



THE HONORS COLLEGE

CLASS OF 2017

CONGRATULATIONS

Tyrie Adams, from Cleveland, Ohio, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in international business management and Japanese language and culture. After graduation, she plans to go home for a year before returning to Japan. What Tyrie appreciated most about being in The Honors College was learning from high quality professors who were passionate about teaching. She has had the opportunity to study in Japan and work with JSA, KSA, OIS, Housing, Dining, and Swoop's Pantry. She would like to thank EMU for an environment full of opportunities to grow and meet individuals who motivated her.

Morelia Adrianzen, from Taylor, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in general chemistry. After graduation, she plans to apply to dental schools. What Morelia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was networking with motivated peers. She has been a member of the Latino Student Association and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She would like to thank her family, Andre Obua, and Housing and Residence Life for their continued, unconditional support and long-lasting memories.

Adam Baraka, from Canton Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in general biochemistry. After graduation, he plans to attend medical school after possibly undergoing research with the NIH. What Adam appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the helpful faculty. He has been involved in the International Student Association, Student Leader Group, the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, and neurochemistry research under Dr. Hedeel Evans, and was a recipient of the Leader Award, Honors Undergraduate Fellowship, and the Service and Integrity Award by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He would like to thank his family, friends, mentors, and professors here at Eastern Michigan University for their continuous support.

Jasmyn Barringer, from Detroit, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in English literature, language, and writing. After graduation, she plans to study literature at Boston University to earn her master's and doctorate degrees. What Jasmyn appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the community of like minded individuals who crave success. She has worked with Upward Bound as an English tutor and a peer advisor. She would like to thank her family for supporting her with laughter when it was needed.

Joshua Bartell, from West Bloomfield, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in healthcare administration. After graduation, Joshua plans to attend graduate school in Chicago to earn a MBA in marketing. What Joshua appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being involved in a community who sacrificed to strive for excellence. Joshua has held various positions at Michigan Medicine, and was a recipient of multiple making a difference awards offered throughout the hospital. Joshua would like to thank his family, The Honors College and the Eastern Michigan University community for creating his priceless experience.

Taylor Bell, from Brighton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in speech and language pathology. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school at Michigan State University. What Taylor appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the small class sizes. She has studied abroad in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and was a recipient of the Charline Chilson Scholarship. She would like to thank her family for always pushing her to do her best.

Brandie Bentley, from Detroit, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in social work. After graduation, she plans to matriculate to a dual degree MSW/MPH program. What Brandie appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the meaningful relationships she formed with staff, faculty, and her peers . She has served as the founder and president of the Black Honors Student Organization, studied abroad in Jamaica , and was a recipient of the National Association of Social Workers BSW Student of the Year Award for Eastern Michigan University. She would like to thank God, her family, and friends for their never-ending support, encouragement, and love.

Kelsey Bercher, from Toledo, Ohio, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, she plans to secure a job. What Kelsey appreciated most about being in The Honors College was Honors Yoga on Fridays. She has held a leadership role in the organization EagleFit and participated in the organization Best Buddies, including an Alternative Spring Break trip to fight food insecurity. She would like to thank her wonderful family for their unceasing love, support, and patience.

Michelle Betman, from West Bloomfield, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in therapeutic recreation. After graduation, she plans to get a job as a recreational therapist. What Michelle appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the small community feel the Honors College created. She has gone to Italy on a study abroad, been an New Student Orientation Assistant, and been a member of The Honors College, Stoic Society, and Hillel, and was a recipient of Soaring Higher Campaign Award. She would like to thank her dad, family, friends, and staff for the unconditional support that got her to this point.

Rachel Bohlman, from Livonia, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in secondary special education with endorsement in cognitive impairments . After graduation, she plans to find a job teaching students who have special needs. What Rachel appreciated most about being in The Honors College was living in Downing with fellow Honors students. She has been involved with the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her.

Allyson Brown, from Fremont, Ohio, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in literature. After graduation, Allyson plans to pursue a Masters of Arts in School Counseling degree here at EMU. What Allyson appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to conduct and present research. Ally has been involved with Orientation, serving as a New Student Orientation Assistant, OTEAMer, and a Fast Track Student Assistant. She has traveled to Stratford, Ontario, for the Honors Excursion, studied abroad in Dublin Ireland, and conducted research on children's language acquisition , and was a recipient of Honors Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Leader Award, Glenna Frank Miller Student Leadership Scholarship, and the Irene Little Wallace Scholarship. Ally would like to thank her parents and mentors for their love and guidance.

Kaylee Brown, from Brownstown, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Michigan for graduate school in Social Work (MSW). What Kaylee appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the connections made to staff and other Honors students. She has been a student fellow for eight semesters and was in the first cohort of the Multicultural Leadership Experience, and was a recipient of two study abroad scholarships, a leader award and two senior thesis research fellowships. She would like to thank The Honors College, the Faculty Development Center, her family, friends, and boyfriend for their endless support and the amazing opportunities she has been given.

Sarah Bruckler, from Burton, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in anthropology. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school at EMU. What Sarah appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the considerable support of the Honors College staff. She has been involved as president of the Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society and Philosophy Club, participated in study abroad to France, and helped host the 2017 Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy, and was a recipient of multiple academic achievement awards in Anthropology, the 2017 Philosophy Award, and the Senior Thesis Award, along with other scholarships and grants. She would like to thank Dr. Megan Moore, the faculty and staff of the SAC and History and Philosophy departments, the staff of the Office of Nutrition Services, the staff of the Office of Research Compliance, Dr. Rebecca Sipe, and the staff of the Honors College for their continued support, kindness, and dedication to her success.

Emily Burks, from Flushing, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in special education. After graduation, she plans to teach students with emotional impairments. What Emily appreciated most about being in The Honors College was meeting her best friends in Downing Hall. She has competed with Eastern's Varsity Rowing team, and was a recipient of The Scholar of Academic Excellence, All American Academic, Scholar Athlete Highest Honors, and third place in the "4" at the Colonial Athletic Association. She would like to thank the individuals who supported her through this strenuous and stressful journey for being the anchor she needed to succeed.

Meggan Callison, from Tecumseh, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in elementary education and elementary education mathematics. After graduation, she plans to pursue her career as an educator. What Meggan appreciated most about being in The Honors College was having the chance to meet such motivated people who helped her achieve every goal she set for herself. She has spent many hours volunteering with students, and was a recipient of academic, elementary, and mathematics scholarships. She would like to thank the Honors staff and her family for always believing in her dream of becoming a teacher.

Emily Carlin, from Southgate, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in social work. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Michigan to earn her Master's of Social Work. What Emily appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the small class sizes. She has a banner as part of the Honors College Banner Campaign, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her.

Hayley Cawthon, from Brighton, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in professional biochemistry. After graduation, she plans to return to EMU to complete her master's degree in chemistry. What Hayley appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the small class sizes, allowing for unique student and professor interactions. She has three years of research experience, and was a recipient of the Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Senior Thesis Fellowship, and the Collins's Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry. She would like to thank Dr. Steven Backues for being her patient mentor during her years in his research group.

Diamond Clay, from Detroit, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in management. After graduation, Diamond plans to take on a full-time position in addition to managing her clothing store, the Diamond Boutique. What Diamond appreciated most about being in The Honors College was Cedar Point trips. Diamond has been in Detroit Does Well, where she served as president, Treasurer, and Secretary, and was a recipient of the Wade Mcree, Vesco Oil, and Honors Study Abroad scholarships and the NAACP Unsung Hero award. Diamond would like to thank her sister Simone and advisors Kyle Sutherland and Eric Reed for constant motivation and providing platforms for success.

Andre Cocagne, from Erie, graduates with University and Highest Honors, earning a degree in mathematics. After graduation, he plans to work. What Andre appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the job. He has worked at the Honors College and tutored at the Math Lab, and was a recipient of Gene Helms Award. He would like to thank myself for always being there for me.

Alexis Cole, from Riverview, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in elementary education and elementary math. After graduation, she plans to begin her teaching career in an elementary school. What Alexis appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being able to live with her friends in the Honors community. She has worked with several volunteer organizations such as Bright Futures, and was a recipient of several College of Education and Math Department scholarships. She would like to thank her mom and dad for all of their love and support over the years.

Catlin Cole, from Livonia, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in psychology and communications. After graduation, she plans to pursue graduate school in clinical psychology. What Catlin appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being surrounded by other individuals with drive and ambition. She has studied abroad in Spain, taught as a Supplemental Instructor, advised as an undergrad in the psychology department, volunteered at many Honors events, conducted her own undergraduate research, and was a recipient of the Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Study Abroad Honors scholarship, and the Senior Thesis Honors Fellowship. She would like to thank her mother and sister for being her foundation, and providing more motivation than any amount of coffee could.

Janell Couperthwaite, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with Departmental and Highest Honors, earning a degree in biology. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master's degree in physician assistant studies. What Janell appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to pursue original research in her field with the guidance of a faculty mentor. She has been a member of the EMU chapter of Best Buddies, presented at the Undergraduate Symposium, will be traveling to San Salvador in the Bahamas to study tropical invertebrates with the EMU Biology Department, and was a recipient of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation Scholarship, the EMU Honors College Senior Thesis Research Fellowship and renewal, the EMU Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, the EMU Women's Association Scholarship, the Meta Hellwig/Don Brown Research Apprenticeship, the Stephen and Christine Liu Scholarship, and the TRUEMU Scholarship. She would like to thank her family and loving boyfriend for their continued support and encouragement throughout this journey. She would like to thank Dr. Aaron Liepman for his patience, knowledge, guidance, and his encouragement these past two years. She would also like to thank the donors, academic departments, and The Honors College for their scholarships and support which made it possible to return to school.

Lindy Cowan, from St. Johns, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in dietetics. After graduation, she plans to work towards reducing childhood hunger within her local community. What Lindy appreciated most about being in The Honors College was her excellent professors. She has served on the Eastern Michigan University Student Dietetic Association board as the philanthropy/fundraising co-chair, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship. She would like to thank her loving parents, friends, and peers in the dietetics program for their support and guidance throughout her education experience.

Julia Czekaj, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in written communication and entertainment, design and technology. After graduation, Julia plans to attend graduate school for Higher Education Student Affairs. What Julia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was her study abroad experience to Italy. Julia has been an RA at Eastern for three years, and plans to continue that work as a graduate assistant in Housing. Julia would like to thank her parents for being cool.

Jessica Dailey, from Howell, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in language, literature and writing and women's and gender studies. After graduation, she plans to work as a community organizer in Lansing. What Jessica appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the push to further explore her research. She has logged over 400 hours of volunteer and internship experience at various organizations aiming to end gender-based violence, and was a recipient of the Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship. She would like to thank her parents and her best friend Alli for encouraging her.

Sovoya Davis, from Pontiac, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in English linguistics. After graduation, she plans to participate in a year of service program with Lutheran Volunteer Corps. What Sovoya appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to do research. She has been a resident advisor for three years and was a member of the student organization Laugh A Minute Enterprises. She would like to thank her family and friends for the support they have given her throughout the years.

Danielle DeAngelis, from Trenton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in psychology and communication. After graduation, they plan to continue to work, learn, and grow. What Danielle appreciated most about being in The Honors College was connections they made with professors and friends. They have presented at the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Symposium, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship upon their entry into the university. They would like to thank their parents, partner, family and friends for supporting them in everything they do and loving them for who they are.

Melissa Dreffs, from Whitmore Lake, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in international affairs. After graduation, she plans to take a year off of school to explore some of the world before continuing her studies. What Melissa appreciated most about being in The Honors College was graduating without any debt. She has been a Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellow for all four years and has had the opportunity to conduct research in Argentina, Guatemala, and Cuba. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and putting up with her being out of the country a lot of the time.

Sara Dudzik, from Durand, Michigan, graduates with University and Departmental Honors, earning a degree in apparel, textiles, and merchandising. After graduation, she plans to move west to start her career with Amazon. What Sara appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the Honors community. She has been an Honors Student, studied abroad, and was a recipient of the Undergraduate Thesis Award, Study Abroad scholarship, Home Depot scholarship, Res Life Community Builder of the Year Award, and Emerald scholarship. She would like to thank Rachel Dudzik and Family, Janine Driver, Dr. Subhas Ghosh, and coffee for continuous support and guidance.

Austin Dwyer, from Livonia, Michigan, graduates with University and Highest Honors, earning a degree in finance. After graduation, Austin plans to start his new job at Ford, while pursuing his MBA. What Austin appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the advisors and scholarship opportunities. Austin has studied abroad in England and France, and was a recipient of the Russel Ogden Scholarship, Senior Thesis Fellowship, and Undergraduate Research Award. Austin would like to thank all of the staff at the Honors College, his mentor Dr. Yu Zhang, and his family for helping him throughout his college career.

Stephen Elugbemi, from Canton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in mechanical engineering technology. After graduation, he plans to work at general motors as a vehicle engineer. What Stephen appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being a part of the light banner campaign. He has been president of the african student association, historian of poetry society and manager at the center for multicultural affairs, and was a recipient of the NAACP Malcom X award and the Black Alumni Scholar Award. He would like to thank Simeon and Ruth Elugbemi for their everlasting support through his entire journey.

Evan Ficaj, from Whitmore Lake, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in public relations (interdisciplinary - communication). After graduation, he plans to attend Wayne Law and continue building his company. What Evan appreciated most about being in The Honors College was expanding his educational opportunities and creating more connections on campus. He has studied abroad in Florence and Rome, wrote an Honors senior thesis, presented at the Undergraduate Symposium, and was a recipient of the Honors College Award and Emerald Scholarship. He would like to thank his mother Kathy, father Alex, sisters Alesia and Marie, and friends for supporting him through the most transformative period in his life.

Victoria Fisher, from Taylor, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in accounting. After graduation, she plans to attend The Ohio State University's Master of Accounting Program. What Victoria appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunities for academic growth and the friends she was able to make. She has been involved in the McNair Scholars Program, Black Honors Student Organization and Beta Alpha Psi. She would like to thank her mom, family, and friends for providing support, love, and encouragement through this journey .

Kara Flowers, from Highland, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in elementary education and early childhood education. After graduation, she plans to create an engaging environment for young learners as an elementary teacher. What Kara appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the ease of making new friends. She has been involved in Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship. She would like to thank her family, fiance, and friends for all of their love and support throughout college.

Hannah Gadola, from Fenton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in secondary education in chemistry. After graduation, she plans to obtain a job teaching chemistry or biology at the high school level. What Hannah appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunities to work in smaller classes and more personal advising. She has worked with APSO, and was a recipient of the Elva Mae Nicholson Organic Chemistry Endowed Scholarship in 2016. She would like to thank her support system for being there when she needed help, but also allowing her to fight her battles on her own.

Kara Gardner, from Algonac, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in psychology with a concentration in applied behavior analysis. After graduation, she plans to become a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst. What Kara appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being able to rely on staff and fellow students for support. She has been an RA in Walton and Putnam Halls, was a research assistant in the Child and Adolescent Psychology lab and with research on the impacts of native reading language on standardized tests, has been a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, volunteered with Growing Hope, presented research, Parent-Child Agreement and Neuropsychological Tests of Inattention in 8-12-Year-Old Children in the Undergraduate Symposium, has been accepted to present research on the Effect of English Language Proficiency on Native Arabic Readers WAIS-IV Symbol Search Performance at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting in Chicago, and went on the Psychology at its Roots Study Abroad trip to Austria, Germany, and England, and was a recipient of the Honors College Undergraduate Research Fellowship, the Returning Resident Advisor of the Year Award for Walton/Putnam, and the Robert Anderson Award for outstanding performance in psychology. She would like to thank family and friends for their encouragement in every goal she pursues.

Tiara Ginyard, from Detroit, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in actuarial science and economics-mathematics. After graduation, she plans to go to grad school, work, and travel. What Tiara appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being apart of a community with the same goals and aspirations. She has been the president of Pulse Dance Team, inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon-International Honors Society for Economics, and was a recipient of the Road to Completion Scholarship. She would like to thank her parents, family, mentors, professors, and peers for every contribution they have given her to be at this point in her life because it takes a village and it couldn't have been done without them all.

Anthony Gonzalez, from Garden City, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in political science. After graduation, he plans to attend law school. What Anthony appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to grow and learn with faculty mentors. He has been an Orientation Group Leader for 3 years, New Student Orientation Assistant, and President of the Moot Court Team, and was a recipient of a National Brief Writing Award and two scholarships for his course work at EMU. He would like to thank God, his family, EMU faculty and staff, the Political Science Department, and all of his friends for their support over the years.

Raquel Gonzalez, from Dayton, Ohio, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in human resource management. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in human resources. What Raquel appreciated most about being in The Honors College was small class sizes, support from the Honors faculty and life at Downing Hall her first two years. She has been actively involved in campus ministry as part of New Life Church, involved in the worship team, women's ministry and a missions trip to Haiti. She also has been inducted into SHRM, Beta Gamma Sigma and was involved in the PenPals Program on campus, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, James Barnes Scholarship and Committed Latino Leader Scholarship. She would like to thank her family, dad, mom, Crystal, Larissa and Ricky for their unwavering support and guidance, her boyfriend Bobby for his love and endless encouragement, and her friends and church family that have made Ypsilanti her home over the past four years. Most importantly, all thanks to God who provided all of these opportunities and shaped her into who she is today.

Danielle DeAngelis, from Trenton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in psychology and communication. After graduation, they plan to continue to work, learn, and grow. What Danielle appreciated most about being in The Honors College was connections they made with professors and friends. They have presented at the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Symposium, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship upon their entry into the university. They would like to thank their parents, partner, family and friends for supporting them in everything they do and loving them for who they are.

Henry Hakamaki, from Iron Mountain, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in biology. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school abroad. What Henry appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to work with Honors faculty and staff, and take Honors classes. He has been in 14 organizations, been on seven executive boards, presented research in two fields, studied abroad, and been a proud honors student for four years, and was a recipient of Honors Student of the Year, Presidential Scholarship, Honors Study Abroad award, and numerous awards for leadership and his contributions in the United Nations Association. He would like to thank his family, professors, and Honors faculty and staff for making his time at EMU productive, stimulating, and enriching.

Karissa Harling, from Garden City, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in social work. After graduation, she plans to explore working with many different vulnerable populations. What Karissa appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the support she received from staff and other Honors students. She has studied abroad in Jamaica with the social work program, and was a recipient of the Dean's List honor every semester while at Eastern. She would like to thank her family and close friends for their unwavering support and encouragement.

Alexander Henry, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in political science. After graduation, he plans to attend law school. While at Eastern, Alexander has participated in Moot Court. He would like to thank his teachers and family for all the support and guidance.

Kaitlyn Hirsch, from Melvindale, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in creative writing and interdisciplinary children's literature and drama/theater for the young. After graduation, she plans to go into the workforce. What Kaitlyn appreciated most about being in The Honors College was having all these out of the box opportunities. She has studied abroad in England. She would like to thank all of her parental figures for supporting and encouraging her dreams.

Elise Hiskens, from Newcastle, Australia, and Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduates with University and Departmental Honors, earning a degree in elementary education and early childhood education. After graduation, she plans to work as an elementary school teacher in Michigan and continue working with the youth group at her church. What Elise appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the commitment to high quality education and the support received from the faculty and staff. She has had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of the campus ministry His House Christian Fellowship, was able to spend a semester teaching abroad in South Korea, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, the Dorcas D. Wolf Endowed Scholarship in Elementary Education, and the College of Education Scholar of Excellence Award. She would like to thank her amazing family for their continual love, support, and endless ability to make her laugh, her wonderful group of lifelong friends, and the Lord God who has carried her in His loving arms through every joy and trial.

Emily Hoffer, from Grand Haven, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in international affairs. After graduation, she plans to participate in a Fulbright English teaching program in Mexico. What Emily appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the amazing faculty she worked with. She has studied abroad in South Korea and Argentina, volunteered on campus, and participated in the Korean Student Association, Hansori Korean Drumming Club, Model United Nations Student Association, and Ballroom Dance Club. She would like to thank the Honors staff, teachers, and community for supporting her and making her dreams possible.

Kerri Hunley, from Ypsilanti, MI, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, she plans to continue her education by attending PA school. What Kerri appreciated most about being in The Honors College was advisers that were invested in her future. She would like to thank her family for encouraging her to always pursue her goals.

Katherine Inman, from Ypsilanti, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in psychology and art. After graduation, she plans to earn her PhD in Psychology. What Katherine appreciated most about being in The Honors College was having the chance to work with professors first hand on academic projects. She has worked as the Vice President of UNICEF at EMU, and as a research assistant in the EMU Pediatric Psychology Lab, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship, Barbara Brundage Award, Emil & Juanita Weddige Award, and the Honors College Travel Award. She would like to thank her parents, family, and friends for supporting her no matter what, always being there when she needed support, and pushing her to succeed when the odds seemed stacked against her.

Sydney Israel, from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in biology. After graduation, Sydney plans to apply to physician assistant programs. What Sydney appreciated most about being in The Honors College was small class sizes. Sydney has been involved in Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, participated in the Psychology at its Roots study abroad program traveling to Germany and London, will be traveling to Spain after graduation, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship and National Scholars program. Sydney would like to thank her loving family and friends for their support and encouragement.

Veronica Jennings, from LaSalle, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in liberal arts elementary education and early childhood education. After graduation, she plans to teach at Custer Elementary School in a long-term sub position. What Veronica appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being challenged to learn more. She has volunteered at the Honors College Orientations, and was a recipient of the Undergraduate Research Award, the Senior Thesis Award, and the Susan and John Ullrich Scholarship. She would like to thank the entire Honors College Faculty and Dr. Jacqueline LaRose for mentoring and helping her with her Senior Thesis Creative Project.

Jessica Johnson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in elementary education and reading. After graduation, she plans to teach. What Jessica appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the community. Jessica has enjoyed her time at Eastern. Jessica would like to thank her parents for everything.

Tara Jones, from Belleville, MI, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in chemistry. After graduation, she plans to continue working as a forensic chemist at Cayman Chemical. What Tara appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the amazing Honors professors. She has been involved in many community service projects and EMU's leadership program. She would like to thank her mom and family for always being supportive and encouraging.

Aiden Jones, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in biochemistry. After graduation, she plans to pursue a PhD in genetics at North Carolina State University. What Aiden appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the relationships she formed. She has presented three times at the Undergraduate Symposium, and was a recipient of Don Brown and Meta Hellwig Research Apprenticeship. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and encouragement.

Monica Jurczyk, from Dearborn, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in marketing. After graduation, Monica plans to continue on to a job in the marketing field. What Monica appreciated most about being in The Honors College was awesome counselors. Monica has been involved with the Business Professionals of America Chapter, and was a recipient of various state and national level awards. Monica would like to thank her parents, friends, and EMU for pushing me to succeed and make college feel like home.

Richard Kalvaitis, from Livonia, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in computer science applied and art. After graduation, he plans to get a job as a software engineer, buy a house, and marry his girlfriend. What Richard appreciated most about being in The Honors College was early registration. He has contributed to an NSF-funded research project, and had two artworks shown in galleries. He would like to thank his parents for giving him a place to live.

Allison Kanitz, from Fremont, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in instrumental music education. After graduation, she plans to work at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to provide various forms of service including providing free music lessons to students in Ypsilanti, serving the students of Eastern Michigan University through ministry and outreach events, and leading a summer service project for young adults that serves the people of Detroit, Flint, and Ypsilanti. What Allison appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to work closely with caring professors and peers to develop a learning environment that fostered critical thinking and meaningful discussions. She has been a part of the student organization Catholics on Campus since her freshman year, was a three-year member of the EMU Marching Band, studied abroad in Düsseldorf, Germany in Summer 2015, and was a recipient of a variety of scholarships and awards relating to her degree programs and her academic success. She would like to thank her husband, Andrew, for encouraging her throughout her college career, her family, especially her parents for their constant support and commitment to helping her work to become the best version of herself, and for the community of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for their friendship and hospitality that made Ypsi feel like home.

Melani Kieling, from Livonia, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in management with a concentration in human resources and marketing with a concentration in integrated marketing communications. After graduation, she plans to work in Human Resources and go back to Graduate School within one year. What Melani appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to work closely with professors on numerous projects. She has been a member of the National Society for Collegiate Scholars and the EMU cheerleading team for four years. She would like to thank her family and friends for keeping her on track and pushing her to reach her goals.

Breanna Kingsley, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in political science. After graduation, Breanna plans to attend law school. What Breanna appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the environment and the inclusiveness. Breanna has been a member of the Model United Nations club, and was a recipient of a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement as a Model United Nations Participant. Breanna would like to thank her parents and friends for helping her throughout her college experience to grow and become a better person.

Melanie Konja, from Rockwood, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in management with a human resources concentration and accounting. After graduation, she plans to work in the HR department at Bosch. What Melanie appreciated most about being in The Honors College was getting to develop close friendships with peers. She has been a member of EMU's chapter of BPA and was the office manager of the Honors residence hall on campus, and was a recipient of the Cooper Leadership award and the Housing and Residence Life's Outstanding Leader award. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her throughout the last four years.

Elizabeth Krochmalny, from Livonia, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in political science. After graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in law. What Elizabeth appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the academic opportunities and challenges that it presented to her. She has been a member of EMU Greek Life, various Honors organizations, and has published research with her professors. She would like to thank her family, professors, Greek Life family, and academic advisors for all they have done for her, and the woman they have helped her become.

Jessica Lacerte, from Windsor, Ontario, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in anthropology. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school at the University of Western Ontario (MA in Bioarchaeology). What Jessica appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to present her research to the public. She has travelled to Peru twice to collect data for her senior thesis project, and was a recipient of the Undergraduate Fellowship, Senior Thesis Fellowship, and the SAC department's Endowed Scholarship. She would like to thank Dr. Rebecca Sipe, Dr. Thomas Mast, and Dr. Megan Moore for their continued support and assistance throughout her time at EMU.

Chandler Lach, from South Lyon, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in secondary education in English. After graduation, he plans to teach English in a high school. What Chandler appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the excellent advising staff. He has studied abroad in Ecuador, and was a recipient of a scholarship to do so from The Honors College as well as recognition through the College of Education Dean's List. He would like to thank his parents, friends, and mentors for supporting him through this journey.

Katie Layman, from Montpelier, Ohio, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in occupational therapy. After graduation, she plans to return to her hometown to begin her career as an occupational therapist. What Katie appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the supportive advising staff that worked hard to help her meet her educational goals. She has served as the president of Pi Theta Epsilon, the secretary of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, worked as a lifeguard at the EMU Rec/IM, and was a recipient of the Outstanding Student Award in the Occupational Therapy Program. She would like to thank her family, fiancé, and close friends for their continued love, support, prayers, and encouragement throughout her college journey.

Matthew Leddy, from Saginaw, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in management with human resources concentration. After graduation, he plans to move to Nashville, Tennessee, and start a career with Ford Motor Credit Company. What Matthew appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the sense of community and belonging in such a large university setting. He has founded the Business Professionals of America Student Organization at EMU and served on several other student organization boards, and was a recipient of a presidential scholarship, the David Mielke Business Ethics award, and placed nationally in BPA. He would like to thank his parents, grandparents, professors, John Feldkamp, Dr. Sipe, and everyone else he has met at EMU, for their support, guidance, and memorable experiences during his time here.

Tao Lei, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in criminology and criminal justice. After graduation, he plans to go to graduate school and study criminal justice. What Tao appreciated most about being in The Honors College was his advising appointments with Katie Augustaitis. He has been an Orientation Group Leader, New Student Orientation Assistant, Fast Track Student Assistant, a member of SWAT, an employee at the Eagle One Card Office, and an intern with the Michigan State Police, and was a recipient of 2017 Honors Undergraduate Senior Thesis Research Fellowship and Emerald Scholarship. He would like to thank his family, his friends, Ming Lei, Jessica Bushman, Amy Barnhart, Kaitlyn Shepard, Danielle Bain, Ian Easter, Beth Hardcastle, Katie Augustaitis, Brian Sellers, Megan Moore, Bettie Kay McGowan, Ben Wilcox, Marilyn Moore, his co-workers, his employees, his orientation family, and the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi for their support and help making his EMU experience a great one.

Mary Levengood, from Bay City, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in interior design. After graduation, she plans to move to Colorado and pursue a career in commercial design with a focus on sustainable practices. What Mary appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the motivation to reach her fullest potential during her college experience. She has traveled to China to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and completed her internship with the University of Michigan Interior Design Department. She would like to thank her family for being patient and supportive even during the numerous stressful moments .

Basia Mack, from Detroit, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in arts and entertainment management. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to obtain her master's in higher education-student affairs. What Basia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was having priority registration and being able to explore various types of research associated with the classes she had contracted. She has been involved in numerous organizations and has served as the vice president of You Beautiful Black Woman, the president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Delta Beta Chapter and the vice president of Civic Engagement and Programming for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and was a recipient of being Chapter Member of the Year for two years straight, the Most Outstanding Greek from Greek Life for the 2015-2016 school year and is the newly recipient of the Greek Woman of the Year Award. She would like to thank her family and friends for being by her side and encouraging her to constantly push through all the trials and tribulations she has faced during these past five years.

Kellie Majcher, from Howell, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in political science and communication. After graduation, she plans to celebrate by eating one last doughnut from Dom's. In the fall, she will attend a top law school and probably find a new favorite doughnut shop. What Kellie appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to learn within a community that highly values its history and traditions. Studying in such an inspiring environment motivated Kellie to challenge herself daily and exceed the expectations she had for herself. She has held leadership positions on the boards of numerous student organizations, and was a recipient of multiple scholarships, academic awards, and fellowship opportunities during her time at EMU. She would like to thank her family, especially her parents and sister, for their endless support of her ambitious plans.

Jared Mallett, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in occupational therapy. After graduation, he plans to pursue his career by working with the older adult population. What Jared appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the inclusiveness of ideas, culture, and people . He has been a member of Stoic Society, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. He would like to thank friends and family for supporting him throughout his time at Eastern.

Johnica March, from Homer, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in health administration. After graduation, she plans to attend a graduate school to obtain a MBA. What Johnica appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunities for advancement and personal growth. She has been involved with numerous programs and organizations such as the study abroad program in Jamaica for Healthcare Professionals, NSOA, HASO, and Love Your Melon, and was a recipient of the Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship. She would like to thank parents and siblings for their constant support and guidance along her journey at EMU.

Alicia Marnon, from Westland, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in social work. After graduation, she plans to work in the correctional field as a social worker to help those who may have fallen through the cracks otherwise. What Alicia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was getting to go on the Stratford trip every year. She has worked as a RA for EMU's Housing and Residence Life for the past two years, and was a recipient of the Dean's List for all four years. She would like to thank her family for supporting her.

Kate Marsh, from Belleville, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in biology and general music. After graduation, she plans to intern at the Bird Center of Washtenaw County for the summer and continue on to a job in the hands-on care and rehabilitation of animals. What Kate appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the personalized attention and commitment to her success. She has studied abroad in Italy and the Bahamas, served as the undergraduate vice president in the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, EMU chapter, and was a recipient of the University Emerald Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi Academic Scholarship, University Leadership Award, EMU Faculty Wives Endowed Scholarship, GEM Endowed Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences Warren Scholarship, Biology Department Research Grant, Meta Hellwig Special Studies Award, Bert Johnson Research Apprenticeship, Music Service Award, Michigan Competitive Scholar Award, and the Honors College Study Abroad Award (2015 and 2017). She would like to thank her father, little sister, and best friend, but most importantly her mother, Karen, for her unwavering dedication and devotion to her daughter's education, and for being the reason why Kate is graduating today.

Alicia Marvinetz, from Chesterfield, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in German language and international careers. After graduation, she plans to relax, and work to save money for graduate school. What Alicia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was all the help and support provided. She has been a member of Omega Phi Alpha, and was a recipient of a Recognition Award in Academic Achievement within her program. She would like to thank her mom and dad, Kathy and Andy, and boyfriend Eric for all of their love and support.

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Kylie McGill, from Manchester, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in international business and management . After graduation, she plans to continue her career in human resources. What Kylie appreciated most about being in The Honors College was living in Downing Hall. She has been a leader on campus and studied abroad, and was a recipient of many awards. She would like to thank her parents, friends, and loving fiance for the support and encouragement.

Megan McIntosh, from Milan, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in therapeutic recreation. After graduation, she plans to experience life in new places, while improving quality of life for her patients through TR. What Megan appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the professionalism it brought to her resume that also shows her dedication to whatever she is involved in. She has worked as an intramural and club sport supervisor for four years at the Rec/IM, while also participating in weekly integrated intramurals, and was a recipient of many collegiate scholarships. She would like to thank her parents for always believing in and never giving up on her.

Andrea Mellendorf, from Grandville, Michigan, graduates with Departmental and Highest Honors, earning a degree in public relations and communication. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school at Western Michigan University to pursue her MA in communication and serve as a Graduate Assistant Hall Director in the Residence Life department. What Andrea appreciated most about being in The Honors College was having the opportunity to manage the Honors social media pages as a Student Fellow and go on the Stratford trips. She has served as a Resident Advisor for three years, was actively involved with the Public Relations Student Society of America and the National Residence Hall Honorary, studied abroad in London in the summer of 2015, and was a recipient of an Undergraduate Research Fellowship, a study abroad scholarship, the Susan and John Ullrich Endowed Scholarship, multiple domestic travel awards to help fund academic conferences around the country, and was named the 2017 Distinguished Student in Public Relations by the Department of English, Language and Literature. She would like to thank her parents, grandparents, roommates, and Dr. Jamie Ward and Dr. Regina Luttrell for their unwavering love and support throughout the past four years.

Sofia Mendez, from Mexico City, Mexico, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in communication studies and electronic media and film studies. After graduation, she plans to attend New York University's master's program for media, culture, communication. What Sofia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the higher depth in course material. She has been part of EMU's speech team for for years, and was a recipient of multiple speech state championships, as well as receiving CMTA's Excellence award. She would like to thank her family's constant support especially her siblings from California for flying here to be with her.

Dominic Meo, from Hartland, Michigan, graduates with University and Departmental Honors, earning a degree in language, literature, and writing and interdisciplinary major in children's literature and drama/theatre for the young. After graduation, he plans to complete his master's in Literature while teaching and researching at Eastern Michigan University. What Dominic appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the dedication of Honors faculty and staff. He has completed his Honors Thesis in addition to three Symposium presentations, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. He would like to thank his family, friends, and Doctors Sipe, Däumer, and Caponegro for their constant and challenging support .

Abigail Minsker, from Howell, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in chemistry. After graduation, she plans to attend dental school at MidWestern University. What Abigail appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the extremely helpful advisors and Honors courses. She has also completed four years as a student-athlete. She would like to thank her family and friends for the love and supports.

Allante Moon, from Ecorse, Michigan, graduates with University and Departmental Honors, earning a degree in health administration. After graduation, she plans to continue with her master's. What Allante appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity for professional development. She has been the vice president for the Black Honors Student Organization for two years, a recruiting fellow for three years, and has studied abroad in Jamaica, and was a recipient of the Soaring Higher Campaign award, and the Honors Study Abroad scholarship. She would like to thank her loving Aunt Anita, BHSO advisors Dr. Jones and Dr. Fields, wonderful Honors faculty she interacted with, and Reem for her continued support.

Brianna Moore, from Cleveland, Ohio, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in sports performance and fitness entrepreneurship. After graduation, Brianna plans to attend graduate school. What Brianna appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the new friends she made. Brianna has studied abroad in Montego Bay, Jamaica, held leadership positions such as Director of Student Services for Student Government as well as be the Ambassador for the SisterHOOD Initiative, and was a recipient of Front Desk/Peer Advising Team Award, and the TruEMU Award from Holman Success Center. Brianna would like to thank God, her parents, siblings, and family for motivation, encouragement, and undying love and support.

Krystal Moroney, from Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, she plans to get her PhD in clinical psychology at Wichita State University. What Krystal appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the ability to create an Honors thesis. She has been president of psychology club and Everyday Artists, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship. She would like to thank her family, friends, and psychology faculty for being supportive the whole way.

Meryam Nahlawi, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in biology. After graduation, she plans to go to dental school. What Meryam appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the help from the fantastic advising staff. She has participated in the Undergraduate Symposium, and was a recipient of scholarships from the biology department. She would like to thank her family and friends for never failing to offer their support.

Kathleen Nymberg, from Canton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in health administration. After graduation, she plans to pursue a job as a health administrator in a non-profit healthcare organization. What Kathleen appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the excellent professors and small class sizes. She has participated in the Undergraduate Symposium. She would like to thank her mom, dad, brother, and fiancé for their endless encouragement .

Conor O'Dowd, from Rochester Hills, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in geology major with a professional concentration. After graduation, Conor plans to attend graduate school at Missouri State University. What Conor appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being able to work with faculty on research and gaining the skills and experience needed for graduate school. Conor has been involved in the Geological Society of America, The American Institute of Professional Geologists, and the USGS Tephrochronology Project, and was a recipient of the Provost's Research Support Award, and the Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellow Award . Conor would like to thank family, faculty, and friends for supporting him during his four academic years at Eastern Michigan University.

Brittany Oren, from Taylor, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in criminal justice. After graduation, she plans to obtain a job that allows her to pursue her dream of working with at-risk youth in order to provide them with the care and support they need in order to become healthy and productive members of society. What Brittany appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the sense of community. The Honors staff and fellow Honors students always made her feel welcome and at home during her time on campus. She has volunteered with fellow Honors students at SOS Community Services, Food Gatherers, the Growing Hope community garden, as well as participated in many other small activities and events hosted by the Honors College. She would like to thank her dad and her two best friends, Andrea and Lauren, for being such a great support system. Without the three of you, she would not have been able to make it through the past four years and would not have grown into the person she is today. She wants to thank you all for everything you have done for her and she hopes to continue to reciprocate all the love and support you have given her for many years to come.

Avery Osentoski, from Chelsea, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in finance and international business. After graduation, he plans to work within the financial industry. What Avery appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the countless programs they put on. He has gone on two study abroad trips, and was a recipient of Emerald Scholarship and Dean's List. He would like to thank his family, friends, and professors for providing the stability to make it through college.

Sarah Pfannes, from Canton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in social work (BSW). After graduation, she plans to work in the field. What Sarah appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity for personal relationships with professors and Honors faculty. She has been on the board for Catholics on Campus, and was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. She would like to thank family and friends for their love and support throughout the years.

Nicolette Pietron, from Royal Oak, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in entertainment, design, and technology. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career as a special effects makeup designer for local theatre companies. What Nicolette appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the guidance and support that was always available. She has had the amazing opportunity to serve as both the New Member Educator and Vice President for the National Theatre Honors Society at EMU. She would like to thank her parents for always encouraging her to pursue a career that she truly loves.

Emily Plummer, from Belleville, Michigan, graduates with Departmental and Highest Honors, earning a degree in entrepreneurship and Spanish. After graduation, she plans to manage the online orders and outlet store at Bill Knapp's. What Emily appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the resources and opportunity for personal academic development. She has studied abroad in Spain, Ireland, and England, and was a recipient of the Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship. She would like to thank all of her friends and family for their continual support and understanding during her studies at Eastern.

Autumn Premen, from Carleton, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in early childhood education and elementary education. After graduation, she plans to teach kindergarten and explore her interests of llama farming. What Autumn appreciated most about being in The Honors College was lifelong friendship and registering early for classes. She has studied abroad in Ireland, and was a recipient of Teachers of Promise Nominee. She would like to thank God, her family, friends, and professors for their support, inspiration, and encouragement.

Bethany Preston, from Brownstown, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in English linguistics and anthropology. After graduation, she plans to work in teaching, coordination, and/or management in nonprofit literacy organizations. What Bethany appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunity to write her Honors senior thesis. She has been an organizing presenter at TESOL International, and was a recipient of the Regents Gold scholarship. She would like to thank her parents, her faculty mentors, and the other faculty and administrative staff at Eastern Michigan University for giving her the resources and encouragement to achieve her academic goals.

Lauren Renou, from Troy, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in communication. After graduation, she plans to attend EMU's Integrated Marketing Communication master's program. What Lauren appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the personal and professional relationships that she made. She has studied abroad in Rome and Florence, conducted research in the Leadership and counseling department as a Student Undergraduate Research Fellow, founded and served as president of The Way Campus Fellowship, worked in Housing as a Resident Advisor, in The Honors College as a Student Fellow, and in the Board of Regents office as the Senior Student Assistant, and was a recipient of the Mid-East Honors Association Student of the Year Award in 2016, and The Honors College Study Abroad, Undergraduate Research, Senior Thesis, and Student Fellowship awards. She would like to thank The Honors College, the Board of Regents office, the leadership and counseling department, the communication department, her parents Mike and Teri, and her fiance David for supporting her, believing in her, and encouraging her to be her best in everything that she does.

Elizabeth Ringholz, from New Hudson, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in Spanish language and international careers. After graduation, she plans to work in translation or interpretation. What Elizabeth appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the people involved in the Honors community. She has been involved in the Spanish Honors Society, the Spanish Club, and Sigma Delta Tau, and studied abroad in Spain. She would like to thank her professors in the Spanish department for continuously being positive and outstanding influences.

Alyssa Rollins, from Canton, Michigan, graduates with University and Highest Honors, earning a degree in supply chain management. After graduation, she plans to work at Ford Motor Company. What Alyssa appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the opportunities provided to her. She has studied abroad and was a recipient of the Women's Association Merit Award Scholarship and Beta Gamma Sigma award. She would like to thank her mom, Sigma Alpha Lambda, the Honors College, and the College of Business for supporting her endeavors.

Renee Romer, from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, graduates with Highest Honors, earning a degree in social work and psychology. After graduation, Renee plans to attend the University of Michigan to pursue graduate studies in clinical Social work. What Renee appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the ability to conduct meaningful research in both social work and psychology, with outstanding mentorship from Eastern Michigan University faculty. Renee has conducted community-based social work research in the international setting of rural Bluefields, Jamaica in 2016 and 2017 under the mentorship of Marilyn Wedenoja, PhD, and has presented findings at the 12th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2016, as well as at the Eastern Michigan University 2016 and 2017 Undergraduate Symposiums. Renee has also conducted psychology research in the areas of borderline personality disorder, alcohol and drug use, rumination, and impulsivity under the mentorship of Amy Paggeot, PhD and Thomas Waltz, PhD, and has presented project findings at the 2016 Behavioral Analysis Association of Michigan conference, as well as the 2016 Eastern Michigan University Undergraduate Symposium. Renee was the recipient of the following awards at Eastern Michigan University: Undergraduate Symposium Research Scholarship; Department of Health and Human Services Research Travel Grant, Department of Social Work Research Travel Grant, Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship, and the Emerald Scholarship. Renee is also a research assistant in the Department of Psychology, and a writing consultant at the EMU University Writing Center. Renee would like to thank Eastern Michigan University, the School of Social Work, the Department of Psychology, Dr Marilyn Wedenoja, Dr. Amy Paggeot, Dr. Thomas Waltz, and Dr. Ann Blakeslee for their excellence in education and mentorship.

Milo Root, from Lansing, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in sports management. After graduation, he plans to work as a territory manager for National Flag Football. What Milo appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the many excellent professors. He has founded and served as President of the EMU Wrestling Club, and was a recipient of the Department of Economics Academic Achievement Award and was selected to be a member of the inaugural class of student speakers in the MPARKS student showcase. He would like to thank his family and his great friends for all their support.

Jordan Ross, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in public relations. After graduation, he plans to return to EMU for Graduate School to obtain his master's degree in higher education student affairs. What Jordan appreciated most about being in The Honors College was how welcoming everyone he came into contact with was to him to accomplish all that he wanted to. He has participated in the Undergraduate Symposium, been elected the Vice President of Professional Development for EMU PRSSA, and was a recipient of the EMU Student Center Employee of the Year. He would like to thank his family, friends, and everyone who he has come in contact with over the past four years for helping me grow into the person that he is today.

Celeste Rousseau, from Grass Lake, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in professional chemistry. After graduation, she plans to pursue a PhD in chemistry at the University of Minnesota. What Celeste appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the small class sizes. She has spent two years performing undergraduate research, and was a recipient of the Peet-Mayor Endowed Chemistry Award for the top graduating chemistry major. She would like to thank her family for supporting her college endeavors.

Emily Slomovits, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in German language and literature. After graduation, she plans to work as a musician and theatre performer in Michigan. What Emily appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the small, discussion-based classes. She has been a mentor in the Honors Mentoring program for two years, spent five weeks last summer at a German immersion program in Portland, Oregon, and was a recipient of the Florentine O. and Egbert R. Isbell Scholarship for German. She would like to thank John Feldkamp, Rebecca Sipe, Carla Damiano, Margrit Zinggeler, Pirooz Aghssa, Theresa Heck-Seibert and Phil Simmons, and many more for encouraging her to make the most out of what was offered at EMU, and for making it possible for her to find a group of people who have truly become her family.

James Smith, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in computer information systems. After graduation, he plans to get a job in the industry and start working. What James appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the very helpful and kind staff. He has traveled abroad and taken part in EMU sports, and was a recipient of the C. Robert Arvin award for academic success and excellence and became a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. He would like to thank his parents and all past teachers for their support and growth of him academically and as a person.

Brianna Sohl, from Rochester Hills, Michigan, graduates with University and Departmental Honors, earning a degree in general biochemistry. After graduation, she plans to attend medical school. She has participated in research on the feline leukemia virus, and was a recipient of the Biochemistry Achievement Award. She would like to thank Dr. Holmes and Melissa Dreffs for supporting her consistently and emphatically.

Megan Somodi, from Tiffin, Ohio, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, she plans to obtain a master's degree in higher education administration. What Megan appreciated most about being in The Honors College was being part of a community. She has maintained enthusiasm, and was a recipient of various honors. She would like to thank her family, grandparents, siblings, and fiancé for their continuous love and support.

Sarah Sooknanan, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in finance. After graduation, she plans to get a job in the finance field. What Sarah appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the one-on-one attention and drive given to her from the faculty. She has been involved in the FMA EMU Finance club and was on the board. She would like to thank her parents, siblings, and finance professors, especially Dr. Craig for helping her through these four years and making her stick it through.

Megan Spencer, from Melvindale, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in marketing. After graduation, she plans to travel abroad then begin working in a Leadership Development Program with Ford Credit. What Megan appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the connections she was able to develop with Honors faculty. She has been highly involved with the American Marketing Association and has worked in the UACDC and College of Business Dean's Office, and was a recipient of the Education First Opportunity Scholarship, as well as the Student Marketer of the Year and the COB Outstanding Senior in Business Awards. She would like to thank her parents and the COB Dean's Office staff for always being supportive and helping her toward the achievement of her goals over the past four years.

Amelia Stecker, from Royal Oak, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in linguistics. After graduation, she plans to attend Northwestern University for a PhD in linguistics. What Amelia appreciated most about being in The Honors College was working here as a student fellow on the Research Team. She has studied abroad in Oxford, UK and in Florence and Rome, Italy, been the president of Sigma Kappa Sorority, been an Honors student fellow for three years, and was a recipient of the Emerald Scholarship, the Honors Study Abroad Scholarship, the Honors Founder's Award, the Honors Undergraduate Fellowship, and the Sigma Kappa Foundation Award. She would like to thank her family, her advisor Dr. Eric Acton and the rest of the linguistics faculty, Caitlin Baumer, and her lifelong friends made at EMU for helping her take one day at a time and keep her sights high for what is to come.

Rachel Turner, from Sylvania, Ohio, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in elementary education. After graduation, she plans to teach in an elementary or ESL classroom before pursuing a master's degree. What Rachel appreciated most about being in The Honors College was completing research and publishing her Honors thesis. She has been a member of the Eastern Michigan Women's Rowing team, the president of Christian Challenge, a small group leader for New Life EMU, presented at the Undergraduate Symposium, MiTESOL, and the International TESOL Conference; and volunteered in an afterschool program for elementary ESL students, and was a recipient of an Undergraduate Research Stimulus Grant, and was the Honors Student-Athlete of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year. She would like to thank her parents, Jim and Priscilla Turner, for teaching her the value of hard work and for putting up with her stubbornness over the years, her teammates and coaches, especially Kemp Savage, for the opportunity to compete at the Division One level, Emily Richardson, for being her mom-away-from-home, her friends, Autumn and Kirsten, for putting up with her goofiness and singing during study parties, and Sarah Anderson and the Homefries for always putting a smile on her face and pointing her back to what really matters: bringing Him glory.

Abigail Vander Slik, from Hudsonville, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in accounting. After graduation, she plans to move to Charlotte, North Carolina. What Abigail appreciated most about being in The Honors College was all the amazing people she built relationships with throughout the years. She has been involved with Beta Alpha Psi, Relay for Life, Swoop's Pantry, Dining Services, and was a recipient of the CMA Program Scholarship. She would like to thank her amazing parents, family and friends for the encouragement, support and love they have all given over the years.

Donovan Verge, from Hillsdale, Michigan, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in geology. After graduation, he plans to obtain his master's degree in hydrogeology. He has completed undergraduate research and been an officer of the GeoClub for two years, and was a recipient of the Education First Opportunity Scholarship allowing him to pursue a college degree. He would like to thank Dr. Bradley, Dr. Clark, Dr. Kasenow, and Dr. Loduca for instilling a passion for geology.

Katelin Webster, from Waterford, Michigan, graduates with University, Departmental, and Highest Honors, earning a degree in music. After graduation, she plans to study music history in a master's program. What Katelin appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the financial support she received to achieve her goals that would have been impossible without it. She has completed an Honors senior thesis, presented at the Undergraduate Symposium twice, studied World War II and the Holocaust in Poland, and will finish her undergraduate education with a trip to France to study D-Day, and was a recipient of the Honors Undergraduate Fellowship, Honors Senior Thesis Award, Honors Study Abroad Award, and the Dr. John W. Porter Student Research Excellence Scholarship. She would like to thank her mom for her endless support and encouragement.

Kara Weinstein, from Lesie, Michigan, graduates with University and Highest Honors, earning a degree in elementary education and mathematics for elementary education. After graduation, she plans to obtain a full-time position as an elementary school teacher or a middle school math teacher. What Kara appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the supportive community of classmates, faculty, and advisors. She has studied abroad, volunteered on an alternative spring break, mentored, and was a recipient of the Dr. Everett L. Marshall Scholarship, Sweetland Sisters Scholarship, Albert A. Riddering Scholarship, Dr. Donald A. Buckeye Scholarship, and the Dorcas Wolf Elementary Education Scholarship. She would like to thank her family for their endless support and encouragement.

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Autumn Wright, from Dayton, Ohio, graduates with Departmental Honors, earning a degree in athletic training. After graduation, she plans to remain at Eastern for graduate school in the orthotics and prosthetics program. What Autumn appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the ability to work one-on-one with faculty. She has involved herself with several athletic training organizations such as the EMU Athletic Training Student Organization and other educational organizations at Eastern, and was a recipient of several College of Health and Human Services scholarships, the Mid-American Conference Sports Medicine Scholarship, and the College of Health and Human Services Outstanding Athletic Training Student of the year. She would like to thank her family, friends, and faculty for supporting and believing in her throughout her college career.

Krista Yanos, from Woodhaven, Michigan, graduates with University Honors, earning a degree in marketing. After graduation, she plans to work for a global non-profit organization, OneHope, to serve the vision of bringing hope to every child in the world. What Krista appreciated most about being in The Honors College was the community of life-long friends she made. She has established an event called Unite EMU to unite the campus organizations. She helped start a student organization called, Unsecret Savior EMU, to reach community, love people, and restore hope. As a student, Krista traveled to 16 different countries to explore, learn, and engage with many cultures and people. She would like to thank God for His faithfulness and unfailing love. And her family, the Unsecret Savior team, and her friends for their constant love and support during her years at EMU.

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