



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
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# 2022-2023 HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES





# FALL 2022 GRADUATES



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# CASSANDRA ANDERSON

Cassandra Anderson, from Saline MI, earned a B.S. in anthropology *magna cum laude*, with Departmental Honors in anthropology. After graduation, she plans to pursue higher education in anthropology. What Cassie appreciated most about The Honors College were the personal relationships with her professors and opportunities for research. Cassie was able to participate in archaeological fieldwork in Turkey and received the 25th Anniversary Undergraduate Symposium Endowed Scholarship, an Honors Senior Thesis Fellowship Award, and the Division II All-American Waterpolo Award. She would like to thank Dr. Megan Moore, the Anthropology Department, and her family for their unwavering support during her undergraduate education.



# ANNA BARTLEY

Anna Bartley, from Novi, MI, earned a B.S. in statistics *magna cum laude*, with a minor in computer science and University Honors. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree at the University of Michigan. What Anna appreciated most about The Honors College were priority registration and the small class sizes. She worked for EMU Dining her entire time at the university, receiving numerous promotions that helped her career progress. She would like to thank her parents for their financial and emotional support.





# JUSTIN BENNETT

Justin Bennett, from Brighton, MI, earned a B.B.A. in accounting and a B.S. in mathematics with a concentration in statistics *cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, he plans to seek full-time employment within one of his two majors. What Justin appreciated most about The Honors College was the smaller class sizes, which allowed him to form stronger connections with his classmates. He would like to thank his family for supporting him throughout his educational journey.

# KENNETH COOK

Kenneth Cook, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in computer science-applied *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in computer science. After graduation, he plans to pursue graduate studies in computer science, with the goal of teaching at the college level. What Kenneth appreciated most about The Honors College were the focused atmosphere and the opportunity to research quantum computing. He presented at the 42nd Undergraduate Symposium and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Ken would like to thank his professors for their support and encouragement in expanding his educational goals. He would also like to thank his family for their unwavering support as he pursued his degree.







## JAMES COOKE

James Cooke, from Royal Oak, MI, earned a B.S. in secondary education mathematics *cum laude* with a minors in secondary education communication and theatre arts and University Honors. After graduation, he plans to teach high school math. What James appreciated most about The Honors College was the individualized attention he received from advisors and professors. James served as the president of Club Table Tennis, the academics and athletics chairs in his fraternity, and a New Student Orientation Assistant. He would like to thank his mother, Marie, for all her time, effort, commitment, and care given over the years, without a break. Thank you, mom. You deserve so much recognition

## KAYLIE COX

Kaylie Cox, from Pinckney, MI, earned a B.S.N. in nursing *magna cum laude* with a minor in human biology and Departmental Honors in nursing. After graduation, she plans to work towards becoming a CRNA. What Kaylie appreciated most about The Honors College was the opportunity to conduct research on a topic she was passionate about. While at EMU, she worked as a Resident Advisor, was a proud member of the Student Nurse's Association, and regularly made the Dean's list. She would like to thank her family, friends, and fiancé for always believing in her and supporting her through her time at Eastern.



# ERIN CRNKOVICH



Erin Crnkovich, from Wyandotte, MI, earned a B.F.A. in art *summa cum laude* with a concentration in graphic design, and University Honors. After graduation, she plans to look for a job with a design firm in Southeast Michigan. What Erin appreciated most about The Honors College was how the professors went out of their way to make connections with students and cared not only about their academic success, but also their overall well-being. At EMU, Erin was involved with five shows at EMU Theatre, served as historian of the 2021-22 Players at EMU, was a New Student Orientation Assistant, and received the Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, the Sheldon Iden Art Scholarship, the Emil and Juanita Weddige Art Scholarship, the John W. Porter Undergraduate Research Scholarship, and the CMTA Excellence Award. Erin would like to thank mom, dad, Rachel, Natural 22, EMU Theatre, and all her professors, for the endless support, laughter, and inspiration.

# DANIELLE DOUGLAS

Danielle Douglas, from Cincinnati, OH, earned a B.A. in literature *summa cum laude* with a minor in interdisciplinary film studies and University Honors. After graduation, she plans to attend law school. What Danielle appreciated the most about The Honors College were getting to know the students and faculty and the many opportunities it provided. She served as a Peer Advisor in The Honors College for 5 semesters and was a member of the APO Lambda Phi chapter where she amassed over 70 hours of community service and served as chair of the membership and communications committees. She was also a member of the National Society of Leadership. Danielle would like to thank her family, her professors, and The Honors College faculty and Fellows for helping her make it to graduation in one piece.







# TONY FARAJ

Tony Faraj, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *cum laude*, with a minor in mathematics and Departmental Honors in biochemistry. After graduation, he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biochemistry. What Tony appreciated most about The Honors College were his Departmental Honors Advisor and the resourceful guidance provided. He was a member of the Chemistry Club, NSLS, NSCS, Sigma Alpha Lambda, and the Optimize Club and received the Maurice “Pete” Decoster Endowed Chemistry Scholarship. He also presented at the 42nd annual undergraduate symposium at EMU. Tony would like to thank his family, advisors, professors, and, specifically, Dr. Gabriel Rudebusch for all their help throughout his undergraduate years.

# MARIANA GUTIERREZ CHORA

Mariana Gutierrez Chora, from Canton, MI, earned a B.B.A. in Marketing *summa cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, she plans to travel with her friends. What Mariana appreciated most about The Honors College was the inclusivity. She was involved with the Student Advertising Association as president and the American Marketing Association as vice president. She received the Dr. Dawn H. Percy Memorial Endowed Scholarship and the Neu Scholarship Endowment and was named to the Dean's List member every semester. Mariana would like to thank her family, friends, and faculty for believing in her and providing her with the resources and encouragement to succeed.







# HARRIET HALL

Harriet Hall, from Lathrup Village, MI, earned a B.A. in Japanese language and culture *magna cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, she plans to teach abroad with the Japanese Exchange and Teaching program and start a small business with friends. The Izzy Art Collective will produce art in a way that supports community, accessibility, and learning. What Harriet appreciated most about The Honors College were the Honors community's environment and the general feeling of welcome, experimentation, and deep discussion. She has studied abroad with the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, promoted voter engagement with PIRGIM Students, received EMU's Emerald Scholarship and the Scholarship for Study Abroad from the Bridging Foundation, and achieved much more. Harriet would like to thank her parents, Charles and Nancy, for their unwavering support, her TESOL advisor, Dr. Macknish, her professors, her therapist Andrea Dewey, and all of her friends who have supported her.

# KARIN HARTMAIER

Karin Hartmaier, from Canton, MI, earned a B.B.A. in international business marketing *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in international business, and Highest Honors. After graduation, she plans to travel before attending graduate school. What Karin appreciated most about The Honors College were the support network and the resources that helped enrich her educational experience. She was a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, president and director of membership and events for the American Marketing Association, a student body Senator and vice-chair of the business & finance committee for Student Government, public relations and assistant recruitment director of her sorority, a 2020 orientation assistant, Honors College marketing & outreach Student Fellow, and a member of The Honors College Advisory Council. She studied abroad at the University of Salamanca and received the 2021 Outstanding Junior and 2022 Outstanding Senior College of Business Student of the Year award, the G. F. Miller Student Leadership Award, the Dr. Toni Stokes Jones Scholarship, and a Study Abroad Scholarship. Karin would like to thank Dr. Seely and Dr. Victor for supporting her research and studies, Dr. E. for her faith and guidance, the Honors College Marketing and Student Outreach Team, and the McNair Scholars Program leaders. Most of all, she would like to thank her parents and sister, who motivate her every day to reach her highest potential and never stopped believing in her abilities, for their unconditional love and support,







# SYDNEY JACKS

Sydney Jacks, from Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in elementary education *summa cum laude* with minors in reading and teaching French and University Honors. After graduation, she plans to pursue a teaching position and continue running Safety Town Camp in the summer for incoming kindergarteners. What Sydney appreciated most about The Honors College were the smaller class sizes and the increased opportunity to connect with teachers and other students. Sydney studied abroad in Brest, France in summer 2022 and was involved in Cru and New Life Church. She received several academic scholarships and a study abroad scholarship. Sydney would like to thank her mom, family, and friends for supporting her through these past four and a half years and being her cheerleader even when it got hard. Much love.

# MADISON LAMBERT

Madison Lambert from Northville, MI, earned a B.S. in communication sciences and disorders *summa cum laude* with a minor in special education and University Honors, Departmental Honors in communication sciences and disorders, and Highest Honors. After graduation, she will enter the Master's program in communication sciences and disorders at EMU to become a speech-language pathologist. What Madison appreciated most about The Honors College were the additional support of the faculty and the opportunities to enhance her learning through Honors contracts in her major. She participated in the virtual study-abroad program, was a member of NSSLHA, and received the Delores S. Brehm Endowed Scholarship in Special Education and the 25th Anniversary Undergraduate Symposium Endowed Scholarship. Madison would like to thank Dr. Farrugia for being her faculty mentor and program advisor, all of her professionals for helping her grow as a future SLP, and her family and fiancé for supporting her throughout her time in undergrad.







# KONRAD LAUTENSCHLAGER

Konrad Lautenschlager, from Howell, MI, earned a B.S. in neuroscience *summa cum laude* with a minor in biochemistry, Departmental Honors in neuroscience, and Highest Honors. After graduation, he plans to attend medical school. What Konrad appreciated most about The Honors College was always having knowledgeable advisors to turn to with questions about anything from career choices to picking an elective class. Konrad was a member of the soccer, volleyball, chemistry, and neuroscience clubs, and received the Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program, an Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and the Elwood J. C. Kureth Scholarship. Konrad would like to thank: his parents for their continual support throughout all circumstances and inspiring him to pursue education; Dr. Backues and other professors who developed his professional skills to prepare him for medical school; and the classmates who became friends over late-night study sessions on Zoom.

# HANNAH LOCKE

Hannah Locke, from Woodhaven, MI, earned a B.S. in biology with a concentration in physiology, a minor in chemistry, and University Honors. After graduation, she plans to find a job in the healthcare system. What Hannah appreciated most about The Honors College was the opportunity to be part of a community of like-minded people. Hannah was involved in several organizations, including the Orientation Team, marching band, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. She would like to thank her parents, Ray and Dawn, her brother Noah, her Aunt Tammie, her grandparents, and Thomas for always encouraging her to chase her dreams.





# ISAAK MILLER



Isaak Miller, from Howell, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in biochemistry and Highest Honors. After graduation, he plans to attend medical school to become a physician. What Isaak appreciated most about The Honors College were the unique volunteer opportunities and the judgment-free atmosphere. Isaak was involved in undergraduate research and a member of the Men's Club Volleyball team. He would like to thank all his professors, especially Dr. Albaugh and Professor Labadie, for teaching him new ways to learn, inspiring hope, and instilling a love of learning.

# JASMINE SCROGGINS

Jasmine Scroggins, from Traverse City, MI, earned a B.A. in English *magna cum laude* with a concentration in creative writing, a minor in marketing, and Departmental Honors in English. After graduation, she plans to apply to creative writing MFA programs. What Jasmine appreciated most about The Honors College were the smaller class sizes and the opportunity to connect with faculty members. Jasmine worked as a peer tutor at the University Writing Center, served as an editor for Cellar Roots magazine, and made the Dean's List nearly every semester. She would like to thank her family, friends, and boyfriend for supporting her throughout this time.



# CAMRYN SMITH



Camryn Smith, from Country Club Hills, IL, earned a B.A. in anthropology *magna cum laude* with a minor in Spanish, and Departmental Honors in anthropology. Camy participated in the Diversity and Inclusion Internship Program at the Henry Ford Museum and the Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute at the University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy in summer 2022.

# VALENTYNA STADNIK

Valentyna Stadnik, from Northville, MI, earned a B.A. in German Language and Literature *summa cum laude* with a minor in communication, and Departmental Honors in German language and literature. Tina will travel to Germany as a Fulbright Scholar during the 2023-24 academic year.





# SUSAN TAN



Susan Tan, from Adrian, MI, earned a B.A. in political science *cum laude* with a minor in Psychology and University Honors. After graduation, she will apply to law school. What Susan appreciated most about The Honors College were the countless opportunities that were offered to her. Susan was a participant in the Mentors Program, completed an internship at the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office, and made the Dean's List five times. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support and always encouraging her to do her best.

# SYDNEY TIMMER

Sydney Timmer, from South Lyon, MI, earned a B.M.E. in K-12 vocal music education *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in K-12 vocal music education, and Highest Honors. After graduation, she plans to work as a music teacher. What Sydney appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities to dive deeper into her classes and through Honors Contracts, the Undergraduate Research Symposium, and her senior thesis. She was involved in the National Association for Music Educators, the American Choral Director Association, and the EMU Choir, served as the EMU representative for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Student Activities Board, was a New Student Orientation Assistant, presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium and the Mid-Michigan Symposium, traveled to Europe with the EMU Choir, and worked for EMU Dining. She received the Leonard Riccinto Memorial Scholarship, the Muriel L. Gilbert Award, the Emerald Scholarship, the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, and two Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support, and the faculty of the School of Music and Dance and The Honors College for fostering her ever-evolving curiosity!







# SARAH WEISS

Sarah Weiss, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.A. in music and a B.S.W. in social work *summa cum laude* with minors in sociology and Jewish studies and University Honors. After graduation, she will continue working at Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, assisting people in getting the resources they need. What Sarah appreciated most about The Honors College was the encouragement to delve deeper into exploring course content. She was also grateful for the amazing opportunity to participate in Dr. María García's virtual international experience, involving a virtual visit to Guatemala. Sarah was a member of EMU's flute studio, cello studio, band, and choirs, and worked at Swoop's Food Pantry. She served on the executive board for Hillel of EMU, was a selected presenter at EMU's Undergraduate Symposium, and was a featured speaker in Creating a Culture of Belonging. She received many awards, including the Lerner Scholarship in Jewish Studies. Sarah would like to thank far too many people to list names — but she is deeply grateful to all of the faculty who supported her in navigating her four different programs of study and the Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan for many opportunities for leadership and learning. She also wants to thank Swoop's Food Pantry, not only for providing an essential resource for the EMU community but for leading her to discover social work! Most importantly, Sarah is forever grateful to her family for always encouraging her to pursue her interests and to learn for the sheer love of learning.

# KAITLIN WERDEN

Kaitlin Werden, from Oak Park, MI, earned a B.A. in individualized studies *magna cum laude* with University Honors. After graduation, she plans to attend a Master's program in speech-language pathology. What Kaitlin appreciated most about The Honors College were the small, intimate classes offered. She would like to thank her family and friends for being there by her side throughout everything the last few years.







# WINTER 2023 GRADUATES



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# ASHLEY AMEY

Ashley Amey, from Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in urban and regional planning *summa cum laude* with University Honors. What Ashley appreciated the most about The Honors College was the never-ending support for her schoolwork and her career. Ashley was president of the Planning Awareness Club of Eastern for 3 years, a student representative on the Board of the Michigan Association of Planning, and co-chair of the 2023 Student Michigan Association of Planning Conference. After graduation, she will work for McKenna Associates, a private planning firm in Northville, MI. Although her father passed away in 2005, she knows he is extremely proud of her. She credits her mother, brother, family, and friends for her strength and motivation to make a difference.



# AURYON AZAR

Auryon Azar, from Kirkland, Washington, earned B.A. degrees in economics and political science *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in economics. Auryon was active in Student Government throughout his time at EMU and served as president of SGA in his senior year. Auryon plans to attend law school after working for a few years.





# RAMA BADAWI

Rama Badawi, from Canton MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in applied behavior analysis, a minor in human biology, and University Honors. What Rama appreciated most about The Honors College were the Honors projects she was able to work on and the close connections she made with her professors. She was the president of Students Organize 4 Syria and a member of the House of Representative organization and Psi Chi. After graduation, Rama plans to attend graduate school to earn her board-certified behavior analyst license and practice as a BCBA. She would like to thank her supervisors, friends, and family for always being supportive and encouraging.

# KRISTEANA BANKS

Kristeana Banks, from Detroit, MI, earned a B.A. in political science *cum laude* with a minor in journalism and Departmental Honors in political science. What Kristeana appreciated about The Honors College were the faculty and staff she got to connect with over their interest in both political science and journalism. She was a member of the Model United Nations organization, received the Student-Faculty Fellowship, and participated in the Public Policy and International Affairs Program at the University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy, where she received the Spirit of Detroit Award. After graduation, Kristeana plans to work in city government and private bureaucracy. She would like to thank her mother and brother not only for supporting her financially, but for giving her the emotional support needed to conquer every obstacle life has presented her with.







# JACQUELYN BAUER

Jacquelyn Bauer, from Montgomery, IL, earned a B.S. in actuarial science and economics *cum laude* with University Honors. What Jacquelyn appreciated the most about The Honors College was the two years she spent working as a Student Fellow. After graduation, Jacquelyn will work for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Jacquelyn would like to thank her family for their constant support and help throughout her college career.

# DEREK BERGER

Derek Berger, from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with minors in management and family sociology and Departmental Honors in psychology. What Derek appreciated most about The Honors College were the many opportunities to get involved in the community. Derek served as vice president of the Psychology Club for 2 years, participated in research with Dr. Natalie Dove, and received the Marshal Award for Best Poster Presentation. After graduation, Derek plans to work in higher education administration. He would like to thank his mother, father, sister, uncle, aunt, and partner for all their continuous support through his academic journey.



# ANGELA BONK



Angela Bonk, from Milan, MI, earned a B.B.A in marketing *magna cum laude* with University Honors.

# ANNA BOWLING

Anna Bowling, from Wadsworth, OH, earned B.A. degrees in communication and women and gender studies *magna cum laude* with a minor in general business and University Honors. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the small classes and access to terrific advising. Anna served as director of internal relations for Student Government and was a member of the EMU Forensics Team. After graduation, Anna plans to work full-time at Pandora Jewelry while she decides where to attend graduate school before entering the communication field. She would like to thank her family and friends for the love and support during the past few years and her partner for being the best confidant and guide.







# CHRISTIAN BRAKE

Christian Brake, from South Lyon, MI, earned a B.S. in information assurance and cyber defense *summa cum laude* with University Honors. What Christian appreciated most about The Honors College was the friendly community of students and staff. Christian completed two internships with Palo Alto Networks and competed on EMU's team in the National Cyber League Spring 2022 competition, where the team, placed 208th out of 3658. After graduation, Christian plans to travel and work in security orchestration automation and response. Chris would like to thank his family for all their support and his mentor Jennifer Wu for all of the wisdom she has shared

# RONALD BRANDAL

Ronald Brandal, from Sandusky, OH, earned a B.A. in secondary education with concentrations in social studies and political science and University Honors. What Ronnie appreciated most about The Honors College were the small, intimate classes and the caring faculty. He believed that everyone he encountered genuinely cared about his success and well-being. Ronnie competed as a member of the cross-country and track-and-field teams. participated in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and earned numerous All-MAC athletic and academic awards. After graduation, he plans to further his education, teach social studies, and coach track and field. Ronnie would like to thank The Honors College for providing him with a wonderful opportunity and experience. He also would like to thank his parents for everything they provide for him, as they've helped him in invaluable ways. He deeply cherishes heir unrelenting support and care





# JESSICA CALLAGHAN

Jessica Callaghan, from Brighton, MI, earned a B.S. in clinical laboratory sciences *magna cum laude* with a concentration in medical laboratory science, University Honors, Departmental Honors in clinical laboratory sciences, and Highest Honors. What Jessica appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities for campus involvement and the resources provided. She served as a Resident Advisor for three years and as a supervisor in the COVID testing center, was member at large for the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Organization, and participated in both chemistry and microbiology research, both of which she presented at the Undergraduate Symposium. Jessica received the Outstanding Student Award in Clinical Laboratory Sciences, the Undergraduate Research Stimulus award, and a Senior Project Fellowship. After graduation, Jessica will work in the chemistry laboratory at Michigan Medicine. She would like to thank her family for always being there to support her and motivate her and her best friends for taking care of her.

# ALEXANDRIA CHUMNEY

Alex Chumney, from Pinckney, MI, earned a B.S. in biology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in ecology, organismal diversity, and evolution, and Departmental Honors in biology. What Alex appreciated the most about The Honors College were the financial and educational opportunities provided. She researched microbial communities and legumes in restored prairies and volunteered at the Leslie Science and Nature Center. She also earned the Barry Goldwater Scholarship for the top STEM students across the nation. After graduation, Alex plans to pursue ecological fieldwork before attending graduate school in ecology. Alex would like to thank the EMU biology faculty, specifically, Dr. Emily Grman for her patience, kindness, and words of wisdom. She would also like to thank all who contributed financially to her long-awaited return to school, her family, and her loving and wonderful partner, Rory.





# MALLORY DAWES



Mallory Dawes, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in computer science-applied *cum laude* with University Honors. What Mallory appreciated most about The Honors College was the help and assistance from the advisors, as they were always available and informative. Mallory was a member of Air Force ROTC at the University of Michigan and received the Military Commendation Award and the Military Order of World Wars Award. After graduation, Mallory plans to work in Montana for the summer while awaiting her placement in pilot training with the U.S. Air Force. Mallory would like to thank her parents and sister for all the help and support they have given her over the years.

# SYDNEY DHUE

Sydney Dhue, from Detroit, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in management and Departmental Honors in psychology. What Sydney appreciated the most about The Honors College were the sense of community and the opportunity for educational advancement. Sydney was a member of the Black Honors Student Organization, the Psychology Club, and the McNair Scholars Program. After graduation, she will enter the Master's program in industrial-organizational psychology at Wayne State University. Sydney would like to thank her family for their unwavering support, especially her mother for her countless hours of support and wisdom. Sydney would also like to thank the EMU faculty who assisted her throughout her academic journey.





# SARAH DUBINSKY



Sarah Dubinsky, from Canton, OH, earned a B.S. in environmental science and society *summa cum laude* with University Honors.

# ISAAC DUNHAM

Isaac Dunham from Jackson, MI, earned a B.S. in information assurance and cyber defense *summa cum laude* with a minor in mathematics, University Honors, Departmental Honors in information assurance and cyber defense, and Highest Honors. What Isaac most appreciated about The Honors College were the connections, opportunities, and challenges that he would have never had otherwise. Isaac was a member of the Information Assurance Student Association and received the 2023 Student of the Year Award for the information assurance and cyber defense degree program. After graduation, Isaac intends to continue his career in enterprise information security and technology. Isaac wants to thank his Departmental Honors Advisor, Dr. James Banfield, for providing challenging opportunities to ensure a successful experience in the Honors College, Dr. Ann Eisenberg for helping him succeed in the Honors College, despite his nontraditional background and academic discipline, and all of the other instructors and colleagues who helped him get to where he is today.





# ALEKSANDR FREVERT



Aleksandr Frevert, from Burlington, IA, earned a B.A. in creative writing with minors in social work and psychology and University Honors. What Aleksandr appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities to delve further into the course material and independent research with Honors contracts. Aleksandr was a member and vice president of EMU's LGBTQ+ student organization. After graduation, they plan to work in their field before returning to academia to pursue a Master's in social work

# MACKENZY GEIGER

Mackenzzy Geiger, from South Rockwood, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in English, with Departmental Honors in psychology. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the small class sizes and priority registration. At EMU, Mackenzzy worked at the Community Behavioral Health Clinic. After graduation, she plans to work as a behavioral technician before attending graduate school. Mackenzzy would like to thank her mom for all her support.



# KERI GEIS



Keri Geis, from Royal Oak, MI, earned a B.S. in Therapeutic Recreation *magna cum laude* with University Honors.

# AMBER HALEY

Amber Haley, from Willis, MI, earned a B.S. in biology *magna cum laude* with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology, a minor in sustainability, and Departmental Honors in biology.





# KAIYA HAYWOOD



Kaiya Haywood, from Detroit, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with minors in social work and human sexuality and Departmental Honors in psychology. What Kaiya appreciated most about The Honors College were the research opportunities and the Honors courses. At EMU, Kaiya volunteered as a peer advisor for the psychology department and was a member of the Leftist Student Coalition. In the fall, she plans to enter a Master's program in social work. Kaiya would like to thank her family, friends, and faculty advisors for their support and guidance.

# ABIGAIL HOSKINS

Abigail Hoskins, from Whittaker, MI, earned a B.S. in biology *magna cum laude* with University Honors and Highest Honors. What Abigail appreciated most about The Honors College was being able to form lasting friendships and relationships within the Honors community. Abigail spent her time at EMU volunteering in the community and conducting research on discrimination in STEM. After graduation, Abigail plans to earn a Master's degree in physician assistant studies. Abigail would like to thank her family and her mentors for their support and encouragement.



# ISABELLA HUTCHISON



Isabella Hutchison, from Monroe, Michigan, earned a B.S.W. in social work *summa cum laude* with University Honors.

# MYRANDA IVEY

Myranda Ivey, from Belleville, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *magna cum laude* with a concentration in applied behavior analysis, a minor in sociology, and University Honors. What Myranda appreciated most about The Honors College was the support from the faculty. She was involved in the Black Honors Student Organization, the McNair Scholars, and You Beautiful Black Woman Epsilon Chapter, and she received an Alumni Association Scholarship. She also participated in a summer research program at the University of Oregon. After graduation, Myranda plans to attend graduate school to pursue a career in counseling. She would like to thank friends and family for their never-ending support and love.







# NOOR JASSIM

Noor Jassim, from Dearborn Heights, MI, earned a B.S. degrees in psychology and sociology *summa cum laude* with Departmental Honors in psychology. What Noor appreciated most about The Honors College was the research support. Noor worked as a research assistant at the SEED lab in the Department of Psychology, was a McNair Scholar, and was on the Dean's List every semester. After graduation, she will enter the Ph.D. program in developmental science at Wayne State University. Noor would like to thank her family and her advisors for supporting her in reaching this milestone.

# MADELINE JUSTICE

Madeline Justice, from Canton, MI, earned a B.A. in secondary education with a concentration in social studies and political science *magna cum laude* and University Honors. What Madeline appreciated most about The Honors College was the support provided. She has been involved in Moot Court and received the Emerald Scholarship, the Future Educator Stipend, and the Adella R. Jackson Scholarship. After graduation, Madeline plans to start teaching in Michigan and obtain a Master's in educational leadership. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for always supporting her and encouraging to her to follow her passion.





# ODIA KABA

Odia Kaba, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in quantitative economics *summa cum laude* with a minor in psychology, University Honors, Departmental Honors in quantitative economics, and Highest Honors. What Odia appreciated most about The Honors College were the research opportunities and small classes. She was a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, a peer mentor for TRiO Student Support Services, and a financial consultant at Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW). She received the College of Arts and Sciences Father Bernard J. O'Connor Endowed Scholarship in Civic Engagement, the College of Arts and Sciences Dale and Gloria Heydlauff Student Endowed Excellence Award, the Fleischmann Stokes Jones Scholarship, the Susan and John Ullrich Endowed Scholarship, an Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship, the 2022 MLK, Jr. Evans-Strand Peace Award, and the STEM in Economics Scholarship. She was a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow at Princeton University, a 2022 Truman Scholarship finalist, and a Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program Fellow. After graduation, Odia will enter the PhD program in public policy and public administration at George Washington University. Odia would like to thank her family and friends for sticking by her side and supporting her dreams.

# AVITAL KEELEY

Avital Keeley, from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in physics research *magna cum laude* with a minor in mathematics and Departmental Honors in physics.





# SYDNEY KEENAN



Sydney Keenan from Brighton, MI, earned a B.S. in professional writing *summa cum laude* with minors in psychology and communication and University Honors. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were the small, discussion-based classes. During her time at EMU, Sydney served as the Editor-in-Chief of Cellar Roots, the undergraduate fine arts magazine, and volunteered as a mentor for incoming underclassmen. After graduation, Sydney will pursue a Master's degree in rhetoric and technical writing at Michigan State University. She would like to extend her gratitude to her family for their continued support.

# BASRA KEYNAN

Basra Keynan, from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology with a minor in human biology and Departmental Honors in psychology.





# MAITHAM KHANAFAER



Maitham Khanafer, from Lebanon, earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in dietetics *magna cum laude* with Departmental Honors in dietetics. What Maitham appreciated most about The Honors College was being able to step outside his comfort zone and being able to dive deeper into his field of study through research. Maitham co-founded and served as president of The Arab Society, as social activity planner for the Student Dietetic Association, and as a campus tour guide for the Office of Admissions. He also received an Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship. After graduation, Maitham plans to start his career as a clinical dietitian. He would like to thank his family, friends, and everyone at EMU who helped him grow both academically and professionally.

# PANIDA KHUANSANGUAN



Panida Khuansanguan, from Bangkok, Thailand, and Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry *magna cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in biochemistry, and Highest Honors. What Panida appreciated most about The Honors College was the funding to travel to national STEM conferences to build her resume. She founded and was president of EMU's Friends of MSF/Doctors Without Borders and was speaker pro tem for EMU's re-established House of Representatives. She conducted research with Dr. Albaugh and had her work, *Molecular investigation of the tandem Tudor domain and plant homeodomain histone binding domains of the epigenetic regulator UHRF2*, published and presented at two national conferences. She volunteered with a diabetes prevention program in Detroit with the Health Disparities office and Michigan Medicine's Save a Heart Charity Gala. Each summer, she mentored Asian American Girls in the Macomb School District and was named Miss Asia Thailand. She received the Educational Award from the Council of Asian Pacific Americans, the Gold Student Medallion Award for Student Mentorship, the Collins' Endowed Scholarship, and the Perry S. Brundage Scholarship from the Department of Chemistry. After graduation, Panida plans to enter the Master's program in biological chemistry at the University of Michigan and continue working in the pediatric cardiothoracic ICU at Michigan Medicine/Mott's Children's Hospital while applying to medical school. She would like to thank her mom, dad, little sister, aunts, and uncle for providing her with financial and emotional support and Dr. Albaugh and all of her mentors during her undergraduate career.



# ABIGAIL KISSINGER



Abigail Kissinger, from Terre Haute, IN, earned a B.S. in Sport Management *summa cum laude* with minors in general business and communication and University Honors. What Abigail appreciated most about The Honors College were the Honors courses. She was president of the Gymnastics Club and received the Outstanding Student Award for Sport Management. After graduation, Abigail plans to study law at Indiana University. She would like to thank her professors, family, and friends for all their support.

# JESSI KWEK

Jessi Kwek, from Redford, MI, earned B.A. degrees in political science and sociology *summa cum laude* with concentrations in American politics and public administration, University Honors, Departmental Honors in political science, and Highest Honors. What Jessi appreciated most was the opportunity to dive into a large-scale research project on walkability, one of her passions. She served as a Senator and as the director of student services for Student Government, co-president of Model United Nations, student leader for the Faculty Development Center's Teaching and Learning Together initiative, and served on Ypsilanti's Non-Motorized Advisory Committee. She received scholarships from the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology and the Senator of the Year and the Political Science Student of the Year awards. After graduation, Jessi will work at EMU's Center for Health Disparities Innovations and Studies and the Ypsilanti Urban Planning Department before pursuing a Master's degree in urban planning. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and little brother for their unwavering support through the many unexpected challenges that college brought.





# CHLOE LAPORTE



Chloe Laporte, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in criminal justice and criminology and Departmental Honors in psychology. What Chloe appreciated most about The Honors College were early registration and their Departmental Honors Advisor, Dr. McIntyre. They work for Educate Youth, a nonprofit in the city of Ypsilanti that aims to increase the graduation rate in this area. Chloe also completed a senior thesis titled "Stereotype Threat Within the LGBTQ+ Community." After graduation, they will work with clients at a residential eating disorder center in Boston before applying to master's and Ph.D. program in clinical psychology. They would like to thank their family, friends, and educational advisors for all their support during their journey at Eastern.

# AVA LEAHY

Ava Leahy, from La Grange, IL, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in criminal justice and criminology, University Honors, Departmental Honors in both psychology and criminal justice, and Highest Honors. What Ava appreciated most about The Honors College were the fun events, like the Honors Formal, and priority registration. Ava worked as a student supervisor for the Commons and as a peer mentor for the College Supports Program and TRIO Student Support Services. She was also a member of the EMU Marching Band for all three years, serving as the mellophone section leader for two of them, and she was a member of the basketball Pep Band. Ava volunteered as an undergraduate research assistant for the Fear and Anxiety Research Lab and as a virtual literacy tutor with Brilliant Detroit and the Center for Success. Ava received numerous accolades, including the Senior Project Fellowship and the Wilbert J. McKeachie Award for best oral presentation at the Undergraduate Symposium from the Psychology Department. In recognition of her leadership and academic excellence, Ava also received the Emerald Scholarship, the Susan and John Ullrich Endowed Scholarship, and the Richard Albrecht Memorial Scholarship. After graduation, Ava will enter the Master's program in social work at Western Michigan University, where she has received the Thurgood Marshall Fellowship. She thanks her dad for his support throughout her undergraduate career, her boyfriend for his emotional support, and her friends for pushing her to always strive for the best.







# EVA LONG

Eva Long, from Inwood, WV, earned a B.A. in public and nonprofit administration *summa cum laude* with a minor in communication, University Honors, Departmental Honors in public administration, and Highest Honors. What Eva appreciated most about The Honors College was living in the Honors residence hall her freshman year, where she made friendships that persisted throughout college. The campus involvements that had the biggest impact on her include the CloseUp Theatre Troupe, the Food Recovery Network (where she served as president for two years), and Student Government (where she was elected as Speaker). Eva was recognized by the political science department as both Intern of the Year and Public and Nonprofit Administration Student of the Year. After graduation, she plans to move to Nashville to pursue a career in philanthropy in higher education. Eva would like to thank her parents, her sister, Christine, and her friends for offering advice, wisdom, and encouragement as she navigated through her undergraduate career.

# LUKE MANGAS

Luke Mangas from New Albany, OH, earned B.S. degrees in chemistry and mathematics *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in chemistry, and Highest Honors. What Luke appreciated most about The Honors College was the community and support system it built for him before and during his time at Eastern. Luke represented EMU as a co-chair of the 2021 Undergraduate Scholars Program Administrators Association (USPAA) Scholars Summit. He received a total of six awards from the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, including the Peet-Mayor Endowed Chemistry Award, granted annually to the outstanding graduating chemistry major. After graduation, Luke will pursue a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Luke would like to thank Mrs. Raymond for initiating his love for chemistry and his research mentor Dr. Milletti, his friends, and his family for supporting him throughout this journey.





# ANDREW MILLETT



Andrew Millett, from Crestwood, KY, earned a B.S. in aviation flight technology *summa cum laude* with a minor in general business and University Honors. What Andrew appreciated most about The Honors College was the support with advising and scheduling that enabled him to graduate in three years. Andrew was involved in the Sigma Chi chapter of the Alpha Eta Rho aviation fraternity, where he served as recruitment director and president of the organization, and he received the Game Above Outstanding Student Award for both 2022 and 2023. After graduation, Andrew will work for UPS Airlines as a FlightPath intern in the Boeing 757/767 fleet office. He will also work as a flight instructor to continue to build flight hours. Andrew would like to thank his father Phil Millett for his unconditional love and support throughout his time in college, as Phil was his "go-to person" for advice and help over the last 3 years.

# KAYLEE MISURACA

Kaylee Misuraca, from Macomb, MI, earned B.S. degrees in mathematics and statistics *summa cum laude* with a minor in computer science, and University Honors. What Kaylee appreciated most about The Honors College was the community she found while living in Honors housing. Kaylee worked as a mathematics tutor at the Math Lab and received the Doc M. Mathematics Endowed Scholarship, the most prestigious award offered to students in math and statistics. After graduation, Kaylee will work as a data scientist at Little Caesars headquarters in Detroit. She would like to thank her professors, her family, and her friends for all the support they have shown her over the last four years!







# RAMI MUSTAFA

Rami Mustafa, from Jordan, earned a B.S. in electrical and computer engineering *magna cum laude* with Departmental Honors in electrical and computer engineering. What Rami appreciated most about The Honors College was the flexibility in earning Honors credit. Rami was involved in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) student organization and worked as an intramural supervisor at the REC/IM. He received the Leader Award and was named to the Dean's List. After graduation, Rami will enter the graduate program in robotics and intelligent autonomous systems at the University of Cincinnati. He would like to thank his family, professors, and classmates for their support and for believing in him.

# KEZIA NAJJUUKO KALEMA

Kezia Najjuuko Kalema, from Kampala, Uganda, earned a B.S. in statistics with a minor in mathematics and University Honors. What she appreciated most about The Honors College was the constant availability of advisors. Kezia served as the public relations officer for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. After graduation, Kezia plans to return to EMU to pursue her Master's degree. She would like to thank her parents, siblings, and sister-in-law for supporting and encouraging her in every way.







# SAMANTHA POLLOCK

Samantha Pollock, from Clawson, MI, earned a B.B.A. in supply chain management *magna cum laude* with a minor in Japanese language and University Honors. What Samantha appreciated most about The Honors College was priority registration. At EMU, she was involved in the Japanese Student Organization and recently earned her brown belt in kukkiwon taekwondo. After graduation, Samantha plans to work as a logistics and analytics specialist for international business between the U.S. and Japan. Samantha would like to thank her parents for their constant encouragement regarding the importance of education throughout her life and the never-ending love they have shown in all the hills and valleys associated with studying in a pandemic over the past four years.

# LEAH PULICE

Leah Pulice, from Brighton, MI, earned a B.S. in interior design *summa cum laude* with a minor in construction management and University Honors. What Leah appreciated most about The Honors College were the fun events the Honors College hosted and working as an Honors Fellow. Leah held multiple positions in Delta Zeta sorority, was president of the Interior Design Student Organization, played club lacrosse and soccer, and received the Emerald, EMU Legacy, CREW Network, and Susan and John Ullrich Scholarships. After graduation, Leah plans to backpack through Europe before beginning her career with a residential design-build company in Utah. Leah would like to thank her parents for their continuous love and support.







# KAILEY RADWAN

Kailey Radwan, from Plymouth, MI, earned a B.S. in digital media production *cum laude* with University Honors. What Kailey appreciated most about The Honors College was meeting her Honors roommates who became lifelong friends. Kailey served as the senior creative for Campus Life's Marketing and Design team for three years, traveled with Dr. Ali on a "Journalism and Social Media in New York" domestic travel program, was an active member of the S.A.R.A. organization, presented research at the Undergraduate Symposium, was nominated for a Gold Medallion Award, and received an award through the Thank-an-Eagle program. After graduation, Kailey plans to work as an intern in a digital marketing or production assistant position before relocating to Chicago or New York City. She would like to thank her family for their unwavering support, her Campus Life family for taking a chance on a freshman with little experience and giving her unprecedented close friendships, and her cat, Hercules, for being just that.

# AVA ROBBINS

Ava Robbins, from Atlanta, GA, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in social work and University Honors. What she appreciated most about The Honors College were Dr. E's pancake socials. Ava worked for the EMU Community Behavioral Health Clinic, participated in an EMU study-abroad program in Ireland, and received the Francis R. Warren College of Arts and Sciences award. After graduation, Ava plans to pursue a Master's degree and open her own therapy practice. She would like to thank her friends and family for having a positive influence in her life.





# MAISY SEALE

Maisy Seale, from Canton, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in political science *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in psychology, and Highest Honors. What Maisy appreciated most about The Honors College were the professors. Maisy was an active member of Omega Phi Alpha service sorority for four years and served as president for three semesters. She also served as a member of the Teaching and Learning Together (TaLT) community in the Faculty Development Center. After graduation, Maisy will pursue a Master's of social work at the University of Michigan. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support on her journey.

# JACKLYN STAFFELD

Jacklyn Staffeld, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with minors in criminal justice and criminology and political science, University Honors, Departmental Honors in psychology, and Highest Honors. What Jacklyn appreciated most about The Honors College was working closely with professors through Honors projects. Jacklyn served as president for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, as a crisis counselor for Crisis Text Line, as a program assistant for the Returning Citizens project, and as a research assistant at the University of Michigan. She volunteered for the National Alliance of Mental Illness and traveled virtually with the international experience in Guatemala. She also received the Toni Stoke Jones Scholarship, the Anderson Award, the McKeachie Award, the Ronald W. Collins Memorial Endowed Scholarship, and a Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellowship. After graduation, Jacklyn will pursue a Ph.D. in behavioral neuroscience at Baylor University with funding from a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship. She would like to thank her parents, her mentors, The Honors College, and the McNair Scholars Program for all of the support and love through this process.







# HALLE STIVERSON

Halle Stiverson, from Bad Axe, MI, earned a B.A. in entertainment design and technology *summa cum laude* with a minor in creative writing, University Honors, Departmental Honors in entertainment design and technology, and Highest Honors. Halle appreciated the special opportunities and unique classes that The Honors College offered. At EMU, she worked extensively with the EMU theatre department, including working on nine stage productions as either an assistant stage manager or a stage manager, and was also a supervising stage manager during her last two years of college. After graduation, Halle wants to work in theatre management for a local theatre company. Halle would like to thank her father, Rob Stiverson, for his unending support.

# VICTORIA STRICKLAND

Victoria Strickland, from Kalamazoo, MI, earned a B.S.W. in social work and a B.S. in psychology *cum laude* with a minor in criminology and criminal justice and Departmental Honors in social work. What Victoria appreciated most about The Honors College were the many opportunities she had access to. Victoria sang with in the EMU Gospel Choir, participated in the McNair Scholars Program, and was a student member of the BSW committee. After graduation, Victoria plans to pursue a Master's in social work and work in the criminal justice system. Victoria would like to thank her family, mentors, and friends for all of their unwavering support during her educational journey.



# NEHUL TANNA



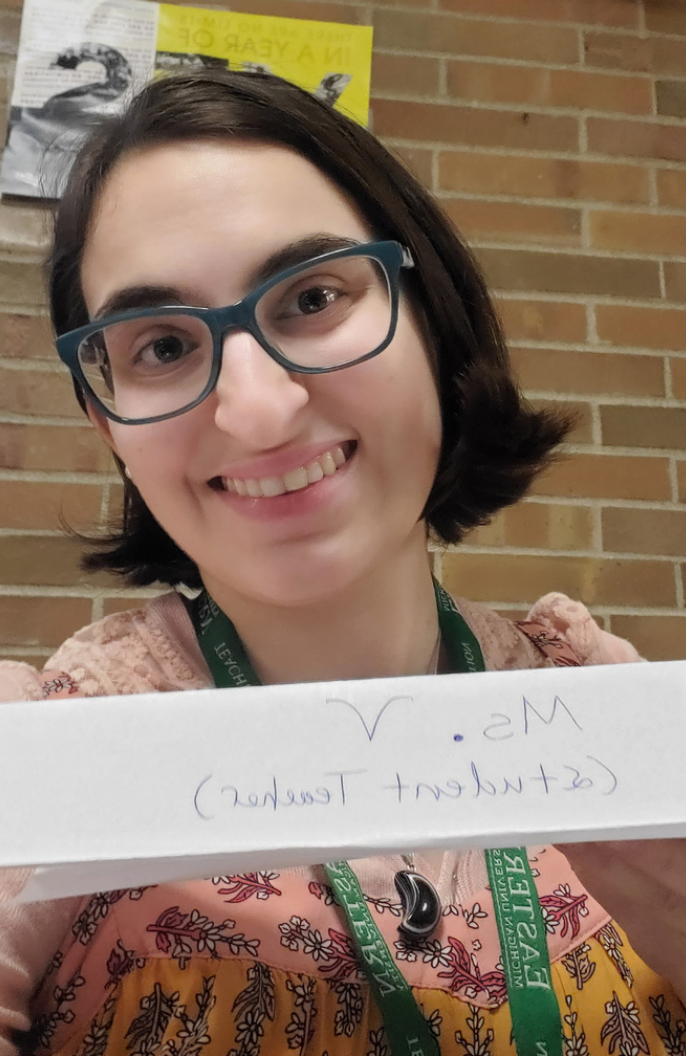
Nehul Tanna, from Mumbai, India, earned a B.S. in biology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology, and Departmental Honors in biology.

# RIMA TOUT

Rima Tout, from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in Biology *summa cum laude* with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology, minors in chemistry and computer science, and University Honors. Rima enjoyed Honors classes, which offered her an intimate, personalized learning environment and the opportunity to build meaningful connections with her professors and peers. She is also grateful for the Honors Presidential Scholarship, which allowed her to explore her academic interests further and pursue a diverse array of subjects. Rima held leadership positions in multiple student organizations, including serving as social media coordinator for the Pre-Med Club, vice president of the Muslim Student Association, and secretary of Doctors Without Borders. She also belonged to the Pre-Dental Association, the Arab Society, and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students, among others. She served as a supplemental instructor for chemistry, participated in research, and presented her findings at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. After graduation, Rima plans to pursue a career in healthcare. She expresses gratitude towards her professors for their invaluable mentorship and guidance and her family for their love and unwavering support throughout her college journey.







# SARA VANZANTEN

Sara Vanzanten, raised in Brownstown, MI, and originally from Yerevan, Armenia, earned a B.S. in secondary education - integrated sciences with University Honors. What Sara appreciated most about The Honors College were the connections she formed with her peers and professional staff. She served as public relations officer for the Astronomy Club and received the Emerald Scholarship, the Thomas and Kontry Scholarship, the Greasley-Mich Scholarship, and the Michigan Future Educator Stipend. After graduation, Sara plans to teach science at the secondary level. She would like to thank her boyfriend, Solomon Mason, and her present family for supporting her in her efforts to teach others and inspire a new generation of scientists.

# EDGAR VASQUEZ

Edgar Vasquez, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.A. in philosophy *summa cum laude* with a minor in psychology, and Departmental Honors in philosophy. Edgar was a member of the McNair Scholars Program and worked on research in philosophy.



# CHARLES VROMAN



Charles Vroman, from Interlochen, MI, earned B.A. degrees in political science and economics *magna cum laude* with University Honors. Following graduation, Charles plans to apply to graduate programs in public administration and public policy.

# JENNA WALTERS

Jenna Walters from Middleville, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with minors in human biology and human sexuality, University Honors, Departmental Honors in psychology, and Highest Honors. What Jenna appreciated most about The Honors College were the opportunities and experiences she had as an Honors student that she might not have otherwise had. Jenna served as president of the Psychology Club president, volunteered through Undergraduate Psychology Advising Services, worked as an assistant in the Department of Leadership and Counseling, and participated in a Virtual International Experience. She also served as a research assistant in the Youth and Relationships Lab and as member-at-large for First Aid Initiative, while attending Planned Parenthood: Generation Action meetings. She presented at the Undergraduate Symposium three times and was selected as MC for the Keynote Luncheon at the 2023 Symposium. Jenna was also a 2019 Presidential Scholar and received the Marshal Award for Best Psychology Student Poster in 2022 and the 2023 Anderson Award for Best Undergraduate in Psychology. After graduation, Jenna will attend the Master of social work program at the University of Michigan to become a therapist. She will also work at U of M as a research assistant in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development lab. Jenna would like to thank her parents for all their love and support as well as her friends for helping her have a great final year at EMU.







# BROOKE WHITTAKER

Brooke Whittaker from Ida, MI, earned a B.A. in communication *magna cum laude* with a minor in public relations, University Honors, Departmental Honors in communication, and Highest Honors. What she appreciated most about The Honors College was working and studying in an inclusive environment with peers who genuinely cared about their education. Brooke served as vice president of Active Minds, a mental health organization Active Minds and as a mentor for the Mentor Collective She worked as a Student Fellow in Honors College and as a notetaker for the EMU Disability Center and completed an internship in public relations with The Honors College. She was recognized with a Student Gold Medallion Award Nomination for Professionalism by a Student Employee and was part of the EMU "Come As You Are" ad campaign. Brooke also received the Ross A. Oliver Student Leadership Endowed Scholarship and an Emerald Scholarship and was named to the Dean's List every semester. She would like to thank her parents for all of their support over the years and her family and friends for always being there for her.

# ALEIDA WILKINS

Aleida Wilkins, from Sycamore, Illinois, earned a B.S. in biology *magna cum laude* with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology and University Honors. What Aleida appreciated most about The Honors College were the smaller and more intensive classes, which helped her to grow closer with classmates pursuing the same degree. She was involved in Cru and the Pre-Med Club, served as a mentor in the EMU Mentor Collective and as vice president of EMU Doctors Without Borders, and was named to the Dean's List student every semester. After graduation, Aleida plans to attend medical school. Aleida would like to thank her parents for their unconditional support of her educational pursuit and their continued love and generosity that shaped her into the person she is today. She would also like to thank her sister for being the person she can laugh with in tough times and her grandparents for always giving her love and wisdom.



# FATIMA WILSON



Fatima Wilson, from West Bloomfield, MI, earned a B.A. in communication *cum laude* with a minor in management and University Honors. What Fatima appreciated most about The Honors College was the support and sense of community. After graduation, Fatima plans to apply to law school. She will also participate in an internship with Governor Whitmer over the summer. Fatima would like to thank all of her family and friends who have stood beside her and believed in her through this journey. Without all of them, she is not sure where she would be! With God guiding her steps, she is excited and confident about the next chapter of her life.

# OLIVIA ZIEMELIS

Olivia Ziemelis, from Flushing, MI, earned a B.S. in English linguistics and a B.A. in anthropology *summa cum laude* with University Honors, Departmental Honors in English linguistics, and Highest Honors. What Olivia appreciated most about The Honors College were the community and the volunteer opportunities. Olivia participated in the Archaeological Field School, studied abroad in Mexico, and served as an officer of three student organizations. After graduation, Olivia plans to publish her thesis with her mentor, enter the Master's program in linguistics at EMU, and apply to Ph.D. programs in linguistics. She would like to thank Dr. T. Daniel Seely, her mentor, and her parents for all of their support.







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# MAXWELL ANDREWS



Maxwell Andrews, from Jackson, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *magna cum laude* with a minor in special education, Departmental Honors in psychology, and Highest Honors. Following graduation, Max plans to take a gap year to obtain more field experience before taking his next step.

# SOPHIE CAMPBELL

Sophie Campbell, from Grand Rapids, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry with Departmental Honors in biochemistry.







## MYA ELLIOTT

Mya Elliott, from Mason, Michigan, earned a B.S. in psychology and a B.A. in Spanish *magna cum laude* with University Honors. What Mya appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the professors for Honors classes and having the opportunity to get help for studying abroad. At EMU, Mya was part of the marching band, concert bands, and Tau Beta Sigma, and studied abroad in Spain. After graduation, Mya plans to get a master's degree in school counseling. She would like to thank all of her family and friends for supporting and encouraging her, and making her life better.

## COLE HUDSON

Cole Hudson, from Perrysburg, Ohio, earned a B.S. in biology *cum laude* with University Honors. What Cole appreciated most about being in the Honors College was the small, supporting community it creates. While at EMU, Cole participated in numerous Honors College events, various intramural sports, and Greek Life. After graduation, he plans to continue his education in a master's program for forensic science. Cole would like to thank his family for their unwavering support throughout his educational career.





# QUINCY JENKINS

Quincy D. Jenkins, from Ypsilanti Michigan, earned a B.s. in sport management *magna cum laude* with a minor in general business and University Honors. What Quincy appreciated most about the Honors College were the volunteer experiences with friends. Before he transferred to Eastern Michigan University, Quincy studied abroad in Zimbabwe where he met new friends, including Luffy, Aizen, and Pablo Garcia. At EMU, he worked for the ESPN Broadcasting crew and was champion of the 3 v 3 basketball tournament held on campus. Quincy was also a 4-year Dean's list honoree, a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and secretary for his fraternity, Men of Harambee. After graduation, Quincy plans to continue his current internship at the University of Michigan Crisler Center and Big House. He would like to thank his family, Audrey, Courtney, Corbin, Ben, Terra and Armenthie.

# JASON LAWLESS

Jason Lawless, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in mathematics and a B.A. in economics *cum laude* with a minor in computer science, University Honors, Departmental Honors in both mathematics and economics, and Highest Honors. What Jason appreciated most about The Honors College were the extra scholarships and opportunities to conduct research and study abroad. He traveled abroad to South Korea and received the Donald W. Pearson Award from the Department of Economics. After graduation, Jason plans to apply to graduate programs in operations research. He would like to thank his family for always being there for him to bounce ideas off of whenever he needed it.





# JEFFREY LOCK



Jeffrey Lock, from Ann Arbor, MI, earned a B.S. in psychology *summa cum laude* with a minor in human sexuality and Departmental Honors in psychology.

# SETH NISLEY

Seth Nisley, from Carleton, MI, earned his B.A. in Japanese language and culture *summa cum laude* with a minor in German language and Departmental Honors in Japanese language and culture. What Seth appreciated most about The Honors College was being able to focus on areas of personal interests via extra-credit projects. While at EMU, he completed a study-abroad semester in Shiga, Japan, and earned the second place prize in the 2022 Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest. After graduation, Seth plans to work in the translation industry. He would like to thank his family and professors for their support and guidance.





# AMANDA NORMAN

Amanda Norman, from Garden City, MI, earned a B.M.T. in music therapy *summa cum laude* with a minor in Spanish language and Departmental Honors in music therapy. What Amanda appreciated most about The Honors College was researching and creating her senior research project. As a student at EMU, she was involved in the Music Therapy Student Association and a variety of off-campus activities. After graduation, Amanda plans to work in a behavioral health facility as a music therapist. She would like to thank her family and boyfriend for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout her college journey.

# NICHOLE SAYER



Nichole Sayer, from Three Rivers, MI, earned a B.M.T. in music therapy *magna cum laude* with a minor in psychology, and Departmental Honors in music therapy.



# ELIJAH STEVENSON



Elijah Stevenson, from Ypsilanti, MI, earned a B.S. in biochemistry and a B.A. in Africology and African American studies *cum laude* with a minor in health education, University Honors and Departmental Honors in Africology and African American studies. What Elijah appreciated most about The Honors College was how kind and welcoming the staff were to her. Elijah conducted research in psychology, chemistry, and African American studies labs, worked with the Center of Race and Ethnicity (CORE), and was active in the Society of Africology and African American Studies and the Undergraduate Chemistry Club. After graduation, she plans to work in healthcare and attend medical school. Elijah would like to thank her mother and sister for their financial support and encouragement.

# Congratulations to all of our graduates!