



2014/2015 Presidential Scholars

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## Meet the Students



**Katherine Ankenbauer**, from Dexter, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in nursing. While in high school, she was involved in Student Council and coaching 7/8th grade volleyball; she also served as a varsity captain for her high school volleyball team. Katie is extremely excited for the opportunity to live on campus, and is looking forward to being involved with the Eastern community. She is grateful to the Honors College for helping her through the admissions process. Katie hopes to use her Nursing degree to work at a mission in Haiti.



**Samantha Bartolet**, from Toledo, Ohio, plans to pursue a major in biology and a minor in psychology. Samantha was involved in cheerleading, indoor and outdoor track, dance, DECA marketing association, National Honors Society, National Technical Honors Society, DARE role model program, and Math Honorary in high school. She is excited to become involved at EMU and looks forward to her classes this fall. Samantha would like to thank her mom, dad, two younger sisters, large extended family, and coaches for all of their continued support and help in her high school career as well as their encouragement and pride as she begins her college journey. She aspires to one day work as a neonatal doctor, giving newborns the chance at life each deserves. She is looking forward to an exciting new chapter of her life at EMU and cannot wait to take advantage of all the opportunities to learn and grow!



**Lauren Clem**, from Lincoln Park, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in interior design. In high school, Lauren was involved in National Honor Society, Student Council, and choir. She also served as Class President. Lauren is eager to find involvement at EMU. She first knew she was going to attend EMU when she visited the campus for the first time and met some of the most genuine and accepting people she has ever known. Lauren would like to thank her family for their unwavering support, and everyone at Eastern Michigan University for making all of her dreams a reality. Lauren hopes to work in an interior design firm someday, and is excited to experience all of the opportunities EMU has to offer!



**Nadine Sabri**, from Canton, Michigan, has not yet declared her major, but is considering secondary education. She was involved in the National Honors Society, Diversity Council, and Muslim Students Association in high school, and is looking forward to becoming involved at EMU. Nadine loved Eastern Michigan University's campus and overall atmosphere since her first time here, which was for Explore Eastern. She is excited to take Interracial Communications this fall. She would like to thank her parents, aunt, and two brothers for all their love and support, and the EMU Honors College staff and other Presidential Scholars for their help and for making the beginning of this journey so memorable. Someday, Nadine hopes to work as a teacher at her former high school, and she is excited for the years to come at EMU.



**Scott Schlueter**, from Hartland, Michigan, plans to major in fine arts and minor in creative writing. In high school, he was involved in National Honors Society, marching band, and International Thespian Society. Scott knew he would attend EMU the moment he first stepped foot on campus. He looks forward to creative, challenging, and thought-provoking coursework, complemented by campus involvement. He would like to thank his mom, dad and numerous siblings for their invaluable love, guidance, and patience, as well as the Honors College staff for inspiring him to achieve. In the future, Scott hopes to test the limits of human creativity. He's proud to be an eagle.



**Kevin Kollar**, born and raised in Ypsilanti, Michigan, plans to complete pre-med and earn a major in earth sciences. Kevin was involved in Milan High School Men's Soccer, and was a member of the Early College Alliance at EMU for 3 years. Through the ECA, he was a member of the Student Leaders organization. Kevin is looking forward to becoming more involved at EMU. He is excited to participate in intramural sports and meet many new friends this fall. Kevin would like to thank his mom, dad, and brother for all their support, and is grateful for all the help the Honors College offered him during the application process, and for all the connections they have made for him. Kevin hopes to attain his MD and run his own private-practice someplace where snow doesn't exist! He is looking forward to a fantastic year!



**Melanie Klyop**, from Cincinnati, Ohio, is excited to be a part of the Honors College at EMU. She plans on studying occupational therapy and is looking forward to meeting new people and learning about new perspectives. Her interest in this field sparked from originally wanting to be a teacher but then found a way to incorporate her passion for medicine and science. Melanie was involved with the National Honor Society, soccer, swimming, and track at Sycamore High School and plans to remain active in college. Some of her long-term goals include practicing occupational therapy with kids and contributing to research in this field. She would like to thank her family and the Eastern Honors College for bringing so many great opportunities into her life.



**Meaghan Lynch**, from Royal Oak, Michigan, has changed her major three times since she applied at Eastern last October. Currently, she plans to study political science. In high school, she was involved in choir, Model UN, Interact, as well as several theatre companies. She is excited to be living in an environment that encourages her enthusiasm! She'd like to thank her mom, grandma, and sister for their dedication and for driving her through the snow to Eastern's campus for the Presidential Scholarship Competitions. She'd also like to thank the Honors College staff for inspiring her to make the most of the world around her. Meaghan aspires to use her skills to positively impact as many people as she can, regardless of the major she ends up earning in order to get there. She can't wait to spend her time here at Eastern stepping out of her comfort zone and expanding her horizons.



**Elizabeth McEvoy**, from Indianapolis, Indiana, plans to major in dietetics. Libby was involved in orchestra, pit orchestra, National Honors Society, fundraising for a local Children's Hospital and numerous volunteer activities throughout High School. She knew mid-year after her acceptance letter was received that she would be attending EMU, and she is very excited to start her academic career here. She would like to thank her parents for their unwavering support, her siblings, past teachers who inspired her, and the Honors College for their help transitioning to college. Libby hopes that through her education in dietetics she will be able to work for volunteer organizations to better communities through diet, and eventually work for smaller, local practices.



**Leah McQuone**, from Saint Joseph, Michigan, plans to study occupational therapy. She was involved in the National Honors Society, cross country and track teams, therapeutic equestrian, and youth group in high school, and is looking forward to becoming involved at EMU. She knows EMU is the right fit for her because of the approachable staff and the Honors College community. She'd like to thank her family as well as her writing and calculus teachers for nurturing a love of learning, and EMU staff for always promptly answering her many questions. Leah hopes to one day work as a pediatric occupational therapist and she can't wait for a great year at EMU.



**Dana Murray**, from Woodhaven Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in elementary education. She participated in Honors Choir and National Honors Society in high school and was very excited when she first received acceptance to EMU. This year she is looking forward to sharing her college experience with her twin sister Cassidy, and she is grateful to God and her family for the opportunity to do so. In the future, Dana hopes to be able to teach elementary English to children in schools overseas.



**Kiersten Olsen**, from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, plans to pursue a major in special education K-12 with a cognitive impairment endorsement – secondary with a minor in mathematics. She was involved in the National Honor Society, varsity basketball, and many sports clubs throughout high school and is looking forward to playing intramural sports here at EMU. Kiersten knew Eastern was the place for her when she found that EMU was the college that cared the most about her as a person, instead of just a statistic. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and sister for all of their support in getting her to where she is today. Kiersten hopes to one day change how people look and think about the phrase “special education” because she herself is a recipient of special education programs.



**Alexis Oyster**, from South Lyon, Michigan, plans to major in Graphic Design. In high school she was involved in National Honors Society, student council, and cross country. She was also very involved in her youth group and community service through her church. She already can tell EMU is the best school for her and is excited to get involved and be a part of the community. Her family and friends and all the EMU staff she's met thus far have been instrumental in getting her to this point, so she thanks them. In the future Alexis hopes to be able to get a successful job and give back to Eastern what they have invested in her. She is excited to begin her time here!



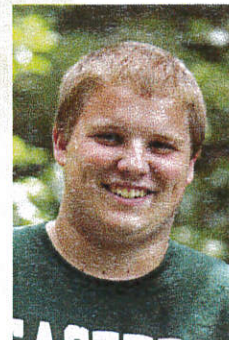
**Tessa Passarelli**, from Southfield, Michigan, plans on majoring in clinical lab research. Tessa was involved in National Honors Society, dance, theatre, band, and forensic in high school. She is looking forward to four great years of learning and making new friends and memories. She is excited for all her science labs this fall and for experiencing life at college. She would like to thank her family for their love and support and the staff of the Honors College for helping with transition to Eastern. Tessa aspires to work at the National Human Genome Research Institute someday and is looking forward to an amazing four years.



**Grace Dueweke**, from Kalamazoo, Michigan, plans to pursue a major in apparel, textile and merchandising. She participated in the IB Diploma program at Portage Northern High School, and received that diploma in May of 2014. In 2012, she started a clothing company called Wolf Apparel with her friend, and now designs all of the clothes that they sell. She became interested in EMU upon speaking with someone in the fashion program, and is now eager to start her first apparel, textile and merchandising class this fall. She is grateful to her family and closest friends for all their support that got her to where she is today.



**Maya Fischer-Tigney**, from Ypsilanti, Michigan, plans to major in biology. In high school, Maya was involved in National Honors Society, 4-H, basketball, cross country, and track. She knew she wanted to go to EMU after hearing about their new physician's assistant program and all of the things they had to offer their students. Also, her parents met here, so this is where her story began! She would like to thank her mom, dad, sister, family, friends, and most of all God for this wonderful opportunity he created. In addition, a huge thank you to Eastern and all of the wonderful staff. Maya aspires to work in the medical field and is looking forward to what the next four years will bring!



**Erik Gammon**, born and raised in Brooklyn, Michigan, plans to major in biology and complete a concentration in pre-med. Erik was involved in Columbia Central High School's quiz bowl, tennis, and bowling programs. He graduated as salutatorian of his class. Erik is looking forward to his next four years at EMU. He is excited to do well in his classes and make many new friends. Erik would love to thank his mother and sister for all of their love and support. He would also like to thank Eastern for this wonderful opportunity at this great school. Erik aspires to become an MD with a neurosurgeon specialty and enter the armed forces or start a career with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.