

Fall 2015 Presidential Scholars

For the 2015-2016 academic year, 20 students were selected to receive the Presidential Scholarship at Eastern Michigan University. This scholarship is a four-year award that pays for 30 credit hours per year of in-state tuition, housing, food allowance and mandatory fees.

Hannah Armstrong of Port Huron, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Biochemistry. Her goal for the future is a career in Toxicology. While in high school Armstrong was involved in volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, archery, student government, NHS, Spirit Club, Ecology Club, youth group, Art Club, and Church volunteer opportunities.

Kaley Austin of Marysville, Ohio, plans to pursue a degree in Athletic Training. Her goal for the future is to work as an athletic trainer at either the collegiate or professional level, and she hopes to do research into the long-term effects of concussions. While in high school, Austin was involved in basketball cheerleading, volleyball, symphonic choir, women's select choir, show choir, peer collaboration, and student council.

Joshua Colina of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy. His goal for the future is to be an occupational therapist working with developmentally challenged children. While in high school Colina was involved in Student Diversity Leader, Swim Team, Film Club, Art Club.

Mackensi Crenshaw of Columbus, Ohio, plans to pursue a degree in Special Education. Her goal for the future is to earn a master's degree in Inclusive Education and create classrooms that are safe learning environments for all students. While in high school Crenshaw was involved in Westerville Special Olympics and Key Club International. She played for the basketball team and in the orchestra, volunteered in the Multiple Disabilities classroom at her high school, and worked as a mentor to students preparing to enter high school.

Marisa Gilliam of Monroe, Michigan, plans to pursue dual degrees in Biochemistry and Biological Anthropology. Her goal for the future is to be a Bioarchaeologist who will work on case studies from around the world. While in high school Gilliam was involved in International Studies, Dance Committee, Archaeology Club, and Theater.

Olivia Grills of Essexville, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Journalism with a minor in technical writing. Her future plans are to move to a big city and pursue a job that can further hone her skills in both areas of study. While in high school, Grills was involved in Marching band, Concert and Symphonic band, NHS, SLS, and tennis.

Michael Hillegass of Wadsworth, Ohio, plans to pursue a degree in Biology and Chemistry with intentions to pursue Pre-Dental. His goal for the future is to do research while on campus, study abroad to either Italy or Ecuador, get active in various clubs and organizations, and get accepted into dental school in the coming years. While in high school Hillegass was involved in cross country, track, HUDDLE, intramural sports, Science Club, Key Club, and National Honor Society.

Nafiah Khan, of Canton, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Health Care Administration. Her goal for the future is to become a Physician Assistant. While in high school, Khan was involved in National Honor Society, journalism, Spanish Club, and was a member of the Michigan Society for Respiratory Care.

Rachel Kindred of Ann Arbor, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in History or Political Science, or possibly both. Her goal for the future is to perhaps work at a historical museum, for a cause at a political non-profit, or on a political campaign. While in high school, Kindred was involved in her school's choir and theatre programs, and had several leadership positions in the choral program.

Mitchell Meyer of Dearborn, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Biochemistry (Pre-Medicine). His goal for the future is to go on to medical school and graduate with a degree in Pathology or Epidemiology. While in high school Meyer was involved in sports, drama, theater, choir, and music. Along with his extracurricular activities, Meyer was a member of the National Honor Society, and volunteered with his chapter and school through his years at his high school.

Júlia Miyahara of Northville, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree that will be applicable in the non-profit sector. Her goal for the future is to work with organizations that provide water, food, and/or education in areas that are in need. While in high school, Miyahara was involved with Cavalcade, her school's literary magazine; art club; buildOn, an organization that builds schools in developing countries; and National Honor Society.

Genevieve Moore of Lakeview, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Apparel Textile Merchandising. Her goal for the future is to work in the fashion magazine industry. While in high school Moore was involved in National Honor Society, Class Council, Forensics, and Varsity Volleyball.

Gracie Murphy of Brighton, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Aviation Flight Technology. Her goal for the future is to captain private or charter jets. While in high school Murphy was involved in Fine Arts programs, the Civil Air Patrol, and equestrian vaulting.

Lillian Richards of West Bloomfield, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Environmental Science. Her goal for the future is to become an environmental consultant. While in high school Richards was involved in orchestra, National Honor Society, marching band, and winter drumline.

Meredith Stout of Medina, Ohio, plans to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy. Her goal for the future is to work as an Occupational Therapist with children or victims of a physical or mental trauma. While in high school Stout was involved in choir, soccer, theater, music, and a number of extracurricular activities. She was a four-year Honor Roll student, and the 2015 Commencement Speaker.

Hannah Van Winkle of Middletown, Ohio plans to pursue a degree in Nursing. Her goal for the future is to be a specialized nurse practitioner in a children's hospital. While in high school Van Winkle was involved in many activities including marching band, concert band, jazz and steel drum bands, theatre, thespian troupe, National Honor Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Relay for Life, Senior Experience Internship, Buckeye Girls State, and more.

Leah VanLandingham of Taylor, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in Environmental Science. Her goal for the future is to work with invasive species and help to solve the issue of invasive species in the Great Lakes. While in high school VanLandingham was involved in DECA, Drama Club, Plays and productions, Gay-Straight Alliance, Link Crew, Student Council, Class Government, FBLA, Ecology Club, National Honor Society, Teens Read Book Club, Writers Club, and volunteer work.

Abbey Vermeulen of Montague, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in either political science or literature. Her goal for the future is to take her degree to the doctorate level. While in high school, Vermeulen was involved in French Club, Cross Country, National Honor Society, and led in her school's annual Cabaret Show.

Jesse Wotring of Clinton, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in both biology and chemistry. His goal for the future is to be an orthopedic surgeon. While in high school Wotring was involved in volunteer work at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and was a national competitor in the 2015 Chemistry Olympiad competition.

Reem Yassine of Northville, Michigan, plans to pursue a degree in International Affairs while also being on the pre-medicine track. Her goal for the future is to attend an osteopathic medical school. While in high school Yassine was involved in computer tutoring at her local library, Library Teen Corps, National Honor Society, Students Assisting Language Learners Club, Model UN, yearbook, German Club, and German Honor Society.