from Flint, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with minors in criminology and sociology and University Honors, Departmental Honors in Psychology, and Highest Honors. After graduation, Coreena will attend graduate school to obtain a Master's of social work and a Ph.D. in social work and clinical psychology. At EMU, Coreena was involved in the McNair Scholars Program and Psi Chi, the international honors society for psychology. She also served as an Honors Resident Advisor for two years, the vice president of Active Minds, and a Supplemental Instructor, was a TaLT and SURF Fellow, and received multiple fellowships and scholarships. In summer 2023, Coreena interned in an NSF-funded criminology program at Wayne State University. What Coreena enjoyed most about The Honors College was building community with her cohort. Coreena would like to thank her family, friends, and mentor, Dr. Kim Barrett, for all of their support.

SAGE GRAY



Sage Gray, from Spring, TX, earned a B.G.S. in individualized studies *summa cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, Sage plans to enter a Master's program in elementary education. At EMU, she was involved in the EMU marching band and spent a semester studying abroad in Melbourne, Australia. What Sage appreciated the most about The Honors college was getting to work with great Honors professors and advisors. She would like to thank her parents, Max and Joy Gray, for supporting her throughout her time at EMU.

HOLLY HEESTAND

Holly Heestand, from Salem, OH, earned a B.B.A. in accounting and an M.S. in accounting *summa cum laude* with a minor in psychology and University Honors. After graduation, Holly will begin her career in public accounting at Cohen & Company while studying for the CPA exam. During her time at EMU, she was involved in Beta Alpha Psi, His House, Circle K International, NSLS, a short-term study abroad program in Italy, and other student organizations. She received the Outstanding Student in Taxation Award and the Doris Tetlow Award. What Holly appreciated most about The Honors College were the small classes that allowed her to interact more closely with her classmates and her professors. She would like to thank her family for their endless support throughout her college education and her dad for sparking her love of learning.



RYLAND LAMBERT



Ryland Lambert, from Burton, MI, earned B.A. degrees in anthropology and history *summa cum laude* with a minor in political science and University Honors, Departmental Honors in Anthropology, and Highest Honors. After graduation, Ryland plans to travel and do research abroad before applying to graduate school. At EMU, he has been involved in Model United Nations, YDSA, the Anthropology Club, and Active Minds, and he received Best Delegate and Outstanding Delegation awards for Model U.N. What Ryland appreciated most about The Honors College was meeting people from around the world with interests and goals similar to his own. Ryland would like to thank his parents, Dr. Kimberly Brown and Dr. Carmen McCallum from the McNair Scholars Program, and his mentor Dr. Megan Moore for supporting him through all of his academic pursuits and for believing in his abilities as a student and as an individual outside of the classroom.

MATIAS MARTINEZ EKKEL

Matias Martinez Ekkel, from Valencia, Spain, earned a B.B.A. in finance *summa cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, Matias will work as a financial analyst in General Motors' rotational program. At EMU, he was involved in the Financial Management Association as Treasurer and the Eagle Investment Fund as Vice President, and he worked for EMU in many capacities. What Matias appreciated the most about The Honors College were the small classes, friendly peers, and engaging professors. Matias would like to thank his family and friends for their support throughout his journey and the countless people who also contributed throughout the semesters.



KYLIE MCCLAIN



Kylie McClain, from Hudson, OH, earned a B.S. in elementary special education *magna cum laude* with University Honors and Departmental Honors in Special Education. After graduation, Kylie will move to Chicago to begin her teaching career. At EMU, she worked on campus at the Program Resource Center, was a member of SARA, and received the Presidential Scholarship. What Kylie appreciated most about The Honors College were the small classes. She would like to thank her family, friends, and partner for always supporting her and encouraging her to follow her passion for working with kids with disabilities.

HALEY MILLS

Haley Mills, from Saline, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry with University Honors. After graduation, Haley plans to attend graduate school to earn a Master's degree or enter the workforce. What Haley appreciated most about The Honors College were the activities that allowed her to connect with other people. She would like to thank Dene Westbrook, Jacob Westbrook, and Elizabeth Westbrook for the support and strength that allowed her to graduate.





KARLEY MISEK

Karley Misek, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.A. in secondary education language, literature, and writing *summa cum laude* with a minor in teaching psychology and Departmental Honors in Language, Literature, and Writing. After graduation, Karley plans to start her teaching career and continue to pursue literary research. At EMU, Karley served as a peer tutor at the University Writing Center and a research assistant to Dr. Elisabeth Däumer. What Karley appreciated most about The Honors College was the support she received for her research and academic projects. Karley would like to thank Dr. Däumer for introducing her to the world of Muriel Rukeyser.

FIONA MORCOM

Fiona Morcom, from Saline, MI, earned a B.S. in Elementary and Special Education *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Special Education. After graduation, Fiona plans to teach special education in a middle school life skills classroom. At EMU, Fiona was co-president of EMU's Special Olympics team and was a recipient of the Brehm Scholarship. What Fiona appreciated most about The Honors College was the never-ending support from the faculty. She would like to thank her parents, her brother Graham, her fiancé Collin, and all of her friends and family for all of their love and support over these past four and a half years.





KIFAYA NABILSI

Kifaya Nabilsi, a first-generation student from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *magna cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Neuroscience, and Highest Honors. After graduation, Kifaya plans to apply to and attend medical school. At EMU, she served as vice-president of the Pre-Med Club, secretary of the Neuroscience Club, and vice-president of the Minority Association for Pre-Med Students (MAPS). She also received the Student Gold Medallion Award for Outstanding Leadership in 2023. What Kifaya appreciated most about The Honors College was the community and support provided by everyone in The Honors College. She would like to thank her husband, family, and friends for their continued support and love.

REBECCA SABOL

Rebecca Sabol, from Scio, OH, earned a B.S. in biology *cum laude* with a concentration in physiology, a minor in chemistry, and University Honors. After graduation, Rebecca plans to pursue her license in veterinary nursing. What Rebecca appreciated most about The Honors College was the supportive atmosphere and space for collaboration. She would like to thank her friends, her partner, and her family for all of their support over the years.





SARAH SHAFI

Sarah Shafi, from Brighton, MI, earned a B.F.A in K-12 visual art education *summa cum laude* with a concentration in 2D media, a minor in K-12 Spanish teaching, and University Honors. After graduation, Sarah plans to become a visual art education teacher and obtain her Master's degree. At EMU, she founded the National Art Education Association (NAEA) Student Chapter of EMU, participated in the EMU Mentor Collective, the Intermedia Gallery Group (IGG), and the NEXT Scholars education collective, and was co-author on an article on the Honors virtual international experience, published in the journal *Honors in Practice*. She also presented her work at numerous academic conferences and art exhibitions and was selected as a 2023 Honors Spanish student, a 2023 Annual Juried Student Show finalist, and a recipient of the Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program grant and the Presidential Scholarship. What Sarah appreciated most about The Honors College was the sense of community and the extracurricular opportunities. She would like to thank her family, especially her mom, and her friends for their endless support and camaraderie throughout the years.

JOANNA SULIMIN

Joanna Sulimin, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S.N. in nursing *summa cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, Joanna plans to work in critical care. While at EMU, she served as the Vice President of Cru at and worked as a nurse tech at Trinity Ann Arbor and a nurse extern at Michigan Medicine. What Joanna appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities for learning. Joanna would like to thank her family and friends for their gracious support.





JOANA XHANGOLLI

Joana Xhangolli, from Pogradec, Albania, earned a B.S in biology *magna cum laude* with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology, a minor in chemistry, and Departmental Honors in Chemistry. After graduation, Joana plans to follow her dream in the medical field. At EMU, Joana worked on her Honors thesis *Separation of Silicone Phthalocyanine Compounds* with Dr.Vance Kennedy. What Joana appreciated most about The Honors College were the small classes, which enhanced interaction with professors. Joana would like to thank her family for all the support they gave during all these years.

HAVILYN YOUNG

Havilyn Young, from Grand Rapids, MI, earned a B.A. in K-12 Spanish teaching with a minor in language, literature, and writing and University Honors. After graduation, Havilyn plans to become a high school Spanish teacher to inspire the youth of tomorrow. At EMU, she was been a member of Kappa Delta Pi, worked for the Office of Housing and Residence Life, and studied abroad at the University of Salamanca. What Havilyn appreciated most about The Honors College was the kind and respectful community it has built inside and outside the classroom. She would like to thank her family for their loving support and her colleagues in teaching for their constant encouragement.





FARHA ZINDAH

Farha Zindah, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in computer science-applied *summa cum laude* with University Honors.





WINTER 2024 GRADUATES



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RANA AABED



Rana Aabed, from Farmington Hills, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in applied behavior analysis, a minor in special education, University Honors, and Highest Honors. Rana has worked for the Honors College as the Community engagement lead for 3 years, studied abroad in Italy, and served as the president of the Psychology Club. A Presidential Scholar, Rana was also a multi-year recipient of the SURF award, the Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program award, and multiple Honors research scholarships. What Rana appreciated most about The Honors College was her job planning community service events for Honors students. After graduation, Rana will attend graduate school to earn a Master's degree in school psychology at Grand Valley State University. Rana would like to thank her family for their unwavering support during her undergraduate career at EMU.

HIND AL KHASHALI

Hind Al khashali, from West Bloomfield, MI, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *magna cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Neuroscience, and Highest Honors. She was co-president of the Presidential Scholar Association, a research assistant in Dr. Hedeel Evans' CMBB lab, a Supplemental Instructor for human physiology supplemental instructor, and a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and the Portz Interdisciplinary Fellowship, among other awards. After graduation, Hind will take a gap year while applying to medical school. What Hind appreciated most about The Honors College were the amazing opportunities provided to Honors students and priority registration. She would like to thank her family and friends with a special thanks to Mom and Dad for their continued support and unconditional love.





ROSE ALLEN

Rose Allen, from Waterford Michigan, earned a B.S. in environmental science *summa cum laude* with a concentration in environmental hydrology, a minor in geology, and Departmental Honors in Environmental Science. She was involved in the American Institute of Professional Geologist Student Chapter, serving as president for the 2023-2024 year. She also participated in and led the Honors College book club. After graduation, Rose plans to earn a Master's degree in geology. What Rose appreciated most about the Honors College was the ability to work closely and build relationships with professors on Honors projects, which provided hands-on experience on topics discussed in classes. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her over the past four years!

MARINA ALMEIDA

Marina Almeida, from Havana, Cuba, earned a B.S. in electrical and computer engineering *magna cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Highest Honors. She served as secretary of the Society of Women Engineers and was an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Baja Society of Automotive Engineers Racing Club. She received the Outstanding Student Award for her Department, and her paper was ranked in the top 10 at the American Society for Engineering Education North Central Section Conference 2024. Marina has accepted a position in the engineering development rotational program at John Deere. What Marina appreciated most about The Honors College was the sense of community and priority registration. She would like to thank her family, advisors, professors, and classmates for all their support and guidance during her journey at EMU.

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REBEKAH ARCILLA

Rebekah Arcilla, from Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in quantitative economics *magna cum laude* with a minor in finance and Departmental Honors in Quantitative Economics. She has been involved with Cru and Kapamilya, and was a recipient of the Gary E. Murg Award in Economics. Rebekah has accepted a position at CVS Health as a member of the Finance Leadership Development Program. What Rebekah appreciated most about The Honors College was an opportunity to conduct research on a topic she was passionate about. Rebekah would like to thank her family and Cru community for encouraging her throughout her college career.

LILY BATHISH

Lily Bathish, from Berkley, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *summa cum laude* with University Honors. Lily plans to attend veterinary school to become an equine veterinarian. What Lily appreciated about The Honors college were the small classes and priority registration. She would like to thank her parents and brothers for their unwavering love and support.



KARA BISHOP



Kara Bishop, from Farmington Hills, MI, earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering *summa cum laude* with a minor in mathematics and Departmental Honors in Mechanical Engineering. She served as vice president of the EMU chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and chief engineer of the EMU BAJA SAE Racing Club and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship, the 2021-2022 Orchestra Service Award. In winter 2024, she was named the Outstanding Student in Mechanical Engineering. Kara will work in aerospace engineering at Northrop Grumman while she complete her Master's degree at Michigan State University. What Kara appreciated most about The Honors College were the research opportunities provided through Honors contracts and scholarships. She would like to thank her mechanical engineering professors, Dr. Mansfield and Dr. Stewart, for encouraging her learning and their mentorship. She would also like to thank Dr. Hutchinson and Professor Pae for their unfaltering support and inspiration to follow her musical passions.

TAMARA BLAIR

Tamara Blair, from Byron Center, MI, earned a B.A. in children's and young adult literature and a B.B.A. in marketing *summa cum laude* with University Honors. She served as a TRIO tutor and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. Tamara plans to work in publishing. What Tamara appreciated most about The Honors College were the kindness and encouragement she received from her professors. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her over the years.



CHARLES BORUS



Charles Borus, from Shelby Township, MI, earned a B.B.A. in marketing *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Marketing, and Highest Honors. He served as a section leader in the EMU Marching Band, a member of Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity, worked for The Honors College and the EMU Foundation, became a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi, and served as Chief Business Officer for the EMU Baja SAE Racing Team. Charlie will start his career as an industrial sales representative in the ContiTech division at Continental AG. What Charles appreciated most about The Honors College were the strong community and all the people he met while a member of The Honors College. He would like to thank his parents for the continuous love and support that they gave him over his college career as well as all the friends he met throughout his time at EMU.

CEDRICK CHARLES

Cedrick Charles, from Palm Beach, FL, earned a B.A. in economics and political science with Departmental Honors in Economics. During his time at EMU, Cedrick excelled as a member of the nationally-ranked Forensics team, achieving multiple national finalist titles. He also served as the 2022-23 Student Government Vice President and worked as the News Editor for the *Eastern Echo*. In addition, he dedicated his senior year to mentoring his peers as a peer mentor for TRIO Student Support Services and representing the Alumni Association as an Advancement Student Ambassador. What Cedrick appreciated most about The Honors College was the stimulating academic environment. Cedrick has accepted a position as a Pricing Analyst at XPO Logistics in Ann Arbor. He would like to thank his family for supporting him all the way from Florida and his Michigan support system, composed of his friends, coaches, and teammates.





RYLEE CLAIRDAY

Rylee Clairday, from Onsted, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in general business and University Honors. She served as an administrative assistant for EMU's Counseling and Psychological Services, president of Circle K International, the Speaker of the Student House of Representatives, a unified partner for Special Olympics, and a volunteer for Therapeutic Riding of Ann Arbor, and was named Miss Washtenaw County 2024. She received the Student Gold Medallion for Outstanding Volunteerism in 2023, was the keynote speaker for the Michigan District of Key Club Service Leadership Conference, and fully funded her undergraduate education with over 30 scholarship awards. Rylee will earn her Masters in social work from the University of Michigan. She would like to thank her mentors, Linda Lawther, Lucas Langdon, Marcia Loader, and Laura Bloomensaat, for helping her grow into the best version of herself. Most of all, she would like to thank her parents, Lanie and Nick, for their unconditional love and support.

ALVARO COBOS

Alvaro Cobos, from Waterford, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *magna cum laude* with University Honors. Alvaro served as vice president of the Chemistry Club and conducted research in organic chemistry. He also received the Peet-Mayor Endowed Chemistry Award, the Department of Chemistry Service Award, and the ACS Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award. After graduation, Alvaro plans to work as a chemical lab technician. What Alvaro appreciated most about the Honors College were the events and opportunities that were provided. He would like to thank the amazing staff at Eastern that helped him get this far as well as his family, who supported him throughout his education.





JEMONE COCHRAN II

Jemone Cochran II, from Ferndale, MI, earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering technology with a minor in mathematics and Departmental Honors in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Jemone has made his mark in several student services on campus, including working as a peer tutor TRIO SSS and as a student assistant for the McNair Scholars Program. With McNair, he played a critical role in developing the undergraduate journal. In the Honors College, he and several amazing peers turned friends revived the Black Honors Student Organization, creating a place for Black honors students and other scholars to find a place of belonging at EMU. Jemone wishes to thank the mentors and friends he met at TRIO SSS, McNair, The Honors College, S.T.Y.L.E. EMU, BHSO, and last. BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, his family back home for being the support he needed throughout college.

LAUREN MARA COLINA

Lauren Mara Colina from St Clair Shores, MI, earned a B.B.A. in international business-entrepreneurship *magna cum laude* with University Honors. As a student, Lauren worked for Orientation and the Admission and Enrollment Office as a Campus Tour Guide, served as president of the Kapamilya Club and vice president of marketing for the Entrepreneurship Club, and was an avid volunteer for various campus and service events. She received the Presidential Scholarship and an Honor's College study-abroad scholarship for her semester in Barcelona, Spain in fall 2023. During her 3 years as a university tour guide and admissions ambassador, she brought in countless new EMU and Honors College students. After graduation, Lauren will enter the working world and is currently weighing various job offers. Ultimately, she plans to work as a business operations consultant for a multinational corporation. She also wants to travel and has planned tours through Europe and Asia in the next year. Lauren would like to thank her family, her boss at the admissions office Misty Sparrow, and Dr. David Victor of the International Business program for all their support and valuable time and experience that has empowered her over these past 4 years and deepened her love and dedication towards her career path.



IAN GABRIEL CRUZ



Ian Gabriel Cruz, from Farmington, MI, earned a B.A. in Japanese language and culture *summa cum laude* with minors in creative writing and English linguistics and Departmental Honors in both Japanese Language and Culture and English Linguistics. Ian has served on the executive board for Kapamilya Club, EMU's Filipino Student Association, and studied abroad in Japan in fall of 2023. After graduation, Ian Gabriel plans to work on writing his first novel and is looking for a job where he can use his multilingualism. What Ian Gabriel appreciated most about The Honors College was being urged to write his senior thesis and collect data for it in Japan. He would like to thank his Japanese and linguistics professors for all of their support throughout his education at EMU.

HADLIE DAIGLE

Hadlie Daigle, from Chelsea, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *magna cum laude* with a minor in sociology and Departmental Honors in Psychology. Hadlie completed three separate research projects, presented at two conferences, published her work in *Cellar Roots* art magazine, worked in two labs, and received the SURF fellowship and the Emerald Scholarship. She was a member of Psi Chi, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Hadlie plans to pursue Master's and PhD degrees in psychology with the goal of providing therapy for marginalized individuals and continuing to conduct research into prejudice and ableism. What Hadlie appreciated most about The Honors College was the ability to conduct research that aligned with her interests and, through that research, discover the areas of practice she wishes to pursue in her professional career. Hadlie would like to thank: her mom Kellena; her dad Pride; her grandmother and grandfather, Lois and Bob; her grandmother Joan; and her close friends, Frank and Anna, for the endless support they provided to her throughout her education, as well as Dr. Rusty McIntyre for his guidance and mentorship.





ERIDIAN ALEXANDER RYAN DEMPSEY

Eridian Alexander Ryan Dempsey, from Manchester in the United Kingdom, earned a B.S.W. in social work *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Social Work. Eridian served on the BSW Committee and was a Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellow, during which they created a children's therapy book for their project. Eridian was fortunate to have their service dog and favorite deputy, Woody, by their side throughout their time at EMU, and Woody brought many smiles to the classes he attended. What Eridian appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities to deepen their learning and engage in projects that spoke to their own interests. Eridian will enter the Master's program in clinical social work at Michigan State University and plans to use their degree to support children and teens who are experiencing mental health difficulties or challenging life circumstances. Eridian would like to thank their husband Jaymes for his unwavering support throughout their studies. Jaymes kept Eridian on track and believed in them even at when they didn't believe in themselves.

ANNA DIMELIS

Anna DiMelis, from Saline, MI, earned a B.S. in elementary education/early childhood teaching and learning *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Elementary Education, and Highest Honors. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi. After graduation, Anna plans to pursue a career as an elementary education teacher. What Anna appreciated most about The Honors College was the incredible advisor support. She would like to thank her family, Dr. Christopher Robbins, Dr. Wendy Burke, Dr. Ann Eisenberg, and Dr. Ryan Gildersleeve for their support during her academic journey at Eastern.



COLE DUVALL



Cole DuVall, from Monroe, MI, earned a B.S. in Biology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in physiology, a minor in psychology, and Departmental Honors in Biology. Cole participated in undergraduate research, was a member of Student Government, was a Presidential Scholar, and worked as an EMT. After graduation, Cole plans on taking a gap year while he applies to medical school. What Cole appreciated most about The Honors College was the constant support he received from faculty members. Cole would like to thank his family, Dr. Eisenberg, Dr. Greenwald, Dr. Liepman, and the program Zotero.

BLAKE EASTMAN

Blake Eastman, from Westerville Ohio, earned a B.S. in computer science-curriculum *magna cum laude* with University Honors. Blake was a section leader in the marching band, a board member of the Food Recovery Network, and a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. After graduation, Blake plans to program software for a living and make an impact on the world. What Blake appreciated most about The Honors College was priority registration. Blake would like to thank his family for their abundant support, his friends for their wonderful company, Ella for all her encouragement, and Dr Eisenberg for the plethora of opportunities afforded to him at EMU.



SYDNEY EDWARDS



Sydney Edwards, from Muskegon, MI, earned a B.S.N. in nursing *summa cum laude* with University Honors and Departmental Honors in Nursing. She was a member of the e-board for the club softball team and the Presidential Scholars Association, studied abroad in Italy, and was the recipient of the 2022-2023 Outstanding BSN Student Award. Sydney has accepted a position as a pediatric nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. What Sydney appreciated most about The Honors College was always being able to find someone who was happy to help. Being a part of a small community at a big school also made a huge difference in forming relationships with faculty and peers alike. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her and all the friends she made along the way for making the last four years so memorable and fun.

ELIZABETH EGERER

Elizabeth Egerer, from Grand Haven, MI, earned a B.S. in clinical laboratory science *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Elizabeth was a leader of multiple campus organizations, always searched for opportunities to become involved outside of the classroom, and received the Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award. What Elizabeth appreciated most about The Honors College were the connections she was able to forge with faculty. Elizabeth will attend the Florida State University School of Physician Assistant Practice. She would like to thank her friends and family, especially her mother, for always supporting her through ups and downs over the past few years.



SOMAYA EISSA



Somaya Eissa, from Cairo, Egypt, earned a B.S. in psychology *magna cum laude* with a minor in family sociology, University Honors, and Departmental Honors in Psychology. Somaya was an e-board member in the International Students Association for two years, founded the Arab Society, worked for the EMU Community Behavioral Health Clinic, and earned an Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Somaya plans to pursue a Master's degree in clinical psychology so she can work as a therapist. What Somaya appreciated most about The Honors College were the research opportunities and the closeness to faculty. Somaya would like to thank all her professors and advisors for helping her go this far and her family for always supporting her.

ANNA FEDEL

Anna Fedel, from Royal Oak, MI, earned a B.S. in biology *magna cum laude* with a concentration in physiology, University Honors, and Highest Honors. She presented at the Undergraduate Symposium 3 times and received the Emerald Scholarship throughout her time at EMU. After graduation, Anna plans to apply to veterinary school. What Anna appreciated most about The Honors College was how the teachers could develop more personal bonds with the students because of the smaller classes. She would like to thank her family and friends for always encouraging her to continue in her academic career and for their endless support throughout the years.



ANDRE GENDERA



Andre Gendera, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.A. in criminal justice and criminology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in law enforcement, a minor in military leadership, and University Honors. He was a Presidential Scholar, a graduating Cadet, and the leader of the ROTC's Cannon Crew. He also received the Leonardo DRS award, an award given to high academic achieving Cadets on two occasions, graduated Air Assault School, and finished his Cadet Summer Training with Recondo status, excelling in marksmanship, land navigation, and physical fitness. Andre will head to Fort Jackson to complete his training as an Adjutant General Officer and receive his next orders. Andre appreciated all the opportunities that he was provided with in the Honors College. He would like to thank Momma G, Papa G, Bree, Nick, Renan, Arthur, and Vivi for providing him with emotional support throughout his journey at EMU.

JORDYN GERWIG

Jordyn Gerwig, from Howard City, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *magna cum laude* with a minor in family sociology and Departmental Honors in Psychology. Jordyn worked for SEEUS and Upward Bound and studied abroad with the Department of Psychology. Jordyn will enter the Master's program in sociology at Eastern Michigan University. What Jordyn appreciated most about The Honors College were the unending opportunities and resources. She would like to thank her parents for their never-ending support.





HANNAH GOIKE

Hannah Goike, from Ray Township, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in applied behavior analysis, a minor in special education, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Psychology, and Highest Honors. Hannah worked in the Behavior Analysis Research Lab and was a recipient of the fall 2023 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, a winter 2024 Honors Senior Project Fellowship, and an Emerald Scholarship, and was on the Dean's list every semester since 2020. After graduation, Hannah will continue working at Building Bridges while she earns a Master's degree in special education with a concentration in applied behavior analysis through Arizona State University's online program. What Hannah appreciated most about being The Honors College were the small classes. She would like to thank her parents and, especially, her grandpa for always believing in her and her dreams.

OLIVIA HALVERSON

Olivia Halverson, from Winooski, Vermont, earned a B.B.A. in finance *summa cum laude* with a minor in political science, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Finance, and Highest Honors. She was an E-Board member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, a member of the inaugural women's lacrosse team, the EMU House of Representatives, the Financial Management Association, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, served as an athletic mentor, and was a recipient of the Financial Executives Institute Scholar Award and a nominee for an EMU Student Gold Medallion Award. Olivia will pursue a joint JD/MBA degree. What Olivia appreciated most about The Honors College were the advisors and the friends she made within the program. She would like to thank her Mom and Dad for their constant support in her educational journey.



FATIMA HASAN



Fatima Hasan, from Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in information technology *summa cum laude* with University Honors. She worked at the EMU IT Help Desk and was on the Dean's List every semester. After graduation, Fatima plans to work in an IT support environment. What Fatima appreciated most about The Honors College were the small classes and priority registration. She would like to thank her parents for their financial support.

NAOMI HARDIN



Naomi Hardin, from Cleveland Heights, OH, earned a B.A. in political science *magna cum laude* with a minor in creative writing and Departmental Honors in Political Science. Naomi served as a resident advisor for two years, was a reporter for the *Eastern Echo*, and was a chair member of the National Black Law Student Association. She received several awards within her departments and studied abroad in Puerto Rico during spring break 2024. What she enjoyed most about the Honors College was the flexibility of classes. Naomi would like to thank her friends, family and professors for their support during her journey.

ADRIANA HENRIQUEZ MORA



Adriana Henriquez Mora, from Lima, Peru, earned a B.S. in quantitative economics *summa cum laude* with a minor in finance, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Quantitative Economics, and Highest Honors. Adriana was a member of the Forensics team, Student Government, Women in Economics, and the Latinx Student Association, and she studied abroad in Italy. She worked as a Supplemental Instructor, was a Presidential Scholars, and won the 2023 STEM in Economics Award. Adriana will work as a private banks analyst for JPMorgan in Birmingham, MI. What Adriana appreciated most about The Honors College were the amazing events held every semester. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support.

JEFFREY HOANG

Jeffrey Hoang, from Saginaw, MI, earned a B.A. in communication and political science *summa cum laude* with University Honors. He participated in DECA, the Southeast Asian Student Association, Student Government, Moot Court, Theatre, and Eagle Radio. As a member of the Honors College, he received the Presidential Scholarship and worked as a Student Engagement Fellow. What Jeffrey appreciated the most about The Honors College were the connections it gave him to a supportive community. After graduation, Jeffrey will work in marketing and outreach with a nonprofit or government agency. Jeffrey would like to thank Dr. E. for everything she has provided and supported him with these past four years. He would like to highlight those that have stuck with him through the fun times and bum times: Ella, Brandy, Blake, Hayley, Catherine, Rosie, Sarah, and Rowan. Most of all, Jeffrey is forever in debt to his family.



ABRAHAM IZZAT



Abraham Izzat, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.B.A. in supply chain management *summa cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, Abraham will work as a purchasing analyst, with the goal of venturing into international business. What Abraham appreciated most about The Honors College were volunteering for events, meeting new people, and having an enriched education. He would like to thank his family for their support and contribution to his education.

LUCI JACKSON

Luci Jackson, from Pinckney, MI, earned a B.S. in aviation management technology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in FAA aircraft dispatch, a minor in general business, and University Honors. Luci was a member of the cheer team for four years and was the recipient of the NCA national champion title and the NCA runner-up title during her time on the team. After graduation, Luci will continue building her flight hours as a flight instructor and apply for positions with an airline. What Luci appreciated most about The Honors College was the help in getting her one step closer to saying, "This is your captain speaking". Luci would like to thank her family for their support and, of course, her amazing roommates for always taking her line dancing.





KAYCEE JOHNSON

Kaycee Johnson, from Artesia, New Mexico, earned a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in English *summa cum laude* with a concentration in creative writing, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Creative Writing, and Highest Honors. Kaycee worked at the EMU Writing Center, competed on the EMU Rowing Team, and participated in the Teaching and Learning Together Learning Community. She presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium twice as well as the CONNECT Conference, the Flipping the Script Conference, and the ECWCA Conference at Purdue, which led to publishing a research paper in the ECWCA Journal. She received the Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship and several other academic scholarships. After graduation, Kaycee will earn a Master's in clinical mental health counseling to become a therapist and eventually publish poetry and write children's books. What Kaycee appreciated most about The Honors College were the holiday and volunteer events that made the HC feel like a family. She would like to thank her UWC colleagues for their support in her research and presentations, Christine Hume for mentoring her Senior Creative Project, Jeff Bernstein for providing many academic and professional opportunities and never-ending encouragement, and her parents for reading ALL of her writing.

ISAAC JOSLYN

Isaac Joslyn, from Caro, MI, earned a B.S. in product design and engineering technology *summa cum laude* with University Honors. He was involved in Baja Society of Automotive Engineers Racing Club and Foundry Fun Days, was a Presidential Scholar, and won the 2024 PDET Outstanding Student award. After graduation, Isaac will begin his career as a process engineer with Freudenberg-NOK. What Isaac appreciated most about The Honors College were the staff and the community because everyone was always willing to go the extra mile for you, especially Dr. E. Isaac would like to thank his grandparents, his parents, his siblings, and his fiancée for all of their love and support.



ELLA KEENA



Ella Keena, from Walled lake, MI, earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering *summa cum laude* with a minor in mathematics and University Honors. She served as President of the Society of Women Engineers and Food Recovery Network and vice president of the Baja Society of Engineers Racing Club, and was a Presidential Scholar. After graduation, Ella plans to start full-time employment in as a mechanical engineer. What Ella appreciated most about The Honors College was early registration for classes. She would like to thank her parents and family for their much-needed support.

ANAGHA KIRAN

Anagha Kiran, from Bangalore, India, earned a B.S. in quantitative economics *magna cum laude* with minors in finance and computer science, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Quantitative Economics, and Highest Honors. Anagha worked as an International Student Admissions Officer, served as secretary for Women in Economics and Women in Computer Science, and was a Presidential Scholar. What Anagha appreciated most about The Honors College were the small classes. Anagha would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support. After graduation, Anagha plans to work as a financial or data analyst.



MATTHEW KOSTOFF



Matthew Kostoff, from Northville, MI, earned a B.S. in chemistry *cum laude* with a concentration in research, a minor in biology, University Honors, and Departmental Honors in Chemistry. Matthew was an undergraduate teaching assistant in the laboratory, participated in research in biochemistry, and received the Department of Chemistry Outstanding Accomplishment in Chemistry Award (2021) and Service Award (2023), and received multiple Honors College research fellowships. After graduation, Matthew plans to pursue a Master of Science in chemistry and a Master of Arts in teaching-secondary chemistry. What Matthew appreciated most about The Honors College were the growth and research opportunities provided. He would like to thank the entire Department of Chemistry, Dr. Brittany Albaugh, and Professor Chris Varney for their mentorship and his parents, brothers, and grandparents for their support.

ANNE LEACH

Anne Leach, from Jackson, MI, earned a B.S. in secondary education mathematics and teaching and learning *summa cum laude* with University Honors. Anne served as president of both the women's club volleyball team and Eagle Nation and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Delta Pi, and the Recreation Advisory Council. She worked on campus as a student supervisor at the Rec/IM and as a supplemental instruction leader and tutor at the Holman Success Center. Anne received numerous awards, including the Emerald, Alumni Legacy, MI Competitive, Mabel Jarvis Leib, Dr. Donald A. Buckeye, Warren, Adella R. Jackson, Women Merit, John Ullrich, Leader Award, the College of Arts & Sciences Endowment, and Myrtle King Newman Scholarships, the MI Future Educator Fellowship, and the MI Future Educator Stipend. After graduation, Anne plans to teach middle or high school math while coaching volleyball. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the Honors classes and dorm. Anne would like to thank her parents, Scott and Jen, her sister Kate, her boyfriend Ryan, and the rest of her amazing family and friends for their never-ending support and love during her years at EMU. She is so thankful and could not have done it without each of them!



JACK LEITAO



Jack Leitao, from Birmingham, MI, earned a B.B.A. in finance *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Finance. Jack worked for a COVID testing company, running their Ann Arbor testing site and aiding expansion efforts into Ypsilanti and Detroit. For the past year, Jack has held an internship role in the Risk Management Supervision division of the FDIC. After graduation, Jack will travel to Washington, DC, for training to become a financial institution specialist with the FDIC. Jack will also take the LSAT exam and is considering attending law school in the next couple of years. Jack would like to thank his grandfather Paul Robertson for everything he has done in his life and his parents for raising him to value hard work, dedication, and thoroughness above all other things.

KRISTEN LIECHTY

Kristen Liechty, from Midland, MI, earned a B.S. in secondary education mathematics and teaching and learning *summa cum laude* with a minor in psychology and University Honors. She was a 2020 Presidential Scholar and was heavily involved in His House Christian Fellowship and EDining. After graduation, Kristen plans to secure a job as a middle-school math teacher in her hometown. What Kristen appreciated most about The Honors College were the challenges and extra push to achieve more during her education. She would like to thank her His House family and close friends and her EDining colleagues who helped make her time at EMU memorable and cherished.



CATHERINE LIETZ



Catherine Lietz from Buchanan, MI, earned a B.Mus. in vocal performance *magna cum laude* with University Honors. She was a member of the EMU Choir since 2020, performed in several productions of EMU's Opera Workshop, and presented at the 2023 Undergraduate Symposium. She also was a runner-up in the 2023 Barry Manilow competition. After graduation, Catherine plans to attend graduate school to study musicology. What she appreciated most about The Honors College was the Study Abroad Scholarship she received because it allowed her to study abroad in Ireland. Catherine would like to thank her mom and her sisters for always being her #1 cheerleaders!!

KYLE MARTIN

Kyle Martin from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in environmental science *cum laude* with a concentration in environment and society, minors in biology and zoology, University Honors, and Departmental Honors in Environmental Science. Kyle was a 3-time captain of EMU's track and field program and earned the 2023 National Mid-East Honors Association James S. Ruebel Memorial Scholarship Award and the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. Kyle will enter the Ph.D. program in natural resources with a concentration in wildlife sciences and qualitative organismal ecology on a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship. He plans to research terrestrial mammals and teach at a university. What Kyle appreciated most about The Honors College were the tight-knit community and working alongside inspiring Honors administrators. He would like to thank the Honors College staff and faculty for allowing him to work as the lead Marketing & Student Outreach Fellow for the Honors College for over 3 years and for always believing in him.



SEAN MCCORMICK



Sean McCormick, from Milford, MI, earned a B.S. in urban and regional planning and a B.A. in political science *summa cum laude* with a concentration in comparative politics and international relations, a minor in history, and University Honors. Sean was a Student Senator in the Student Government Association, worked for the American Federation of Teachers, completed the Roosevelt-in-Washington Fellowship, and participated in Model United Nations and College Democrats. Sean will continue working as a transportation intern for the City of Ann Arbor as a transportation intern and plans to earn a Master's in urban and regional planning. What Sean appreciated most about The Honors College was getting to know faculty who are passionate about affordable housing, environmental justice, and other issues Sean cares so much about. Sean wants to thank his mother and father for helping him overcome adversity and become a proud autistic, neurodivergent student on EMU's campus.

MICKEY MCMAHON

Mickey McMahon from Oxford, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with minors in critical disability studies and human sexuality and Departmental Honors in Psychology. Mickey has worked for the College Supports and Supplemental Instruction programs, the SEED and SUPER Labs, served as secretary of the Food Recovery Network club, and received the Emerald Scholarship and the Departmental Award in Psychology. They also presented their research at the Undergraduate Symposium in 2023 and 2024 and at the Midwest Psychological Association in 2024. After graduation, Mickey will earn a Master's of social work at Western Michigan University. What Mickey appreciated most about The Honors College was having the opportunity to create and run original research under the mentorship of Dr. Rusty McIntyre and Amanda Ellis. Mickey would like to thank Amanda Ellis for consistently supporting them and pushing them to be the best version possible, Dr. McIntyre for grounding their ideas to reality, but also helping to bring them to life, and Dr. Neilson for letting them jump into her lab.



THAIRU MOORE- PETINAK



Thairu Moore-Petinak from Fresno, CA, earned a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in criminology and criminal justice *summa cum laude* with a concentration in law enforcement and Departmental Honors in Psychology. Thairu worked as a resident advisor and office manager for Housing, served as treasurer for the Psychology Club, and was a member of the McNair Scholars Program. Thairu will enter the Master's program in clinical psychology at Eastern Michigan University and will eventually practice forensic psychology. What Thairu appreciated most about The Honors College was belonging to a network of other students seeking to achieve academic excellence. He would like to thank God and his family for their support during his undergraduate journey.

ELISE NEHASIL

Elise Nehasil, from Livonia, MI, earned a B.A. in history *cum laude* with minors in art history and creative writing and Departmental Honors in History. Elise studied abroad in Italy twice and received the Gene Helms Scholarship in history and the Paul Bruss Award for creative writing. What Elise appreciated most about The Honors College were the personal research relationships cultivated with professors in small class settings. After graduation, Elise plans to pursue a M.A. in public history and creative writing while completing an archival collections internship at the Motown Museum. Elise would like to thank her family for their unwavering love, support, and patience and educators Dr. Bavery, Dr. Delph, Dr. Hume, and Dr. Stewart for fostering a sense of creativity, intersection, and joy in their fields.



ALEIGHA OLEJNIK



Aleigha Olejnik, from South Bend, IN, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *cum laude* with University Honors. She participated in undergraduate research in the Departments of Chemistry and Biology, was a Supplemental Instructor for the Holman Success Center, and worked at E-Dining. After graduation, Aleigha intends to work as a chemist in an environmental laboratory. What she appreciated most about The Honors College was volunteering with her community. Aleigha would like to thank her grandmother Lana for always being a bright light in her life.

ELEISE OYSTER

Eleise Oyster, from Milford, MI, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *summa cum laude* with a minor in psychology, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Neuroscience, and Highest Honors. She was a member of the BRAIN Lab at EMU. What Eleise appreciated most about The Honors College were the early class registration and smaller classes. After graduation, she plans to work in research before applying to graduate school. Eleise would like to thank her family for all of their support throughout her education.



ALEX PALIANI



Alex Paliani, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in computer science-applied *magna cum laude* with a minor in simulation, animation, and gaming and University Honors. He was a member of the EMU ultimate frisbee team and worked as an EMU Orientation Leader. After graduation, Alex will continue working at his Internship at SynergyFiber in Ann Arbor. What Alex appreciated most about The Honors College was getting the opportunity to work more personally with his professors while developing and completing his Honors contracts. He would like to thank his family for their love and support through school, Dr. Jiang for her extra help in office hours, and Dr. Staunton for his helpful guidance through the college and Honors pathways.

ALYSSA PETERSON

Alyssa Peterson, from Howell, MI, earned a B.S. in elementary education *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Elementary Education. She was involved in Cru, a Christian student organization, participated in a study-abroad trip to Israel, and worked as a university photographer. A Presidential Scholar, she also received an Undergraduate Symposium Fellowship and an Honors Senior Project Fellowship. After graduation, Alyssa plans to teach in an elementary school in the southeast Michigan area. What Alyssa appreciated most about The Honors College was being part of a community of learners. She would like to thank her family for their ever-present support.



HANNAH POPOFSKI



Hannah Popofski, from Newport, MI, earned a B.S. in physics *magna cum laude* with a minor in astronomy, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Physics, and Highest Honors. She was involved in four undergraduate research projects, received five scholarships for her academic success, and co-authored one published research paper. After graduation, Hannah will pursue employment in physics research and data analysis. Hannah most appreciated all the opportunities for undergraduate research that she was given through her involvement in the Honors College. She would like to thank her family for their love and support and for always encouraging her to pursue her dreams.

J.T. PUSZCZEWICZ

J.T. Puszczewicz, from Riga, MI, earned a B.S. in electrical and computer engineering *magna cum laude* with University Honors. J.T. participated in both the campus band and symphonic band, worked as a resident advisor, and served as the vice-chair for the IEEE student branch. What J.T. appreciated most about The Honors College was the opportunity to go into more depth in his classes. After graduation, he plans to work in the computer engineering field before pursuing his master's degree. J.T. would like to thank his mom and dad for supporting him since day one, his fellow engineers for helping him through his classes, and all the friends he made both inside and outside of the classroom that made his experience at EMU.



RAVEL RAY



Ravel Ray, from Akron, OH, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *magna cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Neuroscience, and Highest Honors. While at EMU, Ravel published 9 articles in peer-reviewed research journals, served as an EAmbassador, was a Presidential Scholar, and received the Portz Interdisciplinary Fellowship from the National Collegiate Honors Council. What Ravel appreciated most about The Honors College was making friends with his classmates. After graduation, Ravel will apply to medical school. He would like to thank his parents and the rest of his family for their unwavering support.

TATIANNA RICE

Tatianna Rice, from Kalamazoo, MI, earned a B.A. in digital media production and French *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in French and Highest Honors. Tatianna served as president of the French Club, worked as a tour guide for the Admissions Welcome Center, and volunteered at Swoop's Food Pantry. She also presented at the 43rd Undergraduate Symposium and earned the Dale and Gloria Heydlauff Undergraduate Symposium Student Excellence Scholarship. During fall 2023, she studied abroad in Paris, France on an Honors Study Abroad Scholarship. What Tatianna appreciated most about The Honors College was priority registration. After graduation, she plans to work in broadcast television. Tatianna would like to thank her family for their unwavering support.



ZOE RICE



Zoe Rice, from Pinckney, MI, earned a B.S. in biology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in physiology, a minor in chemistry, and University Honors. She participated in undergraduate research, worked for the Holman Success Center, and was a Dean's List recipient every semester. After graduation, Zoe plans to work in biological research and attend graduate school. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the Honors classes. Zoe would like to thank her family for supporting her education.

OLIVIA ROBINSON

Olivia Robinson, from Hudson, OH, earned a B.A. in arts and entertainment management *summa cum laude* with minors in religious studies and marketing, University Honors, and Highest Honors. Olivia was a Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellow, a study-abroad scholar, and president of Amplifying the Arts (AMP!). What Olivia appreciated most about The Honors College was the opportunity to collaborate with others, including working on the bottle cap mosaic project and engaging with the greater Ypsilanti Community through service opportunities. Olivia will attend The University of Oxford to complete a postgraduate diploma in theology and religion. Olivia would like to thank her family, her friends, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and God for four incredible and transformative years at EMU.



SASHA ROLLINSON



Sasha Rollinson, from Pontiac, MI, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *magna cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Neuroscience. She worked at the Holman Success Center as a supplemental instructor and tutor for genetics and received an Undergraduate Research Fellowship, an Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program grant, and a Women's Commission Scholarship. Sasha will enter the pathways Master's program in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology at the University of Michigan. What Sasha appreciated most about The Honors College was the experience in research and thesis writing. She would like to thank Dr. Hannah Seidel and Dr. Aaron Liepman for their patience and support.

CHEYANNE ROY

Cheyenne Roy, from Ypsilanti MI, earned a B.S.W. in social work *magna cum laude* with University Honors. Cheyanne volunteered at a primary school in Ghana for a year during the pandemic, became the secretary for the Association of Black Social Workers, and worked as an Office Assistant/Peer Advisor in The Honors College for a year. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the advisors and the small classes. After graduation, Cheyanne will look for a job where she can advocate for women and people of color. She would like to thank her mother for her unwavering and instrumental support throughout her entire college career.



GAGE SCHLUETER



Gage Schlueter, from Hartland MI, earned a B.S. in children and families and digital media production *magna cum laude* with a minor in drama/theatre for the young, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Drama/Theatre for the Young, and Highest Honors. Gage was a 2018 Presidential Scholar, created a Muppet-style turtle puppet for his Senior Project, and performed in a children's play. After graduation, Gage plans to pitch children's television programs to help teach science to preschoolers. What Gage appreciated most about The Honors College were the many opportunities. Gage would like to thank Dr. Eisenberg for embracing his creativity and supervising him on his creative project, Cameron Prevatte for guiding his performance as a puppeteer, and his brother Skye for learning how to co-puppeteer in a single night before the Undergraduate Symposium.

BENJAMIN SEGRAVES

Benjamin SeGraves, from Northville, MI, earned a B.S. in simulation, animation and gaming *summa cum laude* with University Honors. He served as president of Dungeons and Dreadnoughts, the EMU tabletop gaming club on campus and as well president of the Game Developers Guild. In The Honors College, Benji most appreciated the Honors dorms and the smaller classes, as they placed him to be in more focused learning environments with like-minded people. After graduation, he plans to work in the game development industry as a level designer. Benji would like to thank his family and friends for their support and love and the members of Dungeons and Dreadnoughts and the Game Developers Guild for their passion and community.



KATHRYN SHOEN

Katie Shoen, from Owego, NY, earned a B.S. in actuarial science and economics *summa cum laude* with minors in finance and computer science and University Honors. She was a captain on the Division 1 Women's swimming and diving program for the past two years and worked on campus as a lifeguard at the REC/IM and mathematics tutor. Katie has accepted a position as an actuary at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in Detroit. What Katie appreciated most about The Honors College were the Honors sections and professors. Katie would like to thank her family, friends, and teammates for their continued support.



RAYENNA SUTTON

Rayenna Sutton, from Lapeer, MI, earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering *magna cum laude* with a minor in mathematics and Departmental Honors in Mechanical Engineering. Rayenna served as assistant chief engineer for EMU's Baja Society of Automotive Engineers Racing Club and treasurer of the Society of Women Engineers and received an Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship and the Women's Resource Center Endowed Scholarship. Rayenna has accepted a position in the rotational program at Whirlpool Corporation and will complete her Master's in mechanical engineering at Purdue University. What Rayenna appreciated most about The Honors College was the opportunity to pursue research opportunities within the college. She would like to thank Dr. Mansfield and Dr. Stewart for invigorating and encouraging her education in mechanical engineering.



ELISE TASICH



Elise Tasich from Hartland, MI, earned a B.S. in communication and M.O.T. in occupational therapy *magna cum laude* with a minor in human biology and University Honors. Elise worked for the Office of Admission's Welcome Center, Campus Life, and the College Supports Program and was a member of Active Minds, Alpha Gamma Delta, and the Student Occupational Therapy Association. After graduation, Elise will work as a pediatric occupational therapist. What Elise appreciated most about The Honors College were the smaller classes and the close relationships she was able to cultivate with her peers and professors. She would like to thank her family and friends who supported her along this journey and the families she found within the Admission's Welcome Center, Campus Life, and Alpha Gamma Delta for encouraging her to always do her best.

JAEANN THOMAS

Jaeann Thomas, from Toledo, OH, earned a B.S. in public health *cum laude* with a concentration in community health, a minor in health administration, and University Honors. Jaeann was a member of Eta Sigma Gamma and the Office of Health Promotion. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the benefits of belonging to an academic community with the resources and projects for enabled her to get involved. After graduation, Jaeann will work in a nonprofit organization in her local community. She would like to thank her parents for all their support.



LINDSAY TIMBS



Lindsay Timbs from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in simulation, animation, and gaming *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Simulation, Animation, and Gaming. Lindsay was a member of the EMU Marching Band, the Judo Club, and the Dungeon and Dreadnaughts Club, received an Undergraduate Research Fellowship and presented two projects at the Undergraduate Symposium. After graduation, Lindsay plans to create video games and other digital media. What Lindsay appreciated most about The Honors College was the access to additional scholarships and resources. She would like to thank her parents, friends, and teachers for all their support.

TIERRA TRESVANT

Tierra Tresvant, from Dearborn Heights, MI, earned a B.A. in public and nonprofit administration *magna cum laude* with a minor in Africology and African American studies, University Honors, Departmental Honors in Public and Nonprofit Administration, and Highest Honors. Tierra worked as an Advancement Student Ambassador and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellow at the Honors College and was a McNair Scholar and a Presidential Scholar. Tierra will enter the Master's program in public policy at the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. What Tierra appreciated most about The Honors College was the strong sense of community. She would like to thank her mom and dad for their support as she worked to obtain her degree.



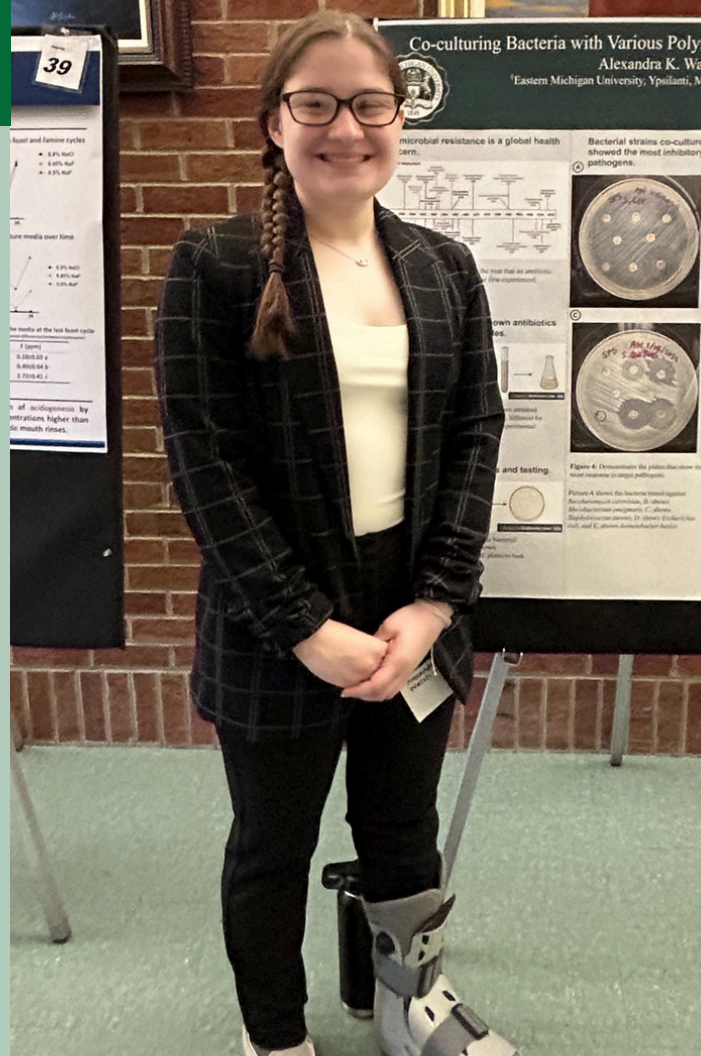
ISABELLE TSANG



Isabelle Tsang, from Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in women's and gender studies and University Honors. Isabelle participated in the Psychology Club and volunteered at Forsythe Middle School, where she mentored and provided academic support to students. What Isabelle appreciated most about The Honors College were the early registration and the opportunities for deeper class discussions. After graduation, Isabelle intends to earn a Master's degree in social work. She would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering support and guidance.

ALEXANDRA WALSH

Alexandra Walsh, from Oswego, IL, earned a B.S. in biology with a concentration in ecology, organismal diversity, and evolution, a minor in zoology, and University Honors. Alexandra was a member of the women's varsity rowing team, the jazz ensemble, the trumpet studio, and Tau Beta Sigma and participated in research in microbiology with Dr. Paul Price. She was a four-year letter winner with EMU rowing and was named to the CAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll on four occasions. Alexandra will enter the Master's degree program in biology at Boston University as part of the Ecology, Behavior, Evolution, and Marine Biology group. What Alexandra appreciated the most about The Honors College were the small classes and the opportunity to take Honors courses. She would like to thank her parents, sisters, and aunt for their continued support and encouragement and her coaches for helping her to become the person that she is today.





MADISON WAMPLER

Madison Wampler, from Flat Rock, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in management and University Honors. Madison served as co-president of EMU's Model United Nations Club. After graduation, she plans to enter the workforce and will eventually earn a Master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology. What Madison appreciated the most about The Honors College were the smaller classes and priority registration. She would like to thank her family, friends, and loved ones for their continued support.

SYED WASIUDDIN

Syed Wasiuddin, from Okemos, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Biochemistry, and Highest Honors. Syed was involved in the Student Government Association, first as a senator and then as Student Body President during the 2023-24 academic year. During his college tenure, he received multiple awards, including the American Society of Nephrology Kidney STAR Award, the Maurice "Pete" Decoster Endowed Chemistry Scholarship, the Student Government Initiative of the Year Award, and the Biochemistry Achievement Award. The support system of the Honors College made everything possible. After graduation, Syed will take a few years off to explore the political realm as it connects to the medical system. He would like to thank his Student Government team, the Honors College, Dr. Milletti, and his parents, Syed & Simeen Kaleemuddin.



ALEXXUS WATSON



Alexxus Watson from Southfield, MI, earned a B.A. in Africology and African American studies and political science with Departmental Honors in Africology and African American Studies. She was involved with countless organizations on campus, including founding Sistas That Care in 2022, and participated in a summer research program at Columbia University. After graduation, Alexxus plans to take some time off and then apply to either a Ph.D. program or school. Alexxus appreciated the Honors College the most for the validation that it provided. She would like to thank her faculty mentor, Dr. Peter Blackmer, Dr. Ann Eisenberg, and of course, her family and friends who made countless sacrifices so she could be here today!

EMILY ZACH

Emily Zach from Canton, MI, earned a B.B.A. in accounting *summa cum laude* with University Honors. She served as secretary of Beta Alpha Psi, received the Accounting and Finance Alumni Student Recognition Endowed Scholarship, the Gough-Rose Endowed Scholarship, the Neu Endowed Scholarship, the Outstanding Junior in Accounting Award, and the Great Teachers in Accounting Scholarship, and was on the Dean's list every semester. Emily will work full-time at SMCPA while continuing her education part-time to become a CPA. What Emily appreciated most about The Honors College were having smaller classes and getting to know professor better. She would like to thank her professors, Dr. Bunsis, Dr. Brickner, and Dr. Hucks for challenging her to become a more well-rounded student and having discussions with her to augment her knowledge beyond the classroom. She would also like to thank her mother and father for always valuing education and supporting her.

