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FALL 2022 CONVOCATION WITH DAVID WRIGHT FALADÉ

On November 9, 2022, we were delighted to welcome **David Wright Faladé** to speak to Chancellor's Scholars at a wonderful dinner in the Illini Union. He is a professor of English at the University of Illinois and the Mary Ellen von der Heyden Fellow at the New York Public Library's Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers. He is the co-author of the young adult novel *Away Running* and the nonfiction book *Fire on the Beach: Recovering the Lost Story of Richard Etheridge and the Pea Island Lifesavers*,

which was a *New Yorker* notable selection and a *St. Louis-Dispatch* Best Book of 2001. David spoke about *Black Cloud Rising*, a compelling and important historical novel set near the end of the Civil War, as well as about more personal context about his life and work. Thanks also to all CHP staff who helped plan the event, and **Elisabeth Sandoval** (LAS Political Science and English) for leading a Convocation book discussion!



2022 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Friday, August 19, 2022, the incoming freshman class joined CHP staff and current Chancellor's Scholars in the Illini Union Ballroom, where they had the chance to get to know one another, meet CHP staff and Honors Student Council members, ask questions about the program, and enjoy a wonderful breakfast before attending the all-campus and college events. A special thank you to **Christopher Freeburg** (*English*), who provided a short welcome, and **Antoinette Burton**, who explained Humanities Research Institute resources.

In the early evening, new Chancellor's Scholars met at the Honors House for a barbeque, where they had the chance to meet each other and a few HSC members, talk to some CHP professors, and get to know the Honors House. It was a fun and informative start to the academic year.

Above: Chancellor's Scholars at Convocation dinner
Cover: Chancellor Robert Jones and Chancellor's Scholars
at 2022 Orientation BBQ

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hello from the Campus Honors Program at the University of Illinois!

It's a huge privilege to work with some of the most outstanding students on our campus, and to help provide inspiring, motivating programming and welcoming spaces where they can grow, learn, and relax. The intellectual and social benefits of the CHP are also felt elsewhere at the University, as our students are not part of an elitist bubble, but rather are members of a community that overlaps with many others. The Chancellor's Scholars meet to take seminars, attend co-curriculars, and create social bonds — and then they go back out to their departments, to elective courses in other units, to registered student organizations, and to research, internships, and jobs. The boundaries between the CHP and the rest of campus are porous, and there is a lively back-and-forth that benefits not only the Chancellor's Scholars, but also the other talented, engaged students at this great University.

In 2022-2023, the CHP again hosted a provocative and lively curriculum of seminar classes on everything from French food and cultural politics to transitional justice. Students questioned whether plants possess intelligence and investigated the persistence of conspiracy theories. Courses new to the CHP curriculum include *Conversations in Mathematics*, *Introduction to Poetry Writing*, and *Human Rights and the Politics of Memory*. And we continue to offer longstanding favorites such as *Chado: The Way of Tea* and *Exploring Arts and Creativity*. Our high-energy Scholar Adventurers Series again gave students the chance to interact with Illinois faculty who are doing pioneering work in fields ranging from sociology to computer engineering. This coming summer, a group of students will again travel to Yellowstone to learn about the *Politics of the National Parks*.

In November, author and faculty member David Wright Faladé shared his experiences writing the acclaimed novel *Black Cloud Rising* with Chancellor's Scholars at our annual Keith Kelroy Convocation event. Our Honors Student Council hosted a plethora of activities throughout the year: around cultural engagement (including a celebration of Hispanic Heritage month); intellectual challenges (a neuroscience professor brought a cohort of live frogs to the Honors House, and discussed what their brains can tell us about our own); and just plain fun (ice cream socials, gingerbread-house construction). Chancellor Robert Jones visited the New Student Orientation barbeque, had lunch with students at the Honors House, and congratulated each graduate at our joyful Graduation Recognition ceremony.

At the warm and welcoming Honors House at 1205 W. Oregon Avenue in Urbana, Associate Directors Elizabeth Rockman and Anne Price continue to deliver amazing support and guidance to our students



Top: CHP Director Laurie Johnson speaks at CHP graduation. Bottom: CHP Director Laurie Johnson with students on CSO field trip.

and oversee the day-to-day operations of the program. Office Administrator Kelly Edwards and Office Support Specialist Abby Hager provide superior and professional assistance and service to the students and program and liaise with a wide range of campus offices. Amy Fitzjarrald coordinates programming for students at the Honors Living-Learning Community in ISR-Wardall.

You can learn much more about our courses and all our exciting programming on our website at honors.illinois.edu. We welcome you to stop by the Campus Honors House for a visit. And as always, we thank you for your support of these wonderful young people, our Chancellor's Scholars, as they form the foundation that will help them create vibrant, productive, hopeful futures.

Laurie Johnson

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IMAGE OF CHP CONTEST

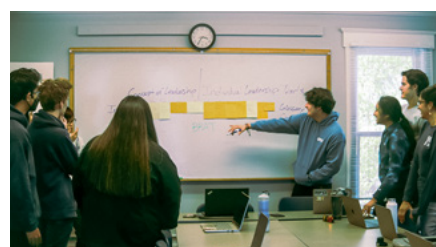


"Image of CHP" Contest Winner Maya Korol with Rahul Ramkumar and Valerie Smykalov

We were delighted to host the 3rd student contest in Spring 2023 to celebrate what our students value most about the CHP. Three students were awarded top prizes by the selection committee: **Maya Korol** (LAS Psychology and Political Science) received 1st prize, **Neeha Kakuturu** (LAS Molecular & Cellular Biology) won 2nd prize, and **Elizabeth Scherschel** (LAS Classics) received 3rd prize. In addition, three students received Honorable Mentions: **Madison Fanning** (ENG Bioengineering), **Alice Getmanchuk** (ENG Computer Engineering), and **Tara Leininger** (LAS Classics and History). Thanks to all who submitted, letting us know what you enjoy most in CHP, as well as to the several reviewers! Thanks also to Merinda Hensley of the University Library, for inspiring "Image of CHP" from the "Image of Research" campus-wide contest!

Maya Korol: "My favorite memory of CHP is backpacking through Yellowstone in Professor Pahre's PS 224 class [in Summer 2022]! I had such a wonderful time learning about national park politics, indigenous practices, and just exploring one of the most beautiful parts of the United States. Here is a photo of me alongside two friends and fellow Chancellor's Scholars (**Rahul Ramkumar** [ENG Mechanical Engineering] and **Valerie Smykalov** [LAS Geology]). We are

giving thumbs up and big smiles in front of Yellowstone Lake on our way through the Thorofare Trail. We had amazing, sunny weather throughout the trip and the trail was covered in tons of beautiful wildflowers as well. It was an incredible experience!"



Neeha Kakuturu: "My favorite time in CHP is my CHP class this [Spring 2023] semester, BADM 199, *Exploring Leadership: Insights from Philosophy to Pop Culture*. Not only is it my favorite CHP class, but also my favorite class in college so far. 95% of my classes are usually sitting in front of a lecturer, taking notes and absorbing material. What makes this class so unique is it's one of the rare times I get to sit down for 80 minutes and watch time fly by as I have insightful discussions with my classmates. My classmates are all incredible people who each bring diverse perspectives and elevate

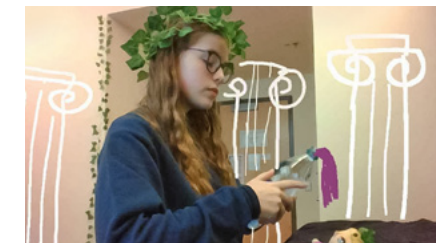
my current understanding of the world. In this picture, we are all putting up our ideas for a book we are writing collectively and discussing how we would organize everyone's ideas together. I genuinely look forward to coming to this class each week and this picture is just a small snippet of the amazing work that comes out of our class from one simple thing: conversation."



Elizabeth Scherschel: "CHP has been the heart of my college experience, from studying in the house with friends, to learning about new fields at the SASs and KDRs, to meeting people at the HSC events. Thus far, my favorite course each semester has been from the CHP curriculum, and I've met some of my favorite people through CHP. I love the community here — I love that everyone you encounter in the house has a ready smile — and the general

enthusiasm for learning. Last spring (May 2022), I had the opportunity to be a part of the ICST Trip to London with Dr. Andrea Stevens and to become closer with other Chancellor's Scholars. This picture — **Madison Rosenberger** (ENG Aerospace Engineering), **Meg Cole** (ICST TA), **Alice Gao** (ENG Materials Science & Engineering), **Abby Schlueter** (12/22 graduate, ACES Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications), and me posing with the gummy bear chair at the Globe Theater's production of *Henry VIII* — encapsulates my favorite parts of CHP: the unwavering support and encouragement from the CHP staff, the community of curious and enthusiastic individuals, and the spirit of adventure and exploration."

Alice Getmanchuk: "My favorite memory from CHP has been the pumpkin painting at the CHP house. Having been a CHP student since 2019, I haven't had the opportunity to meet a lot of other students face-to-face due to COVID restrictions. Attending this event was great because it was such a great way to interact with students younger than me, which I rarely get to do. It was such a bonding experience since many of us didn't know what to paint and we bounced ideas off of each other. I loved painting and jamming out to some music with friends, classmates, and new people I met! The photo I included is of me and another CHP student, **Tori Kindratenko** (ENG Bioengineering), on a hike at Turkey Run State Park in Indiana."



Tara Leininger: "This image is a photo I submitted as an assignment for CLCV 222: *Introduction to Greek and Roman Theater*, a CHP course I took with Dr. Ariana Traill in Fall 2020. Our homework assignment was to recreate a scene from a Greek tragedy only using objects (or editing tools) available to us in our rooms. I chose to recreate a scene from Sophocles' *Antigone*. At a time when the world was shut down and I was struggling with social isolation in my dorm room, my CHP class and community allowed me to engage more deeply than ever with my coursework and to find a network of supportive peers and faculty. Throughout my past four years in CHP, I've taken my favorite classes in college, met friends that I'll keep for a lifetime, and enjoyed once-in-a-lifetime trips and experiences through participating in SAS programs. Overall, what I've enjoyed most about CHP is that it's allowed me to explore a wide variety of academic and extracurricular

experiences rather than stay confined to my comfort zone. Through taking unique classes, like *Hittite Language and Culture*, meeting new people, and trying new things every semester, I've grown as a student, leader, and person."

Madison Fanning: "Being part of CHP has allowed me to meet so many great people that I am proud to call my friends. Living in the Honors LLC, which is sponsored by CHP, and attending the Honors After Dark and other various events put on by CHP led me to meet the amazing people in this photograph and the incredibly fun times we have had together, such as cheering on the women's basketball team. Before coming to college, I was nervous about meeting people and fitting in. Now, being part of CHP has given me a second family right here in Champaign-Urbana."



Honors Living-Learning Community Update

Designed for James Scholars and Chancellor's Scholars, the Honors Living-Learning Community is located in **Wardall Hall** at the Illinois Street Residence Halls in Urbana. The Honors Living Learning Community offers special interdisciplinary courses. Curricular and co-curricular aspects of the LLC are designed around the Honors LLC's three pillars: Inquiry, Civic Engagement, and Leadership. For more information about this community, please visit: housing.illinois.edu/living-options/living-learning-communities/honors-llc.

The Honors LLC has established solid partnerships on campus to create a well-rounded experience for residents, including collaborations with the Campus Honors Program, the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, International Programs in Engineering, the Office of Undergraduate Research, The Career Center, and the National and International Scholarships Program. Amy Fitzjarrald has served as the Honors LLC Program Director since January 2020 and welcomes residents to the community. Honors LLC residents were able to engage in a new Honors LLC Lounge in the basement of Wardall Hall starting in Fall 2022 and several Honors LLC residents enjoyed the return of an Honors LLC study abroad course with travel to Jamaica.



Left: Chancellor's Scholar Ella Dennis at Obama Foundation Democracy Forum. Right: Chancellor's Scholar Daniel Cudzich.



INAUGURAL VOYAGER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

Funded by a \$100 million personal contribution to the Obama Foundation from Airbnb co-founder and CEO Brian Chesky, the Voyager Scholarship is a two-year program for students in their junior and senior years of college from across the U.S. who are committed to pursuing careers that serve the public and their communities. In addition to the award support, Voyager Scholars also are invited to meet with former President Obama, Chesky and fellow recipients to discuss the role of empathy and understanding in leadership and public service, along with further professional development opportunities throughout the program.

Ella Dennis (*Global Studies and Psychology*) is one of two University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign juniors (of only 100 students nationwide) who has been awarded the inaugural Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service, also known as Voyager Scholarships. As excerpted from the UI news item:

“Ella Dennis, of Downers Grove, Illinois, and a graduate of Downers Grove North High School, is currently studying Wolof at the West African Research Center in Senegal as a Boren Scholar through the National Security Education Program. She is a member of the Campus Honors Program and founder of It’s On Us UIUC, a chapter of the national movement that involves students in the fight against sexual assault.

“Dennis has served as a social justice peer educator at the campus Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations and remotely at the Alliance for Citizen Engagement, a think tank that publishes policy briefs

on development in sub-Saharan Africa. Dennis also volunteers for the United Nations at the Tanzania Development Trust, creating GPS routes to help facilitate young girls’ and women’s safe journeys to shelters in rural Tanzania.

“She recently finished a government affairs and advocacy internship at the Jed Foundation, a mental health nonprofit that focuses on teens and young adults. Dennis said she aspires to work as a global assault prevention advocate, creating and mandating culturally specific prevention programs to fight against gender-based violence.”

NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) provides three years of support toward advanced research-based degrees.

Max Asselmeier (2021 graduate, *ENG Mechanical Engineering*), **Isaiah Lopez** (*LAS Biochemistry*), and **Nicolas Patino** (*LAS Physics and Mathematics*) were awarded National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships to support their graduate studies. Max is studying at Georgia Tech’s Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines; Isaiah will pursue his PhD in Chemical Biology at Harvard University; and Nic will be attending Princeton University to earn his PhD in Physics.

Victoria Kindratenko (*ENG Bioengineering*), who will be attending Northwestern University for a PhD in Biomedical Engineering, received an NSF GRF Honorable Mention.

GOLDWATER WINNER

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Goldwater, who served 30 years in the U.S. Senate. The program encourages the continued development of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to sophomores and juniors from the U.S. who intend to pursue doctorates.

Daniel Cudzich (*ENG Materials Science and Engineering*) and **Aidan Lindsay** (*LAS Chemistry*) were awarded Goldwater Scholarships for Academic Year 2023–2024. The following is excerpted from a press release by the UI National and International Scholarships Program:

“Daniel Cudzich, a junior from Niles, Illinois, has been working for the past three years in the lab of Illinois materials science and engineering professor Paul Braun, developing solid-state electrolytes for lithium-ion batteries. Cudzich also participated in research experiences with Argonne National Laboratory, Panasonic and Apple Inc. At Illinois, he is active with THRUST, a student group striving to build a rocket that can reach the Karman line (100 km in altitude) with a liquid-fueled engine. Cudzich said he aspires to work at a national laboratory using electrochemical design to improve solid-state battery technologies.



Chancellor's Scholar Aidan Lindsay

“Aidan Lindsay, a sophomore from Overland Park, Kansas, is minoring in mathematics and computational science and engineering. Lindsay has conducted research with Illinois chemistry professor

Prashant Jain since January 2022 and participated in the NSF REU program at Kansas State University. He is the vice president and research team lead for the Illinois Biodiesel Initiative and coordinates chemistry outreach events for local elementary students. Lindsay aspires to develop theoretical methods to better understand the complex interactions between light and nanostructured materials, focusing on light-to-chemical energy conversion and photocatalysis.”

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build international relations to solve global challenges. The Office of National and International Scholarships administers the Fulbright Program at Illinois.

Recent CHP graduate **Nicole Park** (*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology; AHS Food Science and Human Nutrition*) and CHP alumna **Alexandra Schneeberger** (2021 graduate, *LAS Germanic Languages and Literatures*) have been awarded Fulbrights. As excerpted from the UI news release:



CHP graduate Nicole Park

“Nicole Park is planning to teach in Taiwan. A Chancellor’s Scholar in the Campus Honors Program, she is also a James Scholar. Park attended Prospect High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. She plans to become a physician and believes

this experience will help her enhance her communication skills. She worked as a resident assistant and a pre-health advisor at the UI.

“Alexandra Schneeberger has accepted a U.S. teaching assistantship, administered by Fulbright Austria through the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research. Schneeberger earned a master’s degree in Germanic studies in May 2023 after receiving her bachelor’s degree in Germanic languages and literature and a certificate in translation studies in 2021, both at Illinois. She plans to pursue a career as a German language professor and said this opportunity will allow her to grow as a teacher in a new environment. She looks forward to teaching in Linz, Austria.”

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program, a federal initiative designed to increase U.S. expertise in languages and cultures in world regions critical to U.S. interests. The awards provide U.S. graduate and undergraduate students with an opportunity for intensive language study and cultural immersion.



CHP graduate Tina Wayne

Congratulations to **Crystina Wayne** (*LAS Political Science and East Asian Languages and Cultures*) for receiving the National Security Education Program (NSEP)/David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for study in Non-Western regions. With this support, she will study Japanese at the University of Tokyo during the 2023–2024 Academic Year.

According to the UI press release, “Tina Wayne is an intern for state Rep. Mike Marron of the 104th District, and she has served as secretary for the Illinois Model United Nations for two years. After her study abroad year, she plans to attend graduate school to study global affairs or the politics of international trade, with the long-term goal of a career with the United Nations.”

E. GRAHAM EVANS, JR. SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Matthew Rodriguez (5/99 alumnus, *LAS Physics and Mathematics*) endowed a scholarship for a Chancellor’s Scholar who is majoring in mathematics, the **E. Graham Evans, Jr. Scholarship**, in honor of a beloved retired faculty member in the CHP. In addition to his degrees at Illinois, Matt earned an M.A. in Mathematics and an M.F.E. in Financial Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley in 2002 and 2004, respectively. Matt is currently a Portfolio Manager at Millennium in Santa Monica and a board member of Quill.org, an ed-tech non-profit promoting literacy. He was previously a Managing Director at BlackRock in New York.

The 6th recipient of the E. Graham Evans, Jr. Scholarship is **Carlos Sanchez Nieto** (*LAS Mathematics*), who graduated from Beardstown Senior High School, where he was President of his local chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); he volunteered through Key Club; and he was engaged in Scholastic Bowl, Future Business Leaders of America, and Future Farmers of America. We were happy to meet in-person again with Matthew, Carlos and past scholarship recipients **Serena Jobi** (*LAS Mathematics*), **Garrett Credi** (*LAS Mathematics*) and **Elia Chudov** (*BUS Finance and LAS Mathematics and Computer Science*) on February 10, 2023.

Matthew Rodriguez hopes others will be moved to contribute to this fund, so that future students can be supported in their mathematics studies. He notes that “contributions to the fund help celebrate and honor the wonderful faculty that participate in/with the CHP and who have had a large role in the success of its students.”



Chancellor's Scholars Credi, Chudov, Jobi, Sanchez Nieto with Rodriguez and Johnson

POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

Diana Anghel

MED Journalism

Working for Morningstar, an investment research company in Chicago

Neha Arun

LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

I will be continuing my HIV research as a Microbiology PhD student at Yale.

Shravan Arun

FAA Architectural Studies

I will be continuing my architectural education as a Master of Architecture Candidate at Princeton University.

Michelle Bae

FAA Music Education

Teach at a high school or middle school

Tejal Bajaj

ENG Computer Science

Joining Microsoft as a Product Manager in August

Tyler Behme

LAS Mathematics and Computer Science

Software Engineering

Charles Blackburn

ENG Aerospace Engineering

I will be working for The Aerospace Corporation.

Jonathan Boudreaux

FAA Music

I plan to take a gap year, during this I will cycle across the United States with Illini 4000, work as a pharmacy technician, and continue to write new music.

Avery Bowen

ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Continue working towards my goal of becoming an entertainment lawyer by studying for the LSAT and applying to law school this fall while working part-time at a Chicago-based startup.

Maria Brockamp

ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Become an Ag Sustainability Technician Trainee at Bartlett in Kansas City, Missouri where I will earn a crop advisor certification and work with farmers on their soil and water conservation plans.

Sevan Brodjian

12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Engineering

I will be working for Ameren at Research Park performing machine learning research as a Data Scientist.

Mary Rachel Burdette

LAS Anthropology and History

I will be attending Boston University to pursue a Masters in Preservation Studies.

Eliza Cadkin

EDU Special Education

Special Education Teacher

Albert Cao

12/22 graduate, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science

I will be working as a software engineer at Jump Trading.

Hannah Caraway

LAS Integrative Biology

I am getting married and going to medical school.

Emilia Carlson

ENG Mechanical Engineering

I will be working at Procter & Gamble in Boston, Massachusetts as a Blades & Metals Engineer, primarily doing project management and equipment design.

Anna Bogdanski

ENG Civil Engineering

I took a job with TranSystems, a transportation engineering firm, in their roadway design division.

John Vincent Cauilan

ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

I plan to stay over this Summer 2023 semester to do additional research at the Center for Plasma-Interactions under one of Professor Ruzic's graduate students. Next fall semester, I will do my 2nd SULI Internship. Then I'll return for graduate school the following fall.



Elia Chudov

BUS Finance and LAS Mathematics and Computer Science

Working as a Research Developer at Headlands Technologies in Chicago

Wilson Ciecko

BUS Accountancy

I will be working at BDO in Chicago as an audit staff member.

Mearieta Clemente

LAS Anthropology and Global Studies

I am continuing my higher education at U of I Urbana-Champaign to get a masters in European Union Studies.



Emma Connelly

BUS Accountancy and Finance

I will be an Investment Banking Analyst for William Blair.

Kamden Damrow

ENG Mechanical Engineering

Working for Caterpillar in Industrial Power Systems Division in Peoria, Illinois

Amber Dorn

AHS Speech and Hearing Science

I am planning to attend Illinois State University to obtain a graduate degree in speech-language pathology, and I will be starting the program this summer.

Patrick Driscoll

BUS Information Systems and Marketing

Risk and Financial Advisory Analyst at Deloitte Chicago

Lindsey (Tschopp) Dudley

12/22 graduate, LAS Chemistry

Be a stay-at-home mom to my two kids

McKinley Dudley

ACES Animal Sciences

Attend veterinary school

Akshay Dugar

LAS Mathematics and ENG Engineering Mechanics

Master of Finance Program at MIT



Anthony Evans

ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

I have been accepted to the PhD program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and will continue my education.

Amanda Favila

ENG Computer Engineering

Software Engineer at Motorola Solutions

Amanda Finn

ACES Animal Sciences

Attending the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine as a DVM candidate for the class of 2027

Lauren Gerdes

FAA Architectural Studies

I plan on working in Chicago for an architecture internship at HDR in Chicago this summer and will be continuing my education to get my master's degree in architecture this upcoming fall at UIUC.



Alice Getmanchuk

ENG Computer Engineering

I will be a Software Engineer at Microsoft!

Audrey Godsell

12/22 graduate, ENG Aerospace Engineering

I'm currently a Master's with thesis student studying aerospace engineering at UIUC!

Antonio Gonzalez

ENG Engineering Physics

Pro-Life Missionary with weDignify on campus at UIUC!

Normante Grabauskaite

AHS Speech and Hearing Science

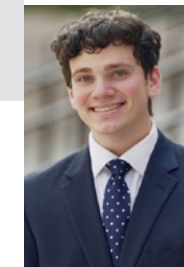
and LAS Spanish

I am taking a gap year to study for the LSAT, travel, and work at a law office before I apply for law school.

Kate Green

AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Working as a healthcare consultant for West Monroe Partners in Chicago!



James Gulick

LAS Political Science

Currently planning to work for a few years in the immigration law field before attending law school.

Julia Gwozdz

BUS Accountancy and Finance

Investment Banking Analyst at Evercore

Michelle Hackett

LAS Global Studies and Italian

I will be teaching English in Lombardy, Italy!

Arthur Hall

FAA New Media

I will be assisting a professor with research and CETACEAN project, developing my portfolio, and will work at the Main Library in Preservation for a special collections research project.

David Hansen

LAS Actuarial Science

I will be working as an actuarial analyst for Aon in Chicago.

Karina Herrera

ENG Mechanical Engineering

Full-time test engineer at Ball Aerospace in Colorado while pursuing an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Colorado University at Boulder.



Amber Hunter

ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

Attend Carle Illinois College of Medicine starting June 26, 2023

Matthew Jin

ENG Computer Engineering

I will be working as a software development engineer at Amazon.

Benjamin Kelleher

LAS Physics

I plan to attend grad school after taking a gap year.

Victoria Kindratenko

ENG Bioengineering

I am going to Northwestern to get a PhD in Biomedical Engineering!

Maya Korol

LAS Psychology and Political Science

In the fall I will be starting a full-time position at Epic Systems in Madison, Wisconsin, teaching nurses across the country how to use healthcare software. Prior to starting my job, I will also be working in the Rockies over the summer, doing trail conservation for the National Forest Service.

Katherine Krupicka

BUS Finance and Information Systems

Technology Consulting Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers

Tara Leininger

LAS Classics and History

I've recently accepted a position as a Communications Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Undergraduate Advising.

Sam Li

LAS Mathematics and Computer Science

Master of Science in Robotics at Carnegie Mellon University



Tyler Livingston

LAS Economics and History

Attend Law School at the University of Virginia

Isaiah Lopez

LAS Biochemistry

I will pursue my PhD in Chemical Biology at Harvard.

POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES *continued*

Benjamin Macke

12/22 graduate, FAA Music

I plan to work in the restaurant industry and potentially apply to culinary school in the future.

Kathleen Manzke

LAS Psychology and Spanish

I am planning on attending Northwestern Law School in the fall.

Ryan Martin

ENG Bioengineering

I will be working full-time as a software engineer for LivaNova.

Alexander Morris

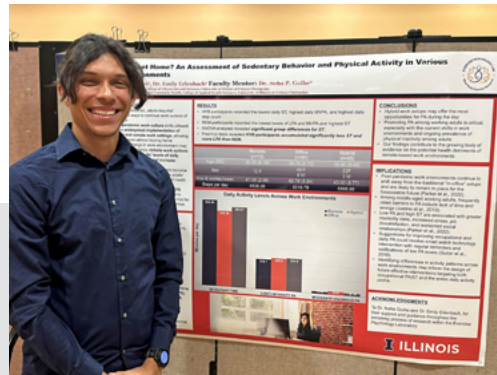
12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Science

Working as a software development engineer at Amazon in Seattle

Michael Neff

12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Science

Working as a software engineer at Roblox



Norberto Nieves

LAS Psychology

Gap year to build work experience and apply to graduate programs in clinical psychology. (Shown presenting research at Undergraduate Research Symposium.)

Kevin O'Hara

FAA Urban Studies and Planning

I'm already enrolled in the Department of Urban Planning's 4+1 program for a Master's Degree, so I'll be staying at UIUC for one more year to complete that.

Meghan Oh

ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Product Management Consultant at Publicis Sapient

Margaret Olson

LAS Atmospheric Sciences and ENG

Engineering Physics
I'll be attending Texas A&M to pursue a M.S. degree in Oceanography in the fall.

Adetayo Oriade

LAS Psychology

To begin working at FTI Consulting in downtown Chicago



Nicole Park

LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and ACES

Food Science and Human Nutrition

I will be teaching English in Taiwan with the Fulbright ETA Program during my gap year before attending medical school.

Nicolas Patino

LAS Physics and Mathematics

I will be attending Princeton to earn my PhD in physics.

Mary Pelzer

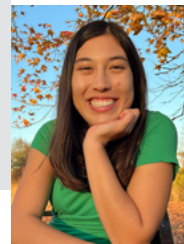
ENG Mechanical Engineering

Signal Officer in U.S. Army. Initial training is at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and first duty station following training is Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Lauren Penick

AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

I will be moving to Chicago to pursue my doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago.



Kathryn Pierce

FAA Music Education

I am applying to teach band to high school and/or middle school kids!

Jaydeep Pillai

ENG Engineering Physics

I decided to attend the University of Washington, Seattle to pursue a PhD in Atmospheric Science. I also won a Top Scholar Award from UW Seattle as well.

Maxwell Polanek

LAS Chemical Engineering

I accepted my offer to attend Stanford University to pursue a PhD in chemical engineering (this coming fall).

Naomi Popoolapade

LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

I will be taking a gap-year before medical school! I will be working for the AmeriCorps program at the University of Chicago as a Clinical Research Assistant.

Jack Reicherts

ENG Civil Engineering

I will be working full time as a Sustainability Coordinator on the Environment, Health, and Safety team at Apple TV+.

Luke Robert

ENG Aerospace Engineering

I accepted a systems engineering position with Northrop Grumman in Roy, Utah.



Jesus Rodriguez

AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Gap year for shadowing/observation hours then apply to PT school

Micah Rubel

ENG Materials Science and Engineering and Mechanical Engineering

I've been looking for jobs mainly in the Portland and Chicago areas. Design work is still preferable, but I'm open to other types of work (HVAC, Manufacturing engineer, etc.).

Bridget Rubins

FAA Studio Art

Work and apply to jobs related to my field of study.

Tejas Satpalkar

ENG Computer Engineering

Working at AMD in Austin, Texas as a software modeling engineer.

Abby Schlueter

12/22 graduate, ACES Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

I have a remote job working with a sports marketing company.

Alexander Schuffler

LAS Chemical Engineering

I'm looking to find a chemistry or engineering job.

Manushi Shah

12/22 graduate, LAS Chemistry

I will be attending Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine!

Max Shepherd

ENG Computer Engineering

Pursuing an MSCS at UCSD



Rylee Sjuts

12/22 graduate, LAS Communication

I'm staying at the University of Illinois with a position in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics as the Alumni, Marketing and Communications Specialist. I'm excited to be staying in the area and working on campus!

Valerie Smykalov

LAS Geology

This summer, I will be working at Berkeley National Lab studying soil carbon detection through the SULI program. Next fall, I will start a PhD in environmental engineering at Pennsylvania State University.

Wenjie Song

BUS Accountancy and Information Systems

Consulting at PricewaterhouseCoopers

Jessica Streepy

LAS Teaching of Spanish

Master's in Teaching English as a Second Language @ UIUC

Sara Striepling

EDU Special Education

I am hoping to work as a high school special education teacher somewhere in Illinois!

Alexander Swanson-Linville

ENG Computer Engineering

I will be working as a software engineer at Bloomberg L.P. in New York.

Tony Tan

ENG Computer Science

Industry

Arjunrao Tangella

ENG Computer Engineering

SDE I at Amazon in Sunnyvale, California

Jacob Tentis

ENG Computer Engineering

Starting employment as a Hardware Engineer at L3 Harris

Robert Villa

ENG Computer Science

Working as a software engineer at Pinterest in Chicago



Drew Warner

12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Science

I'm currently working as a software developer for Epic (healthcare tech company).

Arielle Weiss

LAS Gender and Women's Studies

I plan to become EMT certified and work in emergency medical services. I also plan on working as a sexual violence survivor medical advocate.

Lauren Wilcox

ENG Electrical Engineering and Engineering Physics

I am currently interviewing for several Technical Writing positions at different companies. I plan to move out to wherever these opportunities take me.

Cale Wolf

FAA Computer Science and Music

I'll work as a software engineer for Capital One in San Francisco.

Kaijing Yan

BUS Accountancy and Finance

I will work as a Strategy Associate at KPMG in San Francisco. I also plan on passing the CPA exam and obtaining a CPA license in California.

Harry Zhao

ENG Aerospace Engineering

I will be pursuing my master's degree in Aeronautics & Astronautics at Stanford University.

Katherine Huilin Zhu

BUS Accountancy and Finance

Work at Deloitte in Chicago



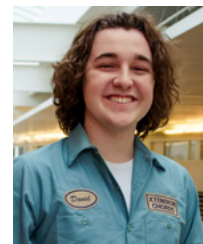
IN THE NEWS

Mutmaina Adebayo (LAS Computer Science and Philosophy) received support from the **CS STARS** program, and her Research Mentor is Professor Gang Wang.

Wyatt Beal (SW Social Work) writes a blog named **“Beal’s Spiel”** at bealsspiel.wixsite.com/website/blog, with recent posts: “Settle for Less Toxic Positivity,” “Settle for Less Assumptions,” and “Settle for Less Missing Women.”

Kayleigh Excell (ENG Engineering Physics) was named a **Darin Butz Foundation Research Scholar**, and she let us know that “with this award, I’m staying on campus this summer to do research with Professor Brian Fields on near-Earth supernovae! I’m incredibly excited!”

Jazmin Garcia (LAS Chemistry) was recently awarded the John E. Giesekeing Scholarship for Undergraduate Research by the Department of Chemistry to work under the **Mirica Group** this summer. She added that she “will be staying on-campus over the summer and presenting a poster sometime between July 31st and August 4th that provides an overview of the background, my work, the conclusions, and the next steps of my project.”



CHP graduate David Hansen

David Hansen (LAS Actuarial Science) was President of the **Xtension Chords** a cappella group.

Neeha Kakuturu (LAS Biology): “I will be on campus for the summer starting in June! I received the **2023 Professor Alice Carlene Helm Scholarship for Summer Research** which provided \$5,000 to stay and do research this summer.”

Aidan Lindsay (LAS Chemistry): “In February (2023), I was awarded the **Thomas Remec and Susan Morisato Chemical Data Science Scholarship** to conduct research over the summer related to the intersection of chemistry and machine learning. I will be staying here at UIUC to conduct research in Prof. Nick Jackson’s lab over the summer being funded by this scholarship.”

Ben Macke (FAA Music) was the first UI student to graduate with Japan House’s new **Japanese Arts and Aesthetics minor**. He also served as a Japan House Intern in Academic Year 2022–2023. Additionally, Ben, along with fellow Japan House Intern **Wenjie Song** (BUS Accountancy and Information Systems), assisted with the Spring 2023 Japan House Tea Ceremony SAS; **Kimiko Gunji** (Emeritus CHP Faculty) narrated the experiences, and **Jennifer Gunji-Ballsrud** (Japan

House Director, and 1994 alumna, FAA Graphic Design) and **Lindsey Stirek** (2012 alumna, LAS East Asian Languages and Cultures) co-hosted the program.

Several students wrote reflections featured in **Japan House Updates**, including **Abby Grace** (FAA Instrumental Music) on Ikasu, (“To vivify, to enliven”) on 9/30/22; **Dylan Riemen** (LAS Psychology) on Mu (“Nothingness”) on 10/14/22; and **Naglis Subacius** (ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) on 10/28/22.

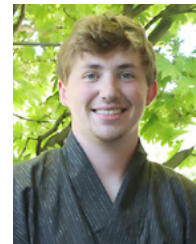
Rosie Martinez (FAA Graphic Design) updated in October 2022: “I am emailing you to express my gratitude for informing me about the **GSRC internship**. I ended up applying and getting accepted for the Marketing and Communications Intern position! I’m very excited to begin working with them, and I would not have found this opportunity without CHP.”

Margot Pierce (LAS Mathematics and Spanish) was pictured in the 5/19/23 LAS News article **“Preserving the sound of the Altgeld Chimes,”** a story about recording efforts on the chimes prior to the Altgeld renovation. More info found at las.illinois.edu/news/2023-05-19/preserving-sound-altgeld-chimes.



Chancellor’s Scholar Margot Pierce playing Altgeld

Jack Reicherts (ENG Civil Engineering) was featured in the 6/2/23 article “To Curb Climate Change, Young People Are Growing the Green Jobs Market” in *The Nation*. This past year he was President of the Student Sustainability Committee, and oversaw the **2nd Annual Sustainability Competition for Undergraduates**, “Reimagine our Future.”



Chancellor’s Scholar Ben Macke

Sylvia Techmanski (AHS Speech and Hearing Science) let us know she “competed in a campus-wide first-time fitness competition called **‘Fittest Illini’** and won the title of ‘Fittest Illini’ through a personal trophy and a plaque in the ARC with my name engraved on it.” Additionally, Sylvia presented her research for the Humanity Research Institute: “The Complexity of Spanish Speaking Immigrants’ Linguistic Behavior,” which was based off of her volunteer work (initiated by SPAN 232: Spanish in the Community) at Illinois Extension’s Integrated Health Disparities Program.

Chris Wurl (AHS Recreation, Sports, and Tourism) in May 2023: “I’m doing my internship (this summer) with a baseball video company named **Realplay** that’s operating in Rantoul. They operate at the baseball tournaments at the new Rantoul complex and provide videos of all tournament games so parents can buy and download videos of their kids’ games. It’s useful for memory’s sake and for some high schoolers if they want to get recruited for college. It’s good since I want to work in sports and wanted to stay at home this summer.”

Roy Zhou (ENG Bioengineering) was selected as a 2023 Mayo Clinic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow, for which he was matched with Dr. Su-Youne Chang at **Mayo Clinic** to improve the therapeutic efficacy of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) based upon neurobiological research with a focus on individualizing treatment paradigms through convergent physiology, neurochemistry, and neuroimaging.

Tesla Motors Co-Founder **Martin Eberhard and wife Carolyn Eberhard** visited Chadly Stern’s CHP PSYCH 144 class in Spring 2023 Semester. Martin Eberhard was the **UI Inaugural Donaldson Leader in Residence**.



Martin Eberhard’s visit to CHP PSYCH 144 class

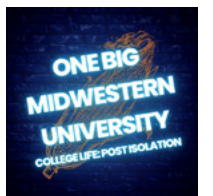
2023 Community-Academic Scholars Ariana Mizan (BUS Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship) and **Leyna Tran** (AHS Speech and Hearing Science) were announced by the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute on 4/5/23 at healthinstitute.illinois.edu/connect/news/introducing/2023/community-academic/scholars. **Eve Rubovits** (AHS Community Health) and **Rachel Sun** (LAS Psychology and Statistics) were **2022 Community Academic Scholars** (more info at healthinstitute.illinois.edu/connect/news/2022-community-academic-scholars).

Angelina Chan (DGS Undeclared) served a second year as Assistant Graphics Editor for **The Daily Illini** in 2022–2023. **Maaikie Niekerk** (LAS English) served as Staff Writer for *The Daily Illini* in Spring 2023, was a Summer Editor for *The Daily Illini* in Summer 2023, and will be an Assistant Editor of *The Daily Illini’s Buzz* section in 2023–2024. **Avery Bowen** (ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics) was the Political Section Editor and News Correspondent for WPGU in 2022–2023, and **Shannon Dwyer** (IS Information Science) is currently their Social Media Director.

Hannah Kapur (ENG Bioengineering), **Ariana Mizan** (BUS Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship), **Fatima Naveed** (AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences), and **Lathanial Wells** (MED Journalism) served on the 2022–2023 Provost Student Advisory Board.

CHP was featured in a story entitled **“Campus honors students dive into the humanities with help of SLCL faculty”** in the Fall 2022 School of Literatures, Cultures, & Linguistics newsletter. The article touched on the variety of SLCL classes offered to Chancellor’s Scholars, including *Health and wellness in the Latinx community* (Ann Abbott, Spanish & Portuguese); *French food for thought* (Daniel Maroun, French & Italian); *Introduction to Greek and Roman theater* (Ariana Traill, classics); *Literatures of the Islamic world* (Eric Calderwood, comparative & world literature); *English across cultures* (Rakesh Bhatt, linguistics); *Archaeology of Italy* (Brett Kaufman, classics); and *Hittite language and culture* (Ryan Shosted, linguistics).

Chancellor’s Scholars in **Angela Aguayo’s Fall 2022 CHP class, MACS 199 CHP: Documentary and Social Change**, premiered work on their podcasts at a 12/6/22 listening party, and *The One Big Midwestern University* podcast went live on 12/14/22 at Spotify: open.spotify.com/show/0GKwKXr5yKnkDvBF9hzjzj and at Anchor: anchor.fm/onebigmidwesternuni. See media.illinois.edu/students-macs-honors-course-launch-podcast-university-life for the 12/8/22 story about the podcast.



Antonio Gonzalez (ENG Engineering Physics) was a Student Speaker at the Illinois March for Life on 3/21/23.

Gina Jagminas (LAS History) was featured in the story “First-generation students rely on determination, campus resources, and loved ones to succeed at college” in the Spring 2023 issue of *LAS Quadrangle*.

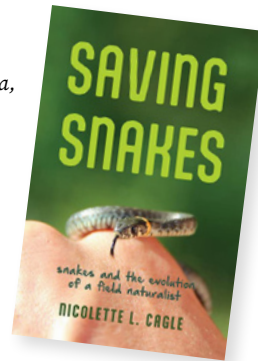
Sophie Pieta (ENG Aerospace Engineering) was a Falcon Engineering Intern for SpaceX in Spring 2023; in this role she worked on the Dynamics & Loads team in Hawthorne, California.

Danish Singh Sethi (ENG Computer Science): “I am spending this summer in Champaign because I have an internship at the Research Park with an AgriTech firm named AGCO Corporation.”

Eboo Patel (1996 alumnus, LAS Sociology) writes Perspective pieces for *Deseret Magazine*, which can be found at www.deseret.com/authors/eboo-patel.

Annabelle Shaffer (2020 alumna, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition) has been featured in several stories at the Carle Illinois College of Medicine website at medicine.illinois.edu.

Nicolette “Nicki” (Flocca) Cagle (2002 alumna, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) in 2/23: “I am a proud UI and CHP alum. I wanted to let you know that the University of Virginia Press has recently released a book that I wrote which might be of interest to you and the CHP alumni network: *Saving Snakes: Snakes and the Evolution of a Naturalist* (sites.nicholas.duke.edu/nicolettecagle/saving-snakes). The book entwines personal narrative with scientific and historical research. While fundamentally a book about snakes, it also provides a blueprint for developing a conservation consciousness among young people and paves the way for increased inclusivity in herpetology. Author and conservationist, David Steen has said, “This book could do for snakes what Silent Spring did for birds.” I hope that’s true! It would mean a lot if you shared it with your network and thank you for the work that you all do to promote conservation!”



Ruth Tekeste Dicks (2012 alumna, LAS Psychology) was featured in the Spring 2023 *Alumni Magazine’s “My Stories”* section at uiaa.org/2023/04/17/their-stories about how in her fight for equity, the Teach for America alum and Habitat for Humanity volunteer spent the first part of her career teaching in low-income schools. Ruth talks about the impact of a CHP class on her development: “I took so many cool classes...like the *History of Chicago*.... I wasn’t sure I wanted to be a teacher, but I feel that what I learned in that class led me to become one.” **Ryan Ross** (2008 alumnus, LAS English) contributed information to the segment, and **Monica Fountain** (1990 alumna, MED Journalism) interviewed Ruth for the article.

Brittany Koteles (2011 alumna, LAS Individual Plans of Study), as a leader of the **Land Justice Project** with Nuns and Nones, hosted an event in April 2023 to address the historic news of the Vatican’s formal repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery; this program featured Black and Indigenous movement leaders.

Matt Macomber (2014 alumnus, LAS Atmospheric Sciences) continues to write for *Smile Politely* (www.smilepolitely.com). This past year, his posts included “Visiting Cocomero, a frozen yogurt café with Korean flair,” “A refreshing pit stop at La Michoacana Express,” “Bountiful sweets found at San Miguel Panaderia,” “Grovestone has dessert, too,” “Heavy Spoon: Where childhood breakfast dreams come true,” “A food tour of Art Mart,” “Japan House’s *The 10 Ways of Rice: An Exploration of Asian Culture* dinner event,” and “Eat fresh Middle Eastern food at Dubai Grill.” Matt is also the 2023–2024 Scholarship Chair for the Illinois Club.

Breanne Reinhard Smith (2008 alumna, LAS English) was featured as **Teacher of the Week** in the 8/25/22 *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* (see www.news-gazette.com/news/local/education/teacher-of-the-week-breanne-reinhard-english-arcola-junior-senior-high-school/article_45a34580-e413-5dba-85d4-cba17cf9a2f3.html):

Breanne Reinhard’s sharing her love of writing as a junior high and high school English teacher at her alma mater in Arcola, and she also serves as the high school drama club director, junior high Scholastic Bowl coach, junior high yearbook sponsor and the local *Our American Voice* facilitator. She notes in the story that “I find my work important because... words matter. Communication matters. Stories, whether fictional or true-to-life, matter. I hope to show this to my students, in whatever way the use of language most impacts them, their interests and their goals.”

CHP Student Alumni Ambassadors

By Elizabeth Scherschel, LAS Classics



CHP graduate Naomi Popoolapade at SAA event

As many Chancellor’s Scholars and CHP alumni know, the Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA) organization often garners enthusiasm and dedicated involvement from some members of CHP. This spring, the SAA organized “I Love Illinois Week,” a week-long celebration of the Illinois community that included a paint-throwing Color Wars event, honoring the community’s Unsung Heroes (CHP’s own Abby, Anne, Elizabeth, Kelly and Laurie were among the honorees this year!), and Wear Orange Wednesday. This year, the “GradFest” celebrations, honoring this year’s graduating seniors, took place during I Love Illinois Week with a raffle, giveaways, and map of graduates’ destinations on the quad.

Recent CHP students, such as **Rylee Sjuts** (12/22 graduate, LAS Communication), **Abby Schlueter** (12/22 graduate, ACES Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications), and **Naomi Popoolapade** (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology), have served on the organization’s executive board as the Vice Presidents of Alumni Relations, of Communications, and of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (respectively). Naomi was the first to serve as SAA’s Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (“VPDEI”) this past school year (2022–2023). She had both the challenge of establishing this role as a part of the SAA executive board and the flexibility of creating that role as she saw fit. As far as any overlap with her experiences in CHP, she says, “every course I’ve taken through CHP, even the ones that aren’t directly related to DEI, have encouraged me to think outside the box, a skill essential for a dynamic role like this.” As Naomi graduates this spring, we’re excited to see where she takes that outside-the-box creativity next!

Marching Illini Chancellor’s Scholars at 2023 Bowl Game!

By Maaikie Niekerk, LAS English

A unique (and somewhat unexpected) opportunity arose for CHP students in the Marching Illini, as they traveled with the Fighting Illini football team to take part in a variety of performances related to the ReliaQuest Bowl. Nine Peoria Charter buses transported the full band and cheer team to Tampa, Florida for a week in late December and early January. The trip included a beachside performance as well as a “battle of the bands” at Busch Gardens between the Illini and the band of the opposing football team, Mississippi State. Chancellor’s Scholars enjoyed a nice warm contrast to the chilly Champaign-Urbana weather and were able to spend a day off swimming in the ocean and building sandcastles. The trip was a welcome break from the rigorous academic semester, with band performances and free time alike proving to be fun for CHP members.

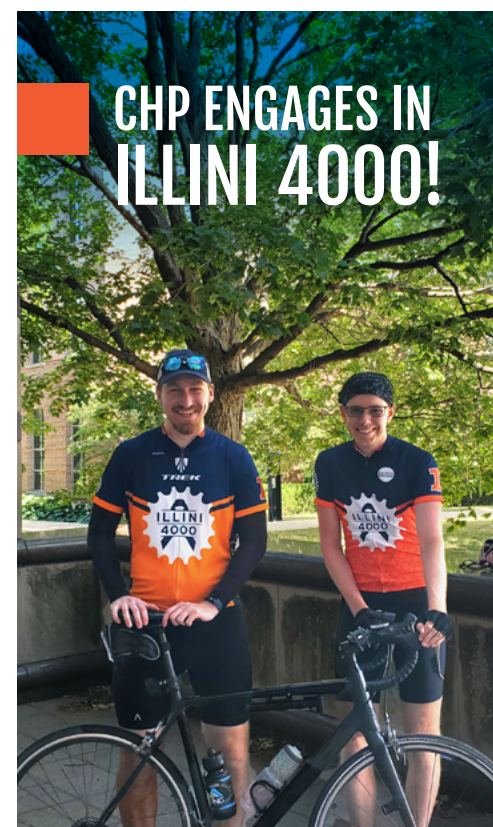
Savannah Smith (LAS Political Science), CHP freshman and Marching Illini trombone: “I had a fantastic time on the bowl game trip because of all the planned activities that were coordinated out for us in advance (like having a “battle of the bands” on the beach and marching in the actual bowl game), and also for all of the more “spontaneous” things we got to do on our own! From free time to spending the day out on the beach to a random trip to Waffle House in the lovely Tifton, Georgia, we made the most of the trip on and off the marching field. At times, we were having so much fun on our own that we forgot we were in Clearwater to play in a bowl game — it just felt like a vacation (with some band practices in between)!”



Chancellor’s Scholar Desi Nainar (center right) and friends on the field

Sofia Logacho (AHS Community Health), CHP freshman and Marching Illini clarinet: “The whole trip was so much fun (well, except for the endless bus rides there and back...) that it’s hard to pick one favorite moment, but if I had to choose it would have to be New Year’s! Seeing the fireworks on the beach and running into the ocean with my best friends is now one of my top ten life experiences.”

Celebrating New Year’s with the entirety of the band proved to be a highlight of the trip, as the band’s “New Year’s Bash” included an ice cream dessert bar and life-sized Jenga game. Chancellor’s Scholars were additionally able to enjoy trips out into Tampa and pick up souvenirs to bring back to the Midwest. There was no shortage of beachside dinners, sandcastle building, and roller coaster riding as the group took part in a variety of activities outside of scheduled daily rehearsals. All of this occurred in the lead-up to the final game of the Fighting Illini’s season, as they took on the Bulldogs at Raymond James stadium on January 2nd. Despite a loss from the actual game, the phrase “the band always wins” rang true as the trip was ruled a huge success with plenty of good memories made by CHP students and others in the Marching Illini.



Many Chancellor’s Scholars have participated in and helped lead Illini 4000 (www.illini4000.org) over the years of the effort’s existence. The Illini 4000, or I4K, is a non-profit organization dedicated to documenting the American cancer experience through The Portraits Project, raising funds for cancer research and patient support services, as well as spreading awareness for the fight against cancer through annual cross-country bike rides. This year **Jonathan Boudreaux** (2023 graduate, FAA Music) was a rider and **Mike Rotter** (2021 alumnus, EDU Special Education) joined for a 3rd (!) time, riding from NYC to Champaign. Additionally, several Chancellor’s Scholars have helped lead the effort: **Maya Korol** (2023 graduate, LAS Psychology and Political Science) as Vice President, **Rahul Ramkumar** (2023 graduate, ENG Mechanical Engineering) as Director of Marketing, **Jacob Minin** (2023 graduate, ENG Bioengineering) as Director of Portraits Project, **Ellie Beck** (ENG Electrical Engineering) as Director of Logistics, and **Zona Hrnjak** (LAS Geographic Information Systems) and **Rose Mascarenhas** (ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering) as Co-Directors for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Alumni Relations.

Jonathan Boudreaux let us know “Illini 4000 has been nothing short of absolutely incredible. The experiences this ride has brought our team so far have been amazing, and we can’t wait for what’s in store. From raising thousands of dollars, to training, to starting the ride, this has been a journey like no other. I have met some of the most thoughtful, hardworking, and passionate people who I get to call friends through I4K, and this organization and mission is one that is truly unique to UIUC.”

Illini 4000 riders Mike Rotter and Jonathan Boudreaux at I4K Urbana stop

2023 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

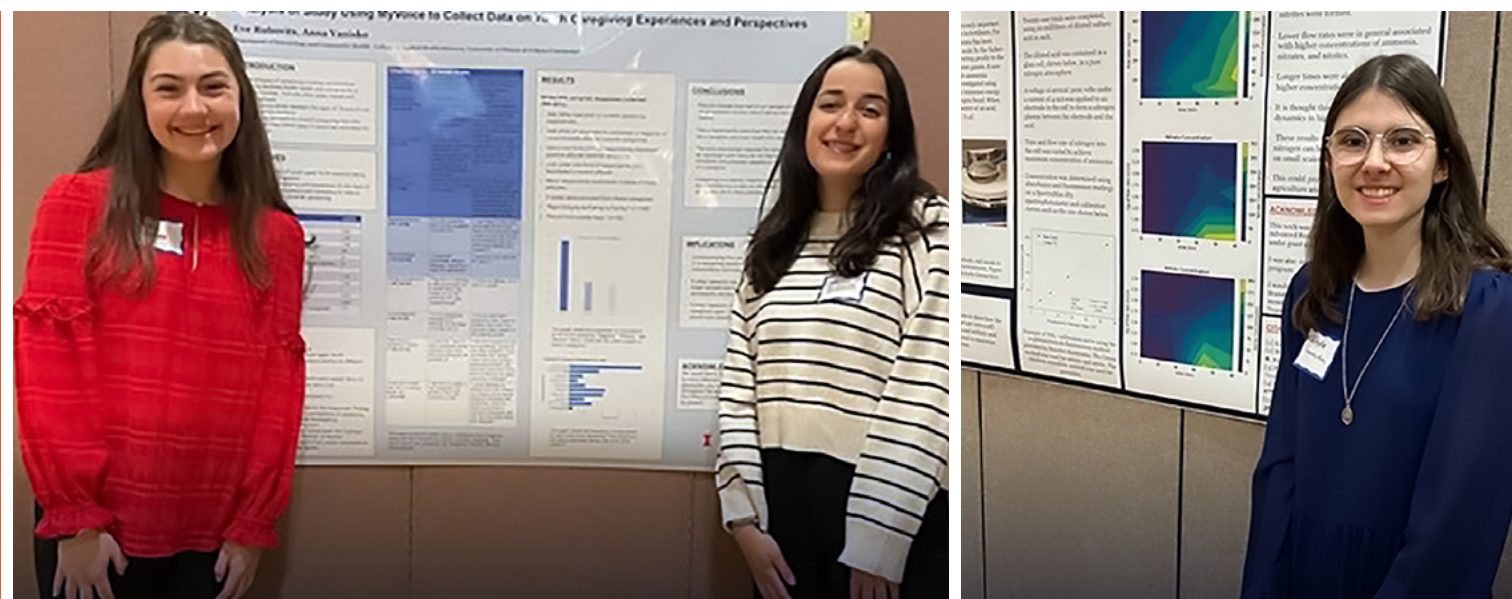
By Michelle Giovacchini, LAS Astronomy

On April 27, 2023, I and other Chancellor's Scholars had the privilege of presenting at the Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS). The day-long event included both oral and poster presentations and was put on by the Office of Undergraduate Research, or OUR, as part of their Undergraduate Research Week. The activity in the Illini Union was an impressive sight with posters being put up and taken down between sessions. According to OUR Director Karen Rodriguez'G, this was one of the largest symposia to date, with hundreds of posters presented. An extra poster session had to be added to accommodate the number of presenters, something which has never been done for the Symposium before.

The CHP also held our own Research Symposium SAS in the Honors House two days before the campus-wide event, allowing some of the Chancellor's Scholars who were presenting to practice their talks in front of a smaller, welcoming audience of their peers. Thanks to this preparation, engaging with the audience members at the URS became much easier. I presented a poster on the synthesis of ammonia using ionized gas plasmas, and there were researchers from areas across campus. One of the greatest benefits of the Symposium is being able to engage with students and faculty from all disciplines. **Anna Vanisko** and **Eve Rubovits** are both Chancellor's Scholars in Community Health. Anna said, "Eve and I presented at the URS for our second year on our research regarding youth attitudes toward caregiving. It was great to be able to share our findings on a topic that is not heavily researched, and we look forward to exploring this topic further!"

Experiences at the Symposium were very positive. CHP junior **Natalia Rzepa** (AHS Speech and Hearing Science) said, "Presenting at the symposium was a great experience overall. I had the opportunity to collaborate with other undergrad students, PhD students, and faculty that were incredibly knowledgeable and interested in this topic." **Alice Gao** (ENG Materials Science and Engineering) who also presented at the Symposium, said, "The symposium was a great way to see what other undergrads are working on, especially my friends in different areas. I thought it was valuable because it gave me a reason to summarize all my data and work it into one poster. I also liked seeing how much enthusiasm and wonder the audience had!" CHP students also won awards in some categories, with **Curtis Althaus** (LAS Chemistry) winning Outstanding in Science and Technology for his poster, Hg UMEs: A Tool for Developing Next-Generation Batteries. Curtis said "I was fortunate to win the Outstanding Science and Technology Poster Award at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. The Undergraduate Research Symposium is a rare opportunity for undergraduate students to exhibit the hard work, ideas, and experiences that make the world a better place. I hope that all undergraduate researchers who are proud of their work choose to present at this wonderful event in the future." All in all, the Undergraduate Research Symposium was a fantastic opportunity for all students to share their accomplishments.

Left: Chancellor's Scholars Anna Vanisko and Eve Rubovits at URS. Right: Chancellor's Scholar Michelle Giovacchini at URS.



CHP IN THE FIELD

Above: Chancellor's Scholars in YNP. Below: CHP field trip to the CSO at the Bean.

CHP in Yellowstone National Park in 2022

By Maya Korol, LAS Psychology and Political Science

Last summer, I went backpacking to the Thorofare in Yellowstone as a part of Professor Bob Pahre's PS 224 class, "Politics of the National Parks." The CHP course met on campus several times during the spring semester and culminated in a backpacking trip through the Thorofare Trail in Yellowstone, which houses the most remote point in the lower 48 states. We also read about the politics of Yellowstone, the indigenous presences there, and National Park and forest policy.

The wildflowers were incredible, and we were fortunate to get no rain the entire trip. Some highlights included a bison walking right by one of our campsites, and Professor Pahre made us an incredible pasta dish. We ended the trip at a remote rangers' cabin where we got to see the written messages of all the people who traversed the trail before us.

I had no prior backpacking experience, but I found the trip to be such an incredible experience that I am motivated to pursue backpacking, camping, and long-distance hiking in the future. I was surrounded by such an awesome group of classmates that I quickly became friends with as we traveled through the trail. The days went by fast and were filled with lots of laughter as we walked.

While the trip was only a week long, I came away with a love for backpacking, a greater appreciation of national parks and the nuanced politics that surround them, and the outer spaces I exist in. I am so grateful for the experience and especially to Professor Pahre, who made it inclusive, informative, and engaging.

“The trip was definitely one of my best highlights of college!”

CHP Field Trip to Chicago Symphony Orchestra

By Margot Pierce, LAS Mathematics and Spanish

On a beautiful Sunday in October, a group of Chancellor's Scholars loaded onto a bus and traveled to Chicago to see the Chicago Symphony Orchestra perform the music of the film *Amadeus* live. After a quick stop to check out the Bean, we headed over to Symphony Center for a pre-concert lecture. We learned about the history upon which the film was based, about the casting and production process, and how the film was immensely popular after its 1984 release. The performance itself was fantastic. The movie was shown on a large screen, like in theaters, but all the music was played live by the orchestra, making the experience truly immersive. One of my favorite parts of the performance was being able to still see the musicians and conductor by the light from the screen and the small lights on their music stands; the conductor even had a screen that showed him when to place the beats so that the orchestra would stay in time with the film. The story *Amadeus* tells is simultaneously funny, dark, and emotional, further enhanced by the live music. Afterwards, we walked over to Pizano's for a lovely dinner. As a musician, this was the perfect field trip for me, but even in talking with other participants with different levels of musical experience, it was a fun and interesting trip for everyone!



HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

Honors Student Council Year in Review

By Nic Davis, ENG Aerospace Engineering

The Honors Student Council (HSC) had a very busy year, making a roaring comeback to its full pre-COVID strength and then some. The HSC saw a new level of attendance and participation, and with this came a year full of fun events for CHP students. At these events, students had plenty of opportunities to get some free snacks, learn something new, help the community, get creative with crafts and art, or connect with other CHP students. The HSC's five committees were hard at work to come up with new and creative events throughout the year, as well as continue some of the classics.

The Social Engagement Committee, led by **Gina Jagminas** (*LAS History*) and **Bethany Lee** (*LAS Psychology*), put on a wide variety of events. From holiday celebrations like pumpkin carving, gingerbread house decorating, and making paper lanterns for lunar new year to hang-outs on the quad and ice cream socials, their committee gave busy students a fun break during the week. **Amanda Finn's** (*ACES Animal Sciences*) Civic Engagement Committee opened up many volunteer opportunities, partnering with organizations through campus and CU. This included continued events with Habitat for Humanity, Books to Prisoners, and the Illini Marathon as well as new opportunities to attend events with Illini Lights Out turning off lights in the larger buildings around campus to reduce wasted energy. **Alejandro Pulido's** (*BUS Information Systems*) Academic Engagement Committee continued the traditional Course Preview Nights and Lunch & Learns, but also added new events by putting on a Trivia Night that was both fun and challenging. The Publications Committee, led by **Margot Pierce** (*LAS Mathematics and Spanish*), put on another amazing Murder Mystery Night and hosted a Free Write Night to bring out students' creativity. **Rosie Martinez** (*FAA Graphic Design*) and the Art Committee's biggest project of the year was painting a mural for the Honors House's improved computer lab, which was made up of different paintings depicting some landmarks of the UIUC campus during each of the four seasons. As Secretary, **Flor Quiroz** (*LAS Psychology and Spanish*) kept students up to date on all of these events going on at the Honors House through the CHP's social media pages. She also made sure to inform Chancellor's Scholars of additional opportunities and news going on not just within our program, but campuswide.

2023-2024 HSC Executive Board



Overall, the Honors Student Council kept busy throughout the year and was very pleased with the engagement we got from the students. The executive board will be retaining many of this year's committee heads, as well as welcoming a few new faces. With an even larger exec board, the HSC hopes to have next year even more packed with events for CHP students to attend!

Murder Mystery Dinner

By Elizabeth Scherschel, LAS Classics

In keeping with tradition, HSC's very own Publications Committee put on a Murder Mystery night the week of Halloween 2022. On November 1st, 2022, Chancellor's Scholars were tasked with identifying the culprit when, at an Autumn Masquerade, American actor Gaten Matarazzo was poisoned — murdered — in a room full of celebrities, including Kim Kardashian, her supposed enemy Taylor Swift, and close friend Paris Hilton; Zendaya, who only wanted some pizza; the very modest Jeff Bezos and the queen Serena Williams; iconic Brits such as Harry Styles, Prince Harry, and David Attenborough; and more. Popular suspects included Gordon Ramsey, Abby Lee Miller, and Jeff Bezos before it was finally revealed that the murderer of this murder mystery night was Gordon Ramsey, the chef himself, who had complained loudly about the quality of the beef wellington. Participants and committee members (and CHP Staff members) had a wonderful time solving this crime — or, well, attempting to do so — and we thank the CHP staff for helping HSC host these fantastic events.

CHP Semi-Formal

By Nic Davis, ENG Aerospace Engineering

This year's CHP Semi-Formal student-chosen theme was "Casino Night." The Semi-Formal is always one of the largest events of the year, and the student council worked hard to put on a fun night for all who attended. Held at the iHotel, CHP members and their guests arrived to a ballroom with casino decorations and game tables all around the room. After enjoying hors d'oeuvres, students were served dinner and dessert provided by the iHotel. After eating, the games began! Each student was given fake dollar bills, and these were used to pay into and bet on casino games and activities all around the room. There were tables for roulette, craps, a prize wheel, plinko, Texas hold'em, blackjack, as well as other card games for students to play amongst themselves. CHP students and HSC members ran many of the tables as dealers, and the CHP's very own **Professor Chadly Stern** even came to run the blackjack table! After an hour of games, students' fake money could then be used as raffle tickets for prize baskets of various themes including movie night, barbeque/grilling, baking, game night, CHP, and Illini. Between the prize wheel and prize baskets, many of the students were able to go home with a souvenir. After all the prizes were handed out, the dance floor was opened. Whether celebrating their winnings, or just there for fun, students finished out the night showing off their moves on the dance floor.



Right: Chancellor Jones at Lunch and Learn. Middle: Chancellor's Scholars enjoy CHP Semi-formal. Far-right: Chancellor's Scholars enjoy alebrijes, conchas, and tacos.

Lunch and Learn Programs

By Nick Wilson, LAS Integrative Biology

Chancellor's Scholars were recently given the exciting opportunity to attend a Lunch and Learn on April 4, 2023, with **Chancellor Robert Jones**, who graciously took some time out of his busy schedule to visit the Honors House. While enjoying a nice lunch with a group of Chancellor's Scholars, Chancellor Jones discussed his thoughts about recent news on campus and future goals toward which the university should strive. In particular, he conveyed his gratitude toward all members of the university for their admirable response to the COVID-19 pandemic and could not hide his enthusiasm toward the recently added mammoth sculpture outside the Natural History Building. Chancellor Jones also made sure to ask those in attendance for their input regarding such events and goals and happily answered any questions that were brought up.

An especially interesting moment of the Lunch and Learn occurred when Chancellor Jones was asked to share his journey from agricultural researcher to university administrator. He admitted that he was initially uncertain about entering an administrative role and leaving his research position, but after a short period, he grew to love his new role on campus. Now, he continues to use this passion toward guiding the university in the right direction as Chancellor. "I really enjoyed meeting with the Chancellor and learning about his path in research and education," said attendee **Michelle Giovacchini** (*LAS Atmospheric Science*) after the event. "I am very grateful that he took the time to have lunch with us." It is a fantastic opportunity to learn from and interact with innovators on campus like Chancellor Jones, and we look forward to having additional events like these in the future.

Frogs in the House!

By Nick Wilson, LAS Integrative Biology

On March 8, 2023, Chancellor's Scholars were treated to the fascinating Frogs in the House Lunch and Learn, which included both a presentation and an engaging show-and-tell from **Professor Eva Fischer** of the School of Integrative Biology's Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior. Dr. Fischer is a researcher of poisonous frogs and brought a small collection of frogs from her lab to the Lunch and Learn, providing attendees with an especially interactive experience.



As Chancellor's Scholars observed the amphibious visitors to the Honors House, Dr. Fischer explained both the research findings and future areas of focus of the Fischer Lab, where she and her research team of enthusiastic students work to better understand the behaviors, with a particular focus on parental behaviors, of a diverse array of

frogs. Normally, the types of poisonous frogs researched at the Fischer Lab would have been too dangerous to transport around campus or spend time in the Honors House, but these frogs actually become poisonous by using chemicals in the food that they eat, such as poisonous ants. The frogs brought to the Honors House were carefully raised in the lab on a diet of food sources harmless to humans like crickets. In fact, the poisonous nature, or lack thereof, of these frogs are an area of interest to Dr. Fischer and her research team since it is unclear what behavioral traits of the frogs might arise from them possessing toxins. These and many other fascinating questions about our "ribbiting" friends continue to be assessed in the Fischer Lab. Frogs in the House was an exciting experience for Chancellor's Scholars to get a glimpse into exciting biological research on campus.

Cultural Celebrations: Alebrijes, Lunar Lanterns, Soul Food, & Eid Al Fitr

By Flor Quiroz, LAS Psychology and Spanish

There are roughly 550 students in our current Campus Honors Program. Our students come from across the nation and from international locations. There is large cultural diversity within our program that has grown thanks to our students' engagement and representation. In efforts of offering a home away from home and cultural engagement within our program, we held several cultural holiday celebrations. We were happy to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, Chinese Lunar New Year, Black History Month, and Eid Al Fitr. Through student outreach and the collaboration of our Art and Social Honors Student Council committees, each celebration had arts and crafts, cultural food or snacks, and cultural education.

The turnout and feedback after each event was promising and encouraging. Our students loved learning about different cultures through the hands-on approaches of creating art as well as trying new foods. For Hispanic Heritage month, beautiful folklore mythical creatures were created in our Alebrije night. In January, paper lanterns were left hung in our classroom to light up the Lunar New Year after our celebratory event. Jazz and trivia were played to educate on Black American culture while students enjoyed dinner from Neil Street Blues, and friendship bracelets were made in celebration of February as Black History Month. Ending the semester in April, a feast for Eid was shared while the making of tealight holders brought light to the tables.

We look forward to continuing cultural engagement and education in future events that celebrate the homes and communities of our students. These and other events were planned by the HSC Art Committee, led by **Rosie Martinez** (*FAA Graphic Design*), HSC Art Committee Chair.

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David Ruzic speaks at HIDRA SAS

CALVIN KE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Calvin Ke was an outstanding student leader in the Campus Honors Program, who passed away unexpectedly from an acute asthma attack in May 1991. Calvin was a former President of the Honors Student Council, played the clarinet in the orchestra and marching band, and was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. In May 1991, his family established a memorial fund to honor high-achieving students in the program who demonstrate future promise, encouragement of others, and leadership abilities. Five years ago, his mother, **Mrs. Hsiang Ke**, announced her plans to gift part of her estate to the Campus Honors Program to provide scholarships to our most promising students. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Ke family and pleased that Calvin will be honored through future scholarships to other students.



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Donors enable the CHP to provide many special events and opportunities for students that might not otherwise be possible. This year we used funds to support improvements to the Honors House, student research experiences, many Honors Student Council programs, and other activities that positively facilitate the honors student experience. This upcoming year, we are looking forward to continuing the travel grants program, and important community-building events such as Convocation, Scholar Adventurers Series programs, and field trips.

We thank all our donors for your significant help to the CHP!

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Special thanks are extended to **Matthew J. Rodriguez** (5/99 alumnus, *LAS Physics and Mathematics*) for his continued pledge to support the creation of the E. Graham Evans, Jr. Scholarship, which was awarded for the 6th time to **Carlos Sanchez Nieto** (*LAS Mathematics*). We were able to meet on 2/10/23 with Matt, Laurie Johnson, Elizabeth Rockman, and the other recipients of this scholarship, **Elia Chudhov** (*BUS Finance and LAS Mathematics and Computer Science*), **Garrett Credi** (*LAS Mathematics*), and **Serena Jobi** (*LAS Mathematics*).

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SAS/KDR UPDATES



Chancellor's Scholar Julia Clavadetscher (right) in *Urinetown*

CHP presented some returning favorite co-curricular programs and several new and exciting ones in 2022–2023! Please see honors.illinois.edu/scholar-adventurers-series for Scholar Adventurers Series (SAS) programming. And students were able to attend Krannert Dress Rehearsals (KDR) again in person this academic year. For more info see honors.illinois.edu/krannert-dress-rehearsals!

Elizabeth Rockman (rockman@illinois.edu) coordinates these events and welcomes ideas for new programs.

Minibrains SAS on 4/20/23

By Nick Wilson, LAS Integrative Biology



CHP alum Caroline Cvetkovic

Is it possible for scientists to create artificial humans simply by cultivating them in a lab? This question may sound like something out of a science fiction novel, but it may in fact be relevant sooner than we think. **Dr. Caroline Cvetkovic** (2011 alumna, ENG Bioengineering), a CHP alum and professor in the Department of Bioengineering, spoke to a large gathering of Chancellor's Scholars about the recent development of organoids — miniature versions of organs developed via the use of stem cells.

Organoids became a major topic of interest among biologists during the early 2010s and have remained prominent into the 2020s due to their extraordinary potential to radically shape biomedical research. Dr. Cvetkovic was indeed optimistic about the potential benefits of organoids in solving medical problems, as they may be able to expedite areas of research such as comparative analysis of cell and tissue function, modeling of diseases, and even personalized medicine.

Despite her optimism and general interest in the potential of organoids, Dr. Cvetkovic also made sure to highlight the limitations and detrimental consequences of their increased use. She explained that, even in well-regulated and carefully maintained conditions, an organoid remains viable usually only for a few years, and organoids are not perfect models of organs since they lack supportive tissues and fail to truly represent the complexity of organs like the brain. Additionally, Dr. Cvetkovic highlighted how organoid research has

become sensationalized in popular media, as publications in scientific journals have been distorted by news media in order to generate hyperbolic and eye-catching headlines. She assured everyone in attendance that headlines asserting statements such as “the creation of lab-grown humans” were embellished at best. Regardless of such exaggerations, organoids deserve the interest that they are receiving from the scientific community and could be a key component of breakthroughs in research in the near future.

Altgeld Tour SAS on 10/21/22

By Margot Pierce, LAS Mathematics and Spanish

A group of Chancellor's Scholars gathered outside Altgeld Hall on a fall Friday afternoon for a tour about the history and architecture of the iconic building. **Dennis Craig**, the Campus Historic Preservation Officer, led the tour. The tour began outside the building, where Craig explained that the building was originally the University Library, then the College of Law, and since 1955, has been the home of the Department of Mathematics. Outside, Craig pointed out the visible differences in the exterior where additions have been made to the building, the material used (sandstone), and the history of the construction of the building. Another iconic feature of the building is the chimes tower. The Altgeld Chimes began to ring in 1920, and for over a century have been a key part of the soundscape of the university. They are played by students and community members, including myself! We then headed inside, where he pointed out intricate details that the untrained eye might not notice: designs on the risers of stairs, the tiling in the floor, and the painted ceilings.

Craig also described in detail the work that is about to be undertaken to renovate the building; much of the stylistic detail in the building is in need of restoration. Tiling, ceilings, and the murals on the walls of the mathematics library are all included in the renovation plans. The chimes tower will also be an important part of the renovation. The tower will undergo structural renovations and updates to the belfry. Unfortunately, during this renovation, the bells will have to be removed from the tower; the chimes have already been shut down until the project is complete. However, the Altgeld Ringers have been working on a recording project, recorded before the tower was closed, which will be made available to the public in coming weeks.

As a mathematics major and an Altgeld Ringer, this SAS was a great opportunity to learn about the rich history and beautiful architecture of this iconic building that I call home. Although the upcoming renovation will temporarily silence its bells and close its classrooms, it will ensure that many more generations of students will be able to appreciate the grandeur of Altgeld Hall.

A Little Night Music KDR on 10/24/22

By Michelle Giovacchini, LAS Astronomy

What do you get when you combine Stephen Sondheim, waltz tempo, and numerous love triangles? The musical *A Little Night Music*, of course! I knew very little about the musical going into it, and learned to pay attention to details I would have otherwise missed through the lecture beforehand. The theme of this rather comedic musical is love triangles, and the number three is used symbolically everywhere in the musical. Nearly all the music is “in three” rhythmically and some of the songs come in threes as well such as the “Now, Later, Soon” group at the beginning. This all contributes to the theme of conflicting romances.

This Krannert Dress Rehearsal took place in the Tyrone Festival Theatre. The actors and actresses did a phenomenal job in their roles and with their songs. The setting of the play was Scandinavia near Midsummer, so a major part of the setting was the Sun staying up all night. The chorus reminds the audience of the setting at the end of the first and the start of the second act through the songs “A Weekend in the Country”, “The Sun Won't Set” and “The Sun Sits Low.” These helped to set the scene and transported us from a Midwestern weeknight in late fall to a Scandinavian summer “weekend in the country.” The iconic song “Send in the Clowns” was also a highlight. In the end, the lovers were happy once more, as was the audience, who thoroughly enjoyed their musical antics!



A Little Night Music KDR

Urinetown KDR on 11/2/22

By Elizabeth Scherschel, LAS Classics

This fall, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and university students put on *Urinetown*, a satirical musical written by Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis. From the title, one might expect *Urinetown* to be a bit odd and perhaps to contain a bit of bathroom humor. While it was both of these things — in a delightful way — this satirical musical also reflected deeper concerns about corporate responsibility and power, the legal system, and social irresponsibility. CHP students had the opportunity to speak to Director J.W. Morrisette and Choreographer Lisa Gaye Dixon about the show before they watched a final dress rehearsal.

Hope, the musical's female lead, was CHP's own **Julia Clavadetscher** (*FAA Theatre*). She took on the role early in the semester and spent “every Monday–Thursday from 6–10 pm and Sundays from 12–6 pm” preparing: “a mix of music rehearsals, dance rehearsals, and blocking.” She explained the character as “an optimistic dreamer, true to her name she saw the best in every situation and believed she had the power within herself to change the world.” Moreover, this

performance had a live band, which “was such an amazing experience. The first time we were all in a space together it finally felt like we had a show,” and created an extra layer of excitement for the audience.

Julia's favorite part? “For most of the second act, I got to hang out on the back of the stage tied to a chair. I did not have to worry about any lines or singing, but I still got to be in character on stage and to do fun dances in the chair.” (As an audience member, I can confirm it was quite entertaining.)

Coriolanus KDR on 4/14/23

By Michelle Giovacchini, LAS Astronomy

When I entered the Krannert Performing Arts Center's Studio Theatre for the dress rehearsal of the lesser-known Shakespearean play *Coriolanus*, I entered the ancient city of Rome in a thunderstorm. The city appeared to be “under construction” with intentionally broken pillars and movable stones. I was welcomed by both the elite and the common citizens proclaiming, “Welcome to Rome!” Before the play began, I watched as the citizens of Rome created signs for one of the opening scenes which contained a near riot of the people. For the next several hours I not only watched impassioned speeches and sword fights but personally participated as Coriolanus was declared consul of Rome, exiled, and finally murdered. This unique take on the Shakespeare tragedy allowed the audience to become the citizens of Rome through the use of cue cards for lines belonging to “the crowd.” This allowed us to both feel like part of the show and understand how rapidly the opinions of the common citizens changed throughout the play.

The lecture prior to the performance was very interesting and helped contextualize and explain the play. The presenters explained how the play, which focuses a great deal on class structures and class differences, has been used politically in the past. It can be interpreted in many ways, both as showing the necessity of strong government and as showing that the ultimate power of any government lies with the common people. The two main groups in conflict in the play, the elite patricians and the impoverished plebeians, were distinguished by their speech and dress with the elite in white togas speaking in a condescending manner to the actual citizens of Rome who jeered back. This conflict continued throughout the play in parallel with the military and political struggles of the main character, Coriolanus, who was caught in the middle. Celebrated as a military hero, at the end of the day he was still part of the ruling class and not considered “one of the people.” The play did not answer who should hold the reins of power, but it showed the successes and failures of each group and allowed the audience to decide for themselves.

Coriolanus KDR



2022-2023 CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

STATE, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS

Astronaut Scholarship
National, Astronaut Scholarship Foundation
Curtis Althaus, LAS Chemistry

National Security Education Program (NSEP)/ David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship
National, for study in Non-Western regions, including language component
Crystina Wayne, LAS Political Science

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Program
National, all expenses for a year of teaching English abroad
Nicole Park, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology; AHS Food Science and Human Nutrition
Alexandra Schneeberger, 2021 alumna, LAS Germanic Languages and Literatures

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
For outstanding research potential in mathematics, science, and engineering
Daniel Cudzich, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
Aiden Lindsay, LAS Chemistry

Metropolis Magazine's Top 100 Graduating Architecture Students in the U.S.
Shravan Arun, FAA Architectural Studies

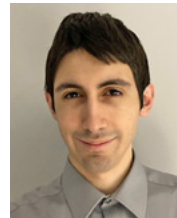
National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
Three years of support toward advanced research-based degrees
Max Asselmeier, 2021 graduate, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Isaiah Joseph Lopez, LAS Biochemistry
Nicolas Patino, LAS Physics and Mathematics

Spencer Educational Foundation Scholarship
National
Pooja Khatri, LAS Actuarial Science

Voyager Scholarship
National, awarded by the Obama Foundation
Ella Dennis, LAS Global Studies and Psychology



CHP graduate
Isaiah Lopez



CHP graduate
Nicolas Patino

FINALIST STATUS IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (finalist)
Victoria Kindratenko, ENG Bioengineering



CHP graduate Tori Kindratenko

REGIONAL, STATE, AND ALL-CAMPUS AWARDS

Bronze Tablet
University Honors, earned by the top 3% of each college's graduating class

Neha Arun, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
Shravan Arun, FAA Architectural Studies
Avery Bowen, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Maria Brockamp, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Sevan Brodjian, 12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Engineering
Hannah Caraway, LAS Integrative Biology
Emilia Carlson, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Elia Chudov, BUS Finance; LAS Mathematics and Computer Science
Mearieta Clemente, LAS Anthropology and Global Studies
Emma Connelly, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Amber Dorn, AHS Speech and Hearing Science
Normante Grabauskaite, AHS Speech and Hearing Science; LAS Spanish
Arthur Hall, FAA New Media
David James, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science
Maya Korol, LAS Psychology and Political Science
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History
Isaiah Lopez, LAS Biochemistry
Kathleen Manzke, LAS Psychology and Spanish
Youssef Messeh, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
Alexander Morris, 12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Science
Meghan Oh, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
Adetayo Oriade, LAS Psychology
Brendan Parmer, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science
Kathryn Pierce, FAA Music Education
Maxwell Polanek, LAS Chemical Engineering
Max Shepherd, ENG Computer Engineering
Rylee Sjuts, 12/22 graduate, LAS Communication
Jessica Streepy, LAS Teaching of Spanish
Sara Striepling, EDU Special Education
Robert Villa, ENG Computer Science
Harry Zhao, ENG Aerospace Engineering



CHP graduate Yusef Messeh

Charles J. Boreis Award for Outstanding Achievements in North American Archaeology
Illinois Archaeological Survey
Mary Rachel Burdette, LAS Anthropology and History

Butkus-Sylvester Family Scholarship
Illinois Engineering Initiative
Hannah Kapur, ENG Bioengineering

CAMWS Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Classical Association of the Middle West and South
Antonio Gonzalez, ENG Engineering Physics

Certificate in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security
Illinois Global Institute
Rahul Ramkumar, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Chicagoland Food Science Foundation (CFSF) Scholarship
Paige Chew, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition

George C. Marshall Award (ROTC)
Mary Pelzer, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Moms Association Merit Scholarship
Emily Yan, BUS Accountancy and Finance

University Gold Medal (ROTC)
Mary Pelzer, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Hoeft Technology and Management Program
Graduating seniors, minor for engineering and business students
Emilia Carlson, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Alice Getmanchuk, ENG Computer Engineering
Julia Gwozdz, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Meghan Oh, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Homecoming Court
All-campus, comprised of 20 top student leaders
Hannah Caraway, LAS Integrative Biology

Illinois Leadership Certificate
Illinois Leadership® Center
Kathryn Pierce, FAA Music Education

President's Award Program
Graduating seniors, University of Illinois
Antonio Gonzalez, ENG Engineering Physics
Izzy Mata, ENG Aerospace Engineering
Nicolas Patino, LAS Physics and Mathematics
Crystina Wayne, LAS Political Science and East Asian Languages and Cultures

Provost Scholar
Office of the Provost, graduating seniors
Emma Connelly, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Amanda Favila, ENG Computer Engineering
Antonio Gonzalez, ENG Engineering Physics
Jaydeep Pillai, ENG Engineering Physics

Senior 100 Honorary
Campus, top seniors based on academic standing and involvement, initiative, and leadership
Avery Bowen, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Maria Brockamp, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Hannah Caraway, LAS Integrative Biology
Emma Connelly, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Julia Gwozdz, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Mia Hackett, LAS Global Studies and Italian
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History
Isaiah Lopez, LAS Biochemistry
Naomi Popoolapade, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
Wenjie Song, BUS Accountancy and Information Systems
Kaijing (Emily) Yan, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Huilin (Katherine) Zhu, BUS Accountancy and Finance

Stamps Scholarship
Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, Inc., graduating seniors
Diana Anghel, MED Journalism
Neha Arun, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
Shravan Arun, FAA Architectural Studies

Undergraduate Research Certificate
Office of Undergraduate Research
Michael Jacobson, LAS Gender and Women's Studies and Sociology
Maxwell Polanek, LAS Chemical Engineering

2023 Undergraduate Research Symposium Award
Office of Undergraduate Research
Curtis Althaus, LAS Chemistry
Annabelle Epplin, ENG Electrical Engineering
Aidan Lindsay, LAS Chemistry, honorable mention
Rachel Sun, LAS Psychology, honorable mention

2023 Undergraduate Research Symposium "Image of Research" Award
Office of Undergraduate Research
Neha Arun, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology, People's Choice



CHP graduate
Mary Pelzer



CHP graduate
Amanda Favila



CHP graduate
Shravan Arun



CHP graduate
Neha Arun

CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

King Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching
Campus Honors Program
Robert David Pahre, Professor, Political Science

Distinguished Chancellor's Scholars
Graduates who complete CHP requirements beyond CHP graduation honors and receive a special medallion
Avery Bowen, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Amanda Finn, ACES Animal Sciences
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History
Emily Yan, BUS Accountancy and Finance



CHP graduate
Amanda Finn

E. Graham Evans, Jr. Scholarship
Endowed scholarship for one first-year Chancellor's Scholar in Mathematics
Carlos Sanchez Nieto, LAS Mathematics

Calvin Ke Memorial Student Leadership Award
Campus Honors Program, graduating seniors
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History

CHP Honors Student Council Executive Board for 2023-24

Wyatt Beal, SW Social Work (Co-Vice President, Community Engagement)
Alexandra Chapman, LAS Sociology and Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability (Co-Vice President, Community Engagement)
Nic Davis, ENG Aerospace Engineering (At-Large)
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Elisabeth Sandoval, LAS Political Science and English (Co-Vice President, Academic Engagement)
Nick Wilson, LAS Integrative Biology (Secretary)
Isabel Zhou, BUS Operations Management and Information Systems (Co-Vice President, Art and Cultural Engagement)

CHP Honors Student Council Executive Board for 2022-23
Nic Davis, ENG Aerospace Engineering (President)

Amanda Finn, ACES Animal Sciences (Co-Vice President, Community Engagement)
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Rosie Martinez, FAA Graphic Design and LAS Political Science (Vice President, Art)
Margot Pierce, LAS Mathematics and Spanish (Vice President, Publications)
Alejandro Pulido, BUS Information Systems (Vice President, Academic Engagement)
Flor Quiroz, LAS Psychology and Spanish (Secretary and Social Media Chair)



CHP graduate Tyler Behme

CHP Merit Scholarship
Graduating seniors, awarded to two entering Chancellor's Scholars annually
Tyler Behme, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science
Robert Villa, ENG Computer Science

CHP Outstanding Senior Awards
~20 seniors, for academic excellence and CHP participation
Shravan Arun, FAA Architectural Studies
Maria Brockamp, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Hannah Caraway, LAS Integrative Biology
Emilia Carlson, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Emma Connelly, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Amber Dorn, AHS Speech and Hearing Science
Normante Grabauskaite, AHS Speech and Hearing Science; LAS Spanish
Katherine Green, AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
Jack Joshi, ENG Aerospace Engineering
Benjamin Kelleher, LAS Physics
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History
Kathleen Manzke, LAS Psychology
Alexander Morris, 12/22 graduate, ENG Computer Science
Meghan Oh, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
Adetayo Oriade, LAS Psychology
Maxwell Polanek, LAS Chemical Engineering
Jack Reicherts, ENG Civil Engineering
Max Shepherd, ENG Computer Engineering
Rylee Sjuts, 12/22 graduate, LAS Communication
Jessica Streepy, LAS Teaching of Spanish
Sara Striepling, EDU Special Education
Robert Villa, ENG Computer Science



CHP graduate
Kate Green

2023 CHP Summer Research Awards
Daniel Feng, ENG Computer Science
Investigating the NP-Hardness of Unsolved Problems in Two-state Phylogenetic Tree with Professor Mohammed El-Kebir
Jackson Granat, LAS Physics
Gating Graphene using Alumina on p-doped Si Substrate with Professor Vidya Madhavan
Hannah Kapur, ENG Bioengineering
Stress, intergenerational trauma, and migration in South Asian immigrants to U.S. with Professor Ripan Malhi
Nithin Parthasarathy, ENG Computer Science
Physically-Constrained Adversarial Attacks on Brain-Machine Interfaces with Professor Gagandeep Singh
Liz Soelner, LAS Neuroscience
Audio-genic Seizure Susceptibility in a Rat Model of Fragile X with Professor Benjamin Auerbach



CHP graduate
Max Polanek

2023 CHP Summer Travel Awards
Mac Dudley, ACES Animal Sciences, study abroad in New Zealand
Ethan Dymit, FAA Music Composition, study abroad in Valencia, Spain
Madison Fanning, ENG Undeclared, study abroad in Costa Rica
Eli Gidron, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science, study abroad in Israel
Lucy Goldsmith, AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, study abroad in Israel
Nick King, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science, study abroad in Madrid, Spain
Alice Lua, LAS Biology, study abroad in Curitiba, Brazil
Uma Lynch, LAS English, study abroad in Israel
Lucy Moss, ACES Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications, study abroad in Rome, Italy
Annemarie Novack, LAS Astronomy, study abroad in Granada, Spain
Becky Shamberg, ENG Bioengineering, study abroad in Israel
Elizabeth Strelbe, LAS Global Studies, study abroad in Athens, Greece
Lityanna Williams, LAS Linguistics, study abroad in Costa Rica



Chancellor's Scholar Ethan Anderson, Kimiko Gunji, and Dr. Tamura

CHP/Yanai Rotary Club Good-Will Ambassador to Japan
Ethan Anderson, FAA Sustainable Design

2022 CHP Research Field Trip to Yellowstone National Park

Led by Professor Bob Pahre
Matthew Depke, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Jack Devine, ENG Civil Engineering
Peter Gutknecht, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
Charlotte Holas, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
Maya Korol, LAS Psychology and Political Science
Maria Maring, 5/22 graduate, LAS Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability; Spanish
Justin Miner, 5/22 graduate, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Rahul Ramkumar, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Valerie Smykalov, LAS Geology

COLLEGE AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND RECOGNITIONS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (ACES)

Dennis and Mildred Boyd Scholarship
College of ACES
Madeline Shick, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition
Erica Stehlik, ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering

C.J. Elliot Award for Outstanding Senior in Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Maria Brockamp, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics



CHP graduate
Maria Brockamp

2022-2023 CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

J.E. Hackett Scholarship

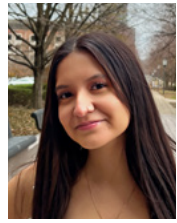
College of ACES
Brenna Freeman, ACES Animal Sciences
Andrea Jane, ACES Animal Sciences
Reagan Kulenkamp, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Ryan McAllister, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Ralph O. and Mabel F. Hunter Scholarship

College of ACES
Avery Bowen, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Gabriel Pfister, ACES Technical Systems Management

Logeman Leadership Scholarship

College of ACES
Jamie Abbott, ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Lauren Magana, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Marilyn Medina, ACES Animal Sciences
Olivia Merrell, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Madeline Rathbun, ACES Crop Sciences



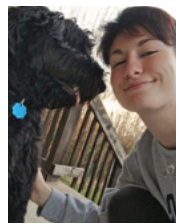
CHP graduate
Marilyn Medina

Robert Spillman Scholarship

College of ACES
Summer Goodwin, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition
Samantha Henry, ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Lauren MacLean, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Rose Mascarenhas, ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Kate Miller, ACES Agribusiness Markets and Management
Naglis Subacius, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Corina Wong, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition

Jonathan Baldwin Turner (JBT) Scholars

College of ACES, graduating seniors
Avery Bowen, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
Maria Brockkamp, ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics
McKinley Dudley, ACES Animal Sciences
Nicole Park, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition



CHP graduate
Mac Dudley

J.E. White Scholarship

College of ACES
Ricardo Herrera, ACES Animal Sciences

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Charles K. Brightbill Memorial Scholarship
Department of Recreation, Sports, and Tourism
Chris Wurl, AHS Recreation, Sports, and Tourism

Doris Strickland-Collins and Edward W. Collins Award
Department of Kinesiology and Community Health
Naomi Popoolapade, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Susan and Gerald Connor Scholarship

Department of Speech and Hearing Science
Amber Dorn, AHS Speech and Hearing Science



CHP graduate
Amber Dorn

Frances L. Johnson Student Award

Department of Speech and Hearing Science
Sylvia Techmanski, LAS Spanish

Peter J. and Ella Montaleone Scholarship

Department of Speech and Hearing Science
Sophia Campa, AHS Speech and Hearing Science

Mary Jane Neer Scholarship

Division of Resources and Educational Services
Arielle Weiss, LAS Gender and Women's Studies

GIES COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Abrahamson Scholarship
Gies College of Business
Breylin Webb, BUS Undeclared

Business Honors Program Scholarship

Gies College of Business
Wenjie Song, BUS Accountancy and Information Systems



CHP alum Jennifer Gunji-Ballsrud and CHP Graduate Wenjie Song

Donald and Anne Edwards Scholarship

Gies College of Business
Samuel Maya, BUS Marketing and Information Systems
Nina Mitchell, BUS Finance
Ivan Parakkal, BUS Undeclared

Hugh W. Frey Scholarship

Gies College of Business
Nick Rozmus, BUS Accountancy

Gies College of Business Scholarship

Wilson Cieccko, BUS Accountancy
Howard Ding, BUS Finance
Angela Jing, BUS Finance
Nathan Parmer, BUS Accountancy
Jessica Shade, BUS Undeclared

Gies Scholar

Gies College of Business
Wilson Cieccko, BUS Accountancy
Emma Connelly, BUS Accountancy and Finance
Patrick Driscoll, BUS Marketing and Information Systems
Wenjie Song, BUS Accountancy and Information Systems

Leiby S. Hall Scholarship

Gies College of Business
Minji Choi, BUS Marketing

Gies College of Business Loyalty Scholarship

Ariana Mizan, BUS Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

R. P. Reuss Scholarship

Gies College of Business
Adele Pelzer, BUS Management and Marketing

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Connie McGill Atkins Scholarship
College of Education
Alyssa Anastasi, EDU Elementary Education

Denver C. and Mildred F. Corn Award

College of Education
Andrea Sosa-Lopez, EDU Elementary Education

Jeanne M. Montgomery Memorial Scholarship

College of Education
Alyssa Anastasi, EDU Elementary Education

GRAINGER COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

3M Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ananya Kommalapati, ENG Computer Engineering

Alfred W. Allen Award

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Meghan Oh, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

American Nuclear Society Student of the Month Award

John Vincent Caulan, ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

A. Richard Ayers Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Dhara Patel, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Ira O. Baker Award

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Jack Reicherts, ENG Civil Engineering

Ira O. Baker Memorial Scholarship

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Mayank Aggarwal, ENG Civil Engineering

DaRin Butz Foundation Scholarship for Women in Engineering

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Kayleigh Excell, ENG Engineering Physics

Certificate in Innovation

Technology Entrepreneur Center
Antonio Gonzalez, ENG Engineering Physics

Bei Tse and May Chao Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Emilia Carlson, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Crowe Horwath LLP Outstanding Computer Science Student

Department of Computer Science
Vasu Chalasani, ENG Computer Science

Earl J. Eckel Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Adithya Taire, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Paul R. Egbert Award

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Annabelle Epplin, ENG Electrical Engineering

Jules D. Falzer Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Evan Schmitz, ENG Electrical Engineering

Allen Steinberg Award

Ethan White, ENG Electrical Engineering

Professor G.H. Fett Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Alec Thompson, ENG Computer Engineering

William L. Fournery Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Rahul Ramkumar, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Edward S. Fraser Award

Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering
Wyatt Johnston, ENG Systems Engineering and Design

M. Laird and Charisann Froberg Award

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Kira Martin, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Margaret L. Gongaware Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Emilia Carlson, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Alayna McDermott Award

Alayna McDermott, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Jackson Stermer, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Mok Wing Ho Scholarship

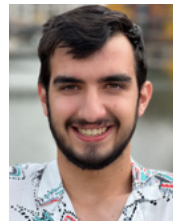
Department of Physics
Vedhasya Muvva, ENG Physics

Kaiser Aluminum Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Karina Herrera, ENG Mechanical Engineering



CHP graduate
Meghan Oh



CHP graduate
Jack Reicherts

Koch Scholarship in Civil and Environmental Engineering

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
John Devine, ENG Civil Engineering

Henry O. Koehler Merit Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Alex Kim, ENG Computer Engineering

Karl W. Kolb and Arden M. Kolb-Debolt Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Mary Pelzer, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Helmut H. Korst Award

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Ian Kinsel, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Clare Boothe Luce Research Scholars Award

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Victoria Kindratenko, ENG Bioengineering

NPRE Outstanding Research Award

Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering
Anthony Evans, ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

Professor Cullen W. Parmelee Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Hayden Gantt, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Larry D. and Carol Rakers Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Alice Gao, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Rising Star Award

Society of Women Engineers
Grace Smith, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Sparkling Curiosity Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Tejas Satpalkar, ENG Computer Engineering

Charles E. Taylor Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Akshay Dugar, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Thomas-Lain Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Ian Kinsel, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Grace Smith, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Charles and Lucille Wert Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Tommy Miller, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

John and Sheila Woythal Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Sevan Brodjian, ENG Computer Engineering

Thomas-Lain Scholarship

Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering
Ian Kinsel, ENG Mechanical Engineering
Grace Smith, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Charles and Lucille Wert Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Tommy Miller, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

John and Sheila Woythal Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Sevan Brodjian, ENG Computer Engineering

COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

Class of 1960 Scholarship

School of Architecture
Lauren Gerdes, FAA Architectural Studies

Illinois Opera Theatre Enthusiasts Award for Excellence

School of Music
Caitlin Towell, FAA Lyric Theatre

Daniel J. Nacht Scholarship

School of Architecture
Winifred Nevis, FAA Architectural Studies

Rexford Newcomb Award

School of Architecture
Shravan Arun, FAA Architectural Studies

Outstanding Freshman Award

Department of Urban and Regional Planning
Ava Stanhope, FAA Urban and Regional Planning

Outstanding Senior in Studio Art Award

Arthur Hall, FAA New Media

Perkins and Will Undergraduate Award

School of Architecture
Lauren Gerdes, FAA Architectural Studies

James R. Shipley Award

School of Art and Design, for the year's outstanding student
Arthur Hall, FAA New Media

Thomas J. Smith Scholarship

Competition through the School of Music
Caitlin Towell, FAA Lyric Theatre

Talented Student Award

College of Fine and Applied Arts
Gabriel McNabb, FAA Theatre
Leoni Reilly, FAA Theatre

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Martha Belle Barrett Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement in History

Department of History
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History

Oliver J. Bell Merit Scholarship in Chemical Sciences

School of Chemical Sciences
Aidan Lindsay, LAS Chemistry

Elizabeth R. Bennett Scholarship in Mathematics

Department of Mathematics
David James, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science

"Best Thesis" Award

Department of Biochemistry
Isaiah Lopez, LAS Biochemistry

BP Diversity Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences
Alexander Schuffler, LAS Chemical Engineering

Josephine M. Bresee Memorial Award for Undergraduate Fiction

Department of English
Elide Ford, LAS Creative Writing

Certificate in Forensic Science

School of Integrative Biology
Mearieta Clemente, LAS Anthropology and Global Studies

Certificate in Global Health

Department of Global Studies
Maya Korol, LAS Psychology and Political Science

Certificate in Museum Studies

Department of Anthropology
Mary Rachel Burdette, LAS Anthropology and History

Francis M. and Harlie Clark Microbiology Scholarship

School of Integrative Biology
Neha Arun, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

CNA Foundation Scholarship

Department of Mathematics
Daniel Polites, LAS Actuarial Science

Distinguished Senior Award for Geology

Valerie Smykalov, LAS Geology

Ronald H. Filler Scholarship

Department of Political Science
Arielle Weiss, LAS Gender and Women's Studies

Friends of History Distinguished Service Award

Department of History
Tara Leininger, LAS Classics and History

John E. Giesekeing Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences
Jazmin Garcia, LAS Chemistry

Chester W. Hannum Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences
Max Polanek, LAS Chemical Engineering



CHP graduate
Mia Hackett

Italian Merit Award

French and Italian Department
Mia Hackett, LAS Global Studies and Italian

Ernest M. Lyman Prize for Outstanding Graduate in Physics

Nicolas Patino, LAS Physics and Mathematics

John S. McVicker Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences
Curtis Althaus, LAS Chemistry

Ogura Award for Undergraduate Research

Greta Olson, LAS Atmospheric Sciences and ENG Engineering Physics

Phi Beta Kappa

Liberal Arts and Sciences Honorary, top 1% of junior class or top 3% of senior class

Mary Rachel Burdette

Arielle Capel, LAS Philosophy
Hannah Caraway, LAS Integrative Biology

Mia Hackett

Mia Hackett, LAS Global Studies and Italian
Benjamin Kelleher, LAS Physics
Maya Korol, LAS Psychology and Political Science

Kathleen Manzke

Kathleen Manzke, LAS Psychology
Julie Mathews, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
Youssef Messeh, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Grace Mies

Grace Mies, LAS Economics
Adetayo Oriade, LAS Psychology
Emily Wang, LAS Biochemistry

Bradley M. and Karen A. Smith Scholarship

Department of Mathematics
Pooja Khatri, LAS Actuarial Science

Terry and Mary Claire Welch Award for Excellence in German

Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures
Danish Singh Sethi, ENG Computer Science

COLLEGE OF MEDIA

Certificate in Media Production

College of Media
Abby Schlueter, 12/22 graduate, ACES Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Marilyn Miller Kaytor Scholarship

College of Media
Talia Duffy, MED Journalism
Nour Longi, MED Journalism
Haley Maser, MED Journalism
Lathanial Wells, MED Journalism



CHP graduate
Abby Schlueter

ALUMNI NEWS

Jordan Blake Banks (2019 alumna, ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering) updated us in June 2023: “In January I started as a sustainability trainee at Deloitte in Helsinki and will continue as a full-time sustainability consultant this summer, and in July I am getting married to my Finnish girlfriend!”

Richard Boettcher (2010 alumnus, ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering) stopped by with his future Chancellor’s Scholars in May 2023; he is still engaged in the U.S. Navy as NR EDO Deputy Director, Cyber Engineering and Engineering Duty Officer/ Navy Diver, and he works for Tyto Athene LLC.

Greg Crimmins (2002 alumnus, LAS Cellular and Structural Biology) updated on his company, Remedy Plan Therapeutics, which is working on the development of cancer-fighting drugs that are targeting an enzyme called NAMPT, a central regulator of metabolism that controls how cells use energy. Remedy Plan held their first Science Day in September 2022, sharing ideas on where they see Remedy Plan moving in the future.

Tory Cross (2015 alumna, LAS Individual Plans of Study) in June 2023: “I’m living out things I hadn’t even dreamed yet at U of I – I’m in DC and am the Associate Director of Federal Policy & Government Relations at Caring Across Generations, an advocacy org to improve access to aging and disability care, child care, and paid leave! I was also lucky to work on President Biden’s campaign in 2020 and Senator Jon Ossoff’s campaign in 2021.”

“On the personal side, I’m also really good!! I love living in DC, and I’m engaged to a wonderful person who works in health policy and we’re getting married next April! We got engaged last spring at the Observatory in Baltimore (it’s been renamed from being the Pagoda). I also worked an event this spring with Senator Warren.

“As always, I love that I4K continues to be so prominent with CHP.”

Matt Czapar (2009 alumnus, ENG Computer Engineering) visited the Honors House in August 2022 with his family; since November 2022 he has served as Director of Engineering for Creator in San Francisco.



Eric Edwards (2003 alumnus, LAS Political Science) continues to work as Interlibrary Loan Librarian at the Illinois State Library in Springfield, a position he has held since 2015. He is serving a two-year term (2022-24) as President of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois, which he will follow with one year as Past President (2024-25). He is also Chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries Chapters Council from 2023 to 2024, and he will then serve a year as Past Chair (2024-25). For the Illinois Library Association, Mr. Edwards is a Co-Chair of the Conference Program Committee for the 2023 ILA Annual Conference, which will take place in Springfield this October. His other professional committee involvement includes serving as a member of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois SCOERs (Support for Creation of Open Educational Resources) Advisory Committee and the Association of College and Research Libraries Science and Technology Section’s Government Information Committee. Additionally, the Illinois Library Association featured him in a “Member Spotlight” (www.ila.org/news/2426/member-spotlight-eric-edwards) last year.

Outside his work and professional activities in librarianship, Mr. Edwards is active in his union, Illinois Federation of Public Employees/Illinois Federation of Teachers Local 4408. He is currently serving a three-year term as Secretary, and he is also Chair of the Communications Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. In the fall of 2021, he helped represent his Local at the American Federation of Teachers Public Employees Professional Issues Conference in New York City, and he did the same last fall at the Illinois Federation of Teachers Convention in St. Louis.

Christina Ernst (2019 alumna, ENG Computer Engineering) updated in July 2022: “I’m still at Google and have started doing more outreach for girls in tech, so that’s been rewarding.”

Christine Evans (2011 alumna, LAS Mathematics and Germanic Languages and Literatures) in February 2023: “I recently accepted the position of Associate Director of Advising and Curriculum for the College of Letters & Science Honors Program at UW-Madison! I am excited to continue supporting highly motivated and academically engaged students in this role. My memories from CHP, including so many generous interactions with Elizabeth, definitely continue to shape how I approach my work and the experiences I seek to facilitate for students and instructors.”

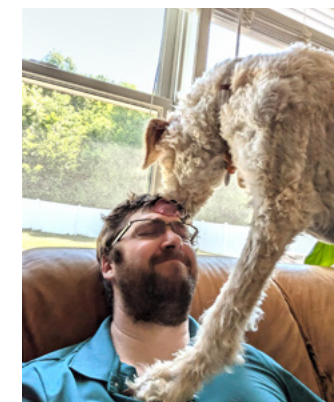
Federico Hernandez Nater (2021 alumnus, FAA Music Technology) was in touch in February 2023: “I just turned 25 two days ago, and I’m excited to see what the latter half of my 20s has in store. Currently, I’m on the job search again, and I’m in the interview process for a Spanish-English translation job. I’m still doing some concert reporting as a hobby in the meantime.”

Kevin Homann (2012 alumnus, LAS Chemical Engineering) in June 2023: “I’m still working in Clinton as the Process Safety Engineer and UIUC lead recruiter. I’ve been able to drive some changes at the site with my new position, so I’m happy with it. My most recent project is helping to implement a new Management of Change software.

CHP alum Matt Czapar, future Chancellor’s Scholar Sydney, and George and Sally Czapar

Rajasi Rastogi (2017 alumna, FAA Industrial Design) in June 2023: “After completing my BFA in Industrial Design from UIUC, I’ve been inspired to keep using my design thinking skills in the world of social impact. I am pursuing a Master’s in Social Innovation from the University of Cambridge. The program is an interdisciplinary academic program at the prestigious Judge Business School with a global and diverse cohort that aims to use business and sociology to solve some of the world’s most ‘wicked problems.’

“I am currently busy writing my Master’s thesis and can’t wait to be done soon. Once the program is over, I aim to use the learnings from the program and set up Social Lab in my hometown of Vadodra, Gujarat, India, and foster a social innovation ecosystem across urban and rural India. On a fun note — During COVID, I was at home and designed a small Urban Food Forest using permaculture techniques with my family. The idea is to promote local food sustainability, native biodiversity, and natural living within our local community.”



CHP alum Kevin Homann

“Monica and I have been busy with housing changes. We recently spent a long weekend in Colorado, and we just booked flights to New Zealand for a three week trip this fall, so now we get to plan that as well. The dog is also keeping us busy. It will be a busy year!”

Jon Horek (2002 alumnus, ENG Mechanical Engineering) let us know in April 2023 that he was recently promoted to Vice President of the Hydrogen business at Invenergy.

Jasmine Kirby (2016 alumna, LAS History) recently moved to Salt Lake City to start a new job as a Librarian at the University of Utah.

Niraj Lawande (2022 alumnus, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) in December 2022: “I hope the semester went well. I have been following the CHP social media and have been so happy to see so many amazing events going on and such a strong leadership presence.

“Since graduating college, I can’t even begin to tell you how much I have missed my time in CHP, especially all your support throughout the years. Since graduation, work has been extremely busy as has balancing my medical school application process. However, I always find myself thinking back to experiences I had in CHP and all the support you guys provided in school. I am also so grateful for you guys taking the time to write me a letter of recommendation and for your feedback! I wanted to share with you all that I have been accepted to two medical schools so far and have interviewed at several more which I will hear from in the next few months. Just last week, I had an interviewer who was so curious about CHP and the specific courses I took. He was fascinated by everything, and we spent 90% of the interview talking about CHP. It was my favorite interview so far!”



In June 2023, Niraj updated: “I have decided on Feinberg at Northwestern University, so I will be in Illinois a few more years for sure! I can’t thank you and the rest of the CHP team enough for all your support over the years and for helping write the recommendation which ultimately got me in!”

Samuel LeRoy (2018 alumnus, BUS Marketing and Management) let us know last summer that he was “excited to share that I will start at the George Washington University Law School this fall! GW is a great fit for my interests and I’m very happy to be joining their community. Academically, their extensive course catalogue will help me decide between several legal disciplines that appeal to me. Professionally, GW’s access to federal agencies will foster my eagerness to return to public service. And personally, I’m glad to extend my stay in D.C., which has become a second home. ...Studying at CHP will always be a highlight of my life, and I’ll treasure many formative memories of my classes and classmates.”

Sharon Loverde (2001 alumna, LAS Physics) is an Associate Professor in Chemistry at the College of Staten Island. As per her website, “The Loverde laboratory utilizes all-atomistic and coarse-grained molecular dynamics simulations to investigate properties of soft and biological materials. We are also interested in characterizing the stability of macromolecular assemblies composed by proteins and/or nucleic acids.”

Anne (Shivers) Lukeman (2009 alumna, LAS History) was in touch in August 2022: “I just got my CHP Annual magazine in the mail and was so delighted to see a photo of the Exec Board at my Escape Room at CU Adventures! CHP was such an important part of my college journey.” See page 31 for a profile on Anne Lukeman.

Cliff Redeker (2004 alumnus, LAS French, History, and Psychology) in June 2023: “I’m wrapping up a photography trip to the Maldives as part of my 40th birthday spectacular. I post my travel photography at mcrcsquared2 on Instagram.”

Tom Roadcap (2017 alumnus, ENG Civil Engineering) in June 2023: “I hope that all is good at CHP? I certainly miss the folks at CHP as well as the great courses I was able to take. I am doing quite well. My wife



CHP alum Tom Roadcap

(also a UI grad) and I are both working at Brightline Trains, a privately-owned and financed intercity passenger rail startup. Brightline currently operates an hourly train service from Miami to West Palm Beach, and I have spent most of the last two years helping to manage construction on a 170-mile extension from South Florida to Orlando. When we open later this

summer, we will have hourly trains operating at speeds of up to 125mph between Orlando, West Palm, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami. Lately I have been mainly responsible for reconstruction and upgrades to all of the grade crossings, as well as some aspects of trackwork and bridge deck rehabilitation, and also several smaller crossing safety projects we are implementing in South Florida. I am also involved in the planning for Brightline West, a new true high-speed line connecting Los Angeles and Las Vegas that we hope to start construction on at the end of this year (pending approval of a federal grant) and complete in time for the 2028 Olympics in LA.”

Gail Schneiderman (2022 alumna, FAA Graphic Design) accepted a Graphic Design Internship at Tier One, a design agency located in Chicago, in January 2023.

Michael Smith (1995 alumnus, ACES Agricultural Science) in September 2022: “I have recently been promoted to the position of Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Health Alliance, the Carle affiliated national health insurer based here in Champaign. This is an added role to my current work as Regional EMS Medical Director for Carle Health. Within the College of Medicine, I serve as clerkship director of the M4 EMS rotation, and am active on the admissions committee. Also, my daughter is now a freshman at CHP!”

Henry Soong (2011 alumnus, BUS Finance and LAS English) in December 2022: “A few life updates:

- In 2011, I graduated and moved to California to join Teach for America.
- In 2014, I joined Facebook as a product manager.
- In 2019, I left FB because I fell in love with a Norwegian “tv show” called SKAM. I’ve spent the last 3 years researching how SKAM changed teen culture around the world.
- In 2022, I founded a technology startup called Kino Technologies. Our purpose is to help the world’s most creative storytellers invent the next great story medium.”

Lindsey Stirek (2012 alumna, LAS East Asian Languages and Cultures) updated in November 2022: “I have been promoted to specialized faculty in the School of Art & Design! So, I am now officially faculty, which is an exciting new development.”

Justin Tiao (2020 alumnus, ENG Bioengineering) in March 2023: “I hope that the Campus Honors Program is still doing well! I can’t believe it’s already been 3 years since I graduated from UIUC, time flies! I’m now a 3rd year medical student at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai getting ready to apply into residency.” Justin was on campus to do a Pre-med speech for the American Medical Students Association (AMSA) at UIUC.

Celina Wu Trujillo (2002 alumna, ACES Human Development and Family Studies) is currently the Associate Program Director for DREAM, a non-profit organization that supports underrepresented males in Champaign.

Deborah DeMania Whitis (1993 alumna, ENG Mechanical Engineering) stopped by with her family in March 2023: “It was great to meet you today at the Honors House while my family and I were here with my nephew who was just accepted at the U of I. It brought back so many memories, and the House still looks great! I can’t believe it had been 30 years since I’d been on campus. A lot has changed (ISR is co-ed? Where is Grog’s Pizza?), but so much has stayed the same (Red Herring and Espresso Royale are still there!). It was especially touching to see Calvin Ke’s Memorial still being awarded — I was at U of I with him and the first three recipients of the award.” Deborah is Executive Chief Consulting Engineer, Materials and Technology at GE Aerospace.



CHP alum Deborah DeMania Whitis

Nicholas Wisseman (2003 alumnus, LAS Anthropology and History) had a flash fiction piece “You Are What You Mage” (wyldblood.com/you-are-what-you-mage) published in August 2022 and “Houston We have a Problem” (intrepidusink.com/houston-we-have-a-splinter) published in October 2022. His boxed set of Books 1-3 of his *Red Wraith* series was also released in February 2023, and his book *Witch in the White City* was made available as an audiobook in April 2023. *After the Storm* magazine is posting chapters of his novella *Bone Rush* at afterthestormmagazine.com/2023/04/18/bone-rush-chapter-one, new chapters coming out monthly. Nick continues to write monthly science fiction and fantasy book and podcast reviews at www.nickwisseman.com, which includes new selections of John Crowley’s *Flint and Mirror*, Mutt-Lon’s *The Blunder*, Guy Gavriel Kay’s *The Lions of Al-Rassan*, and Octavia Butler’s *Dawn*.

Kevin Wolz (2013 alumnus, ENG Civil Engineering and LAS Integrative Biology) is CEO of Canopy Farm Management, having stepped down from his past position as Co-Executive Director of the Savannah Institute, which he co-founded in 2013. The Savannah Institute celebrated its 10th Anniversary in May 2023, with a conversation including Kevin at www.savannainstitute.org/perennial-of-the-institutes-roots-10th-anniversary-conversation-with-keefe-keeley-and-kevin-wolz.

CHP Alumni: Please continue to forward updates to rockman@illinois.edu so your news can be included in future newsletters.

HSC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

By Wyatt Beal, SW Social Work

During the 2022-2023 year, CHP’s Community Engagement Committee worked with organizations across campus and within the broader CU community to make a positive difference. Members participated in a wide range of events, including collecting books and volunteering with Books to Prisoners, helping UIUC Habitat for Humanity, Illini Lights Out, and assisting in the Illinois Marathon. The Committee also created flyers and sent emails to inform other Chancellor’s Scholars about these events and encourage them to join in volunteering.

Books to Prisoners

Helping our local Books to Prisoners allows incarcerated people in Illinois an opportunity to expand their horizons while giving gently used books a new home. In addition to collecting and sorting books, we read letters from prisoners to match their requests to available books and helped with fundraising through the benefit book sale events. We appreciated the opportunity to foster a love for reading and assist in a program that helps break the cycle of recidivism.

Illini Lights Out

Illini Lights Out (ILO) is an Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (ISEE) program. Joining ILO allowed us to help the environment by turning off lights throughout the UIUC campus. While turning off an unused light is simple, the results are impressive, and roaming the campus with fellow students is an opportunity to build friendships, memories, and new ideas for events. As of April 21, 2023, turning off lights has reduced approximately 300 tons of carbon dioxide and \$40,000 in energy bills. Additionally, by participating in this event, we build awareness and habits that we continue and pass on to others because protecting the environment is everyone’s responsibility.

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EQUINOX

Equinox Literary and Arts Magazine

By Margot Pierce, LAS Mathematics and Spanish

The Honors Student Council Publications Committee is excited to present the eleventh issue of the *Equinox Literary and Arts Magazine*, published in summer 2023! The theme of the issue is “Skyrocketing to New Heights” and is inspired by the Apollo 11 Mission. This year, our committee was made up almost entirely of freshmen and sophomore members; we chose to update the magazine’s style while maintaining thematic continuity from past issues. We worked together closely to design and produce a magazine that tells a story not just in the pages of the individual works, but across them as well. The writing and art in this issue reflect the extensive and varied talent of Chancellor’s Scholars, and we hope you take the time to consider them by checking out this year’s issue at honors.illinois.edu/equinox-literary-and-arts-magazine.



ALUMNI PROFILES



CHP alum Ashley Llorens

3 QUESTIONS WITH ASHLEY LLORENS

2001 alumnus, ENG Computer Engineering

- 1 While on campus, you participated in the CHP Intercultural Study Tour to St. Petersburg, Russia, you were a leader of the National Society of Black Engineers, and you engaged in music as a WBML radio host, through performing in the Cotton Club Homecoming festivities, and recording music at Pogo Studios. In addition, you were a Matthews Scholar and held several summer software internships. How did your experiences at UI and/or with CHP shape your professional and/or personal direction/s?**

My experience in St. Petersburg was my first time out of the country, and it was eye-opening in so many ways. Many take their first trip out of the U.S. going to Mexico or Canada, I wouldn't have imagined mine would be to Russia. It was a mind-expanding cultural experience with a lot of immersion. At that time, I was an aspiring hip hop artist, and I had the opportunity to freestyle with a Russian hip hop artist. I rapped in English, and he rapped in Russian. That was my first time hearing hip hop in a language other than English — I talked about this experience on one of my albums. That experience of being a kind of cultural ambassador through music was influential on me and was the first of many international experiences, as an artist and then as a researcher.

- 2 After graduation, you received a National GEM Fellowship in support of your advanced degree, and you spent two decades at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, where you were the founding chief of the Intelligent Systems Center, while also managing a career as a hip hop artist (aka Soulstice), and serving as a voting member of the Grammys. You currently are Vice President, Distinguished Scientist, and Managing Director of Microsoft Research Outreach. What is your vision for future direction/s of your science and technology research?**

At first, I didn't see a strong connection between my music and my STEM interests and achievements. During my time at UIUC, there were stark differences between sitting in Everett as an engineering student learning about chip design and putting on a hip hop show at the Illini Union. This duality continued on into my early professional life. I kept these aspects of my life separate. A few years into my professional career, I was asked to rap with the head of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in front of

thousands of engineers and scientists. I took him up on it and it served as my artistic "coming out" among my colleagues (this performance is on YouTube at Rock the Lab: APL's 70th Anniversary Rap — www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuOJ_5CfJhU).

I've used the technical connection between music production and digital signal processing to expose students to AI engineering and research in creative ways. The communication side has become central to my career. I learned the term "science communication" when I was invited by the National Academy of Sciences to host a Science Communication event. Now "science communicator" is part of my professional identity. With the team I lead now, science communication is vital to what I do — the need to translate and communicate leads to deeper understanding. I subscribe to the notion that if you can't explain something, you don't really understand it. Even more importantly, you can advance the ideas themselves and discover new research directions through communication and conversation.

- 3 How did the CHP enhance your undergraduate experience, and what advice would you give to current and future Chancellor's Scholars?**

There was a cohort aspect to the program that was beneficial. At the end of the day, all these experiences are about people. With the Russia travel experience, the students in the program got to know each other and we kept in touch for many years. I would advise current Chancellor's Scholars to get to know other students in the CHP, to participate in shared experiences, and then to keep in contact. You might be surprised by what can come of these relationships over the years.

“With the team I lead now, science communication is vital to what I do — the need to translate and communicate leads to deeper understanding.”

3 QUESTIONS WITH ANNE (SHIVERS) LUKEMAN

2009 alumna, LAS History

- 1 What were you involved with at U of I and how did that help shape your professional goals?**

Chris (Lukeman) and I were both extremely involved in Illini Film and Video, the student filmmaking group on campus. We were both on the Exec Board pretty much throughout our whole college careers. At the time, we were really interested in filmmaking and video production, which led us to working for University Housing as undergrads (and after graduation, too). We made fun little promotional videos for YouTube and eventually Facebook, and that experience eventually led to both of us working full-time at the University's Office of Public Affairs. We worked together there for several years, doing promotional video production work, such as the broadcast "halftime spot" that plays during Illini games on TV and the video messages from the Chancellor. At the same time, we were doing narrative filmmaking (sci-fi/horror mostly) and doing independent film festivals and comic conventions. When escape rooms started popping up in smaller cities, we thought it might be a great way to use our narrative and production design skills to create some really cool art, and it ended up being a workable business!

- 2 What do you see as the future direction of CU Adventures, and how do you want that role to evolve in that future?**

CU Adventures has expanded beyond my wildest dreams at the start. I think that the games we've built here are among the best you'll find in the Midwest, and we're so proud of that. I want to keep building new games and new experiences, and hopefully move forward into doing more "immersive entertainment" work in larger spaces, like what Meow Wolf has been doing out west. We'd love to become a regional tourist attraction to a wider audience (though we do get a lot of traveling escape room enthusiasts visiting from all over the world!) More than anything, we want to help people find fun and joy in weird wacky things.

- 3 How did CHP enhance your undergrad experience, and what advice do you have for Chancellor's Scholars?**

CHP made my college career *so much better.* Being able to take small, intimate classes with professors who are doing really interesting work was always the highlight of my semester. Some semesters I took two CHP classes if I could fit them in! In classes, I loved that we were never treated like kids, or like a number. We were always treated like individual adults who had interesting thoughts to share and whose contributions were valued. It was so special. Aside from the courses, of course being able to do special events like Krannert Dress Rehearsals was awesome, and I can't overstate how great it was to have the HoHo as a resource I could stop in on a busy day for a cup of coffee or just to have a little peace during a chaotic day. Bruce (Michelson, Emeritus CHP Director) always had an open door and was willing to chat about anything and offer advice when it was helpful.

My advice to Chancellor's Scholars is first of all: take advantage of your great time slot for selecting classes and get all those amazing cool ones in! Do the Japan House Tea class! More than that, always make sure to take CHP classes — enjoy getting to know your cohort and being able to see the same faces in different classes semester after semester. Make sure you stop by the Honors House every once in a while, so it still feels like a refuge in a sea of exams and papers and being late to class and running to the library. And most of all — take the time to enjoy every moment of your time in college. There's nothing else like it.

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Above: CHP alum Anne Shivers Lukeman and Chris Lukeman. Right: HSC Exec members at Escape Room.



FACULTY NEWS & REFLECTIONS

Annie Abbott (*Spanish and Portuguese*): “I published an autoethnographic account of my creation of the course that I eventually taught in English for CHP in Fall 2022 and will teach again in Fall 2023: ‘Autoethnography: An Examination of the Self, Languages for Specific Purposes and Departmental Cultures’ (2023). Global Business Languages. I also won the **Inspiration Award** from the Downstate Illinois American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese (AATSP).”

Mohamed Boubekri (*Architecture*) co-authored two articles in the **Journal of Green Building**: “Introduction of New Daylighting Metrics for Health, Wellbeing, and Feasibility: A Study of the Indoor Building Environment” and “Daylight, Human Health, and Design for Sustainable Green Buildings: A Systematic Review.”

Matthew Ehrlich (*Emeritus, Journalism*) has a new book under contract with the University of Illinois Press. The book examines the **discredited cancer drug Krebiozen**, which triggered vast controversy at the University of Illinois and elsewhere during the 1950s and 1960s.

Richard Excell (*Finance, and CHP alumnus, 1990 alumnus, BUS Finance*) was named a winner of the **Dean’s Impact Award** this year in Gies College of Business. He notes: “I love teaching the CHP students because of their interdisciplinary background and interests. Their intellectual curiosity is unsurpassed which, coupled with their interests, add so much variety to the classroom discussion.”

Brian Fields (*Astronomy*) published a paper that was featured in a NASA press release at chandra.si.edu/photo/2023/4snr, and the UI’s story “**New stellar danger to planets identified by NASA’S Chandra program**” is at news.illinois.edu/view/6367/1671579305. Brian summarized the research: “Here is a class of supernova explosions that produce a lot of X rays, and we found that these can be lethal for any Earth-like planets unlucky enough to be nearby. So: the Galaxy just got more dangerous!”

Grace Giorgio (*Communication*) is stepping down from directing CMN 111/112 in Summer 2023; she will teach CMN 432 Gender Communication and CMN 375 Popular Media and Culture for her home department and Gender Communication for CHP in the spring. She published **Russia Remembered: An Autoethnographic Journey** in the *Journal of Autoethnography* this spring, and she is editing a special issue journal in *Cultural Studies/Critical Methodologies* on reproductive justice. Grace was named Most Valuable Professor by the Illini Softball team and threw a pitch on the field. About teaching for CHP, she notes that “this year was simply amazing. My gender communication students learned to conduct qualitative research and to write directly from their lived experiences. Their papers are inspiring, and many will be used as examples of exemplary writing in future CHP classes.”

Kim Graber (*Kinesiology and Community Health and former CHP Director*): “This was another busy but exciting year as Head of Kinesiology and Community Health. We proposed a name change for the department and completely revised our undergraduate curriculum. It’s currently in the approval stage. I was also elected to serve as the incoming **President-Elect of the American Kinesiology Association**. My term began in January and has kept me on my toes. I’m in the process of co-editing both a book and monograph for the association. I’m looking forward to a ten-day cruise of the Greek isles in June and will spend the rest of the summer planning for the upcoming year.”

Jim Hansen (*English*) was featured in a 10/25/22 *UI News Bureau* story “**Why do we love horror films?**” at blogs.illinois.edu/view/6367/1067713685i, in which he talks about how horror teaches us how to handle change and allows us to develop empathy for others.

Hannah Holscher (*Food Science and Human Nutrition*) received the **2023 College of ACES Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching**.

Laurie Johnson (*Germanic Languages and Literatures and CHP Director*) published the edited book **Germany from the Outside: Rethinking German Cultural History in an Age of Displacement**. Ed. Laurie Ruth Johnson. New York: Bloomsbury, 2022.

Brett Kaufman (*Classics*) was in residence at the Getty Villa in Malibu, California on a book-writing fellowship in spring and summer 2022. He was awarded the **LAS Lincoln Excellence for Assistant Professors Scholarship (LEAP)** for academic years 2022-2024, and in fall 2022 received a National Science Foundation grant as co-PI for the project “Contextualization of Rural Infrastructure Systems for Improved Sustainability.”

Benjamin Lough (*Social Work*) was announced in May 2023 as the next **Dean of the UI School of Social Work**.



Elizabeth Luckman (*Business Administration*) shared that her **CHP BADM 199 class** conceived of and brought to life a collection of essays entitled “From a hodgepodge of random honors students at UIUC, Leadership is Hard: Reconstructing and Understanding Models for Becoming Leaders Effectively.”

Daniel Maroun (*French and Italian*) published an essay “Agency, culpability, and police brutality: French reports of death during *les contrôles policiers*” that won a **memorial essay award**; the essay is in honor of the late Larry Schehr, a professor of French at UIUC.

Bruce Michelson (*Former CHP Director and Emeritus Professor of English*) finished another long hike in Spring 2023 with **John Hedeman** (*former Dean of the College of Business Honors Program*): the Camino Portugués, about 200 miles from Porto up to Santiago de Compostela, with loads of stunning scenery and great cultural encounters. A few months earlier, Bruce and his wife Theresa wandered in Morocco, Paris, and Provence; and in August 2022, the Center for Mark Twain Studies awarded him the **John S. Tuckey Award** for his scholarship on Mark Twain.

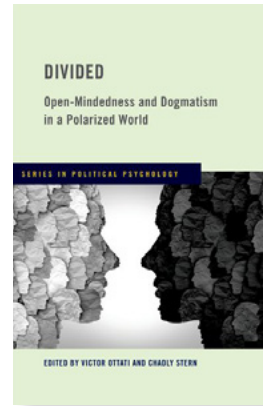


Colleen Murphy (*Law*) was appointed on May 1, 2023 as **Co-Editor-in-Chief** of the *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, the flagship journal for the multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary field, as well as the subject of the LAS 302 course she teaches for CHP; the link to the journal is at academic.oup.com/ijtj.

Shelly Schmidt (*Food Science and Human Nutrition*) has been selected to receive funding under the **Provost’s Initiative on Teaching Advancement (PITA)**. PITA grants enable recipients to design, implement, and assess instructional and pedagogical innovation that enhances education at Illinois.

Helaine Silverman (*Anthropology*) was named a **Trustee and Board Member of US/ICOMOS**, the U.S. National Committee that advises the International Council on Monuments and Sites about American heritage sites, both those on UNESCO’s World Heritage List and those that are candidates for inscription. She also was elected to the Advisory Board of the Illinois State Historical Society. She continues as Co-Director of the Mythic Mississippi Project, which seeks to assist downstate Illinois towns to deploy the physical evidence of their interesting history as attractors for tourism and thus to promote economic development.

Chadly Stern (*Psychology*) has an upcoming book: Ottati, V., & Stern, C. (in press). *Divided: Open-mindedness and dogmatism in a polarized world*, Oxford University Press. Additionally, for the 2022–2023 academic year he has been serving as a **Provost Fellow**; he received a grant from LAS and OVCDEI to develop a collaborative mentoring network focused on teaching about gender in the behavioral and technological sciences; and he received a Teaching Advancement Board Faculty Retreat Grant to develop a narrated virtual reality experience of inequality in Champaign. Chadly let us know that he really enjoys teaching Chancellor’s Scholars: “I had a tremendous group of students in PSYC 144 who taught me just as much, if not more, about the current landscape of inequality in the U.S. than I might have taught them!”



Alexander Yong (*Mathematics*) enjoyed his first semester teaching for the Campus Honors Program and hopes to continue doing so in the future. He considers his teaching/mentoring work his main contribution to the university. This summer he is running his ICLUE (Illinois Combinatorics Lab for Undergraduate Experience) program which offers math research opportunities to UIUC undergrads.

“It was exciting to experience a new side of the university after nearly 15 years at Illinois.”



Chancellor’s Scholar Dylan Roscow (center) speaking with ICLUE student David Wallach in CHP MATH class

CLASS SPOTLIGHTS

ARTJ 209: Chado: The Way of Tea

By Nic Davis, ENG Aerospace Engineering

Chado: The Way of Tea is offered every fall by Professor Jennifer Gunji-Ballsrud at the beautiful Japan House south of campus. I showed up to the first class of the semester along with 20 other students, feeling lucky to have gotten a spot in a class where I'd be getting tea and snacks every week. I didn't think too hard about it, I just figured we would get to learn about Japanese history and experience a small element of the culture. But on the first day of class, a different tone was set. Hearing the deep history of tea and the philosophers who developed the practice, it became obvious that this class was created to shift students' entire perspective on life.

Although *The Way of Tea* sounds like a how-to on making the best cup of matcha, it truly is a philosophy by which you can live a more

peaceful, satisfying life. Relating back to Zen philosophy, Chado emphasizes slowing down and taking the time to become more aware of the intricacy and beauty of your surroundings. Chado does this through tea ceremonies, which were demonstrated every class period for students to enjoy the tea, treats, and exercises in mindfulness. But tea is not the only method by which this philosophy is practiced. Many class periods were dedicated to other arts such as flower arrangement, origami, kakemono (hung scrolls depicting statements to reflect on), tearoom and garden design, meditation, the dry garden, and even baking some treats of our own. Although each art focuses on very different subject matter, they all relate back to similar principles that could in turn be applied not just to the art itself but to your entire life. I know I

used many of the lessons learned in class to help me through one of my busiest semesters on campus and feel that anyone would benefit from the new perspectives you can gain from studying any of the Japanese arts.

I can easily say this was one of the best courses I've taken at the University of Illinois. I felt going to the Japan house grounds once a week was always a refreshing getaway from a busy campus. The course had a great balance of reflecting on the philosophies, as well as learning the history and necessary material in order to provide proper context to what we were discussing. Although I may have shown up the first day for the free tea and sweets, I kept coming back for the eye-opening discussion, personal reflections, and sense of community within the Japan House tea rooms.

BADM 199: Exploring Leadership: Insights from Philosophy to Pop Culture

By Elizabeth Scherschel, LAS Classics

The Spring 2023 semester brought several new courses to the CHP curriculum. Among them was BADM 199: *Exploring Leadership: Insights from Philosophy to Pop Culture* with Elizabeth Luckman, a professor in the Gies College of Business. Professor Luckman's unique background lent itself well to encouraging a series of enriching discussion topics as students explored the concept of leadership through various lenses. Throughout the semester, we discussed everything from how to have meaningful conversations with the Bohm Dialogue model to Taoism and Nefertiti to Survivor and leaders we admired in pop culture. Professor Luckman provided the readings and some starting questions, but the course was primarily student-led and followed the conversation we prompted. I asked Professor Luckman a few questions about her process and motivation behind creating the course:

What drew you to leadership and teaching leadership?

"The short answer is experiencing poor leadership! I had some wonderful supervisors

and some that were less than wonderful. And when I faced those less effective leaders, I found myself thinking — we can do something about this! I think my interest in leadership is also related to the fact that I believe we can flourish at work. I don't think work has to be this thing we "have" to do. Even the least attractive jobs provide an opportunity to grow and develop. And so I'm always looking for ways that we, as humans, can engage more meaningfully in our work so it enhances our lives instead of detracting from them."

What are you hoping to get out of this course?

"It's rare that someone asks a professor what they hope to get out of a course for themselves, instead of what we want our students to take away! I want to be exposed to new ideas from young leaders. I want to have my assumptions challenged. I want to rethink leadership so that I can continue to help people grow as leaders — whether they are 30 years into their career or just getting started. I want to create something meaningful and interesting with this group of interesting and thoughtful people."

What has been your favorite part of teaching BADM 199?

"Getting to know each of the students in class. As someone who teaches in a large research university, most of my classes are large and it is difficult to get to know each person deeply. I love getting to see the different experiences and values that each person brings to class. I can see personalities emerging and it helps me put everyone's comments in context. I also love seeing us build relationships with each other as we discuss these books and topics. It's so fun to show up, have a conversation, and see what we learn from each other that day. It's generative. It feels like we are developing ideas instead of simply absorbing facts."

What are you going to remember from this course in 30 years?

"In 30 years, I will remember how the students in the class made me feel. I'll remember the feeling of sitting in that classroom, learning from the thoughtful and intelligent and engaged young people, and the meaning and growth that this experience brought me."



Left: Chancellor's Scholars in CHP BADM 199 class
Right: CHP Professor Colleen Murphy

Law 302: Transitional Justice

By Margot Pierce, LAS Mathematics and Spanish

Each semester, CHP offers a variety of excellent classes; this spring, I took a law class on Transitional Justice. The course, taught by Professor Colleen Murphy, was a challenging, engaging, and relevant look at a constantly evolving field. I recently talked to Professor Murphy about the course and her first experience teaching for CHP. She highlighted the interdisciplinary nature of the field: "It involves philosophical aspects with the ethics involved, political science, and legal aspects with international law, but also involves psychology, economics, and business."

"The subject matter of transitional justice is responding to wrongdoing, but wrongdoing that is distinctive in certain respects. It's wrongdoing that's widespread and often implicates state officials or other political actors, and this question of the response to wrongdoing comes up in fragile, uncertain political moments for communities," Murphy explained. Murphy points out that scholarship has made clear that we must deal with wrongdoing, but that it is also important to understand the reasons why it should be dealt with and the different avenues to do so. She structured her course to expose students to different perspectives on solutions to wrongdoing. The course begins with an overview of features of situations that create widespread wrongdoing, contemplating what justice requires in these situations, and questioning why achieving justice is so difficult. We then examined a series of processes that have been adopted as responses to wrongdoing, considered what the process is able to achieve, the limitations of that process, and historical contexts where it was used. Finally, the conversation returns to the US and the obligations to justice we have based on the legacies of slavery, Jim Crow laws, and other historic injustices, as well as current questions of policing reform and abuse.

Murphy says teaching Chancellor's Scholars was a special experience. "You guys came all in, ready to engage," she told me. "You can see the benefit when you get a good group of students that want to engage critically, and that can do it well." The subject matter of the course lends itself to discussion, and I can think of few days when we were ready to end class on time; there was always more to talk about, and we all challenged each other to consider different perspectives. Murphy also noted how fun it was to have students with a wide range of backgrounds in the class, since different disciplines bring a different understanding of what matters in the contexts we discussed.

"There are two main things I hope students will get out of the class; one, the ability to think critically, since the material we discuss is stuff that's in public discussion, and two, the understanding that these topics, wrongdoing and justice, are complicated topics that people care really deeply about." Prof. Murphy also told me that she wants to prepare good citizens, no matter the field her students end up in. I can say personally that being exposed to big, difficult questions and challenged to consider solutions to them has made me a better student and a more thoughtful citizen. Even when the answers aren't clear or perfect, I've learned that justice can lie in our attempts to find the best ones.

HSC COURSE PREVIEW NIGHTS

By Nick Wilson, LAS Integrative Biology

In the fall and spring semesters of the 2022–2023 academic year, the HSC Academic Engagement Committee hosted its biannual Course Preview Nights, in which CHP faculty are provided with the opportunity to showcase courses that are new to the CHP curriculum. Both Course Preview Nights attracted a large assembly of Chancellors Scholars, eager to receive a taste of what upcoming semesters have to offer.

This academic year, 12 new courses were highlighted at our Course Preview Nights — seven for Spring 2023 and five for Fall 2023. These course additions enable Chancellor's Scholars to select from a wide range of academic disciplines and learn from exceptional instructors within these disciplines. With so many choices of CHP classes to pick from each semester, planning schedules for upcoming semesters can be a challenge for Chancellor's Scholars. Fortunately, Course Preview Night continues to be a valuable way to facilitate students' course decisions each semester.

The new courses for 2023 address topics in the fields of horticulture, psychology, mathematics, French, German, business administration, food science, law, dance, creative writing, and philosophy.

IN MEMORIAM



CHP alum Sophie Luijten

Sophie Isolde Luijten (2022 alumna, *LAS Global Studies and Spanish*) passed away on 9/20/22 after a long struggle with anorexia. Family and friends mourned her passing and celebrated her life at an informal gathering on 9/24/22. Her mother Ellen de Waarde shared: “Sophie loved being at home and surrounded by her family. She loved traveling as well: hiking and enjoying nature and exploring other cultures and languages. She had such a big heart and a great mind! Sophie was accepted to graduate school at the Utrecht University in the Netherlands for a degree in Sustainability. She planned to dedicate her life to studying climate change.”

Sophie was a bright light in the Campus Honors Program, and she contributed beautiful poetry and photography to the *CHP Equinox Literary and Arts Magazine*.

Upon graduating in May 2022, she wrote “I most enjoyed lounging, studying, and drinking tea with peers in the Honors House, as well as the fun activities hosted by HSC Social Engagement Committee, especially the Bob Ross painting nights! I am also really grateful for the interesting and individualized CHP courses I was able to take.” She will be missed.

David Carbol (1993 alumnus, *FAA Architectural Studies*) passed away 10/21/22, in Lake Forest, Illinois after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. As excerpted from his obituary, “he was a member of the Campus Honors Program, and was selected to spend a year internship at an architecture firm in Osaka, Japan. While at UI he met Angela Albright, also an architecture major, who became his loving wife. They had a wonderful marriage of 26 years, with the only major disagreement between them being over the Bears/Packers rivalry.

David started his architectural career, working alongside Angie and wonderful colleagues at Legat Architects in Waukegan, Illinois. David then went on to work for Partners in Design in Kenosha, Wisconsin. David was loved by his family and friends and will be missed by many. He was a problem solver, a helper, a healer, had a great sense of humor and had a creative mind which brought joy to others.” A memorial service was held on 9/30/22, and memories may be shared for the Carbol family at www.MarshFuneralHome.com.



CHP alum David Carbol

Jim Kaler (*Astronomy*), who taught for CHP for nearly two decades, passed away on 11/26/22, and a celebration of his life was held on 5/7/23. As excerpted from the *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* 11/30/22 obituary, “Jim will be remembered by his



CHP Faculty Jim Kaler

children and grandchildren as a silly fun-loving man who could never complete the punchline of a joke.

“After graduation in 1964, he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, and his research area, in which he published more than 120 papers and 19 books, involved dying stars. In 1995, he became a member of the Campus Honors Faculty. In 2003, he retired with emeritus status. In 2001, he received the King Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching. Asteroid 1998 JK was named 17853 Kaler in honor of his outreach activities. Jim operated two main websites, Skylights, which provided weekly information on the sights of the sky, and Stars, which featured the “Star of the Week.” Since 1998, the two, along with nearly 30 cognate sites, have received a total of more than 8 million visitors.

Robert Rich (*Law*) taught for the CHP for a number of years, and he passed away on 8/7/22. Excerpted from his obituary: “Robert Rich was a Professor of Law, Political Science, Medical Humanities and Social Sciences, Community Health, and Health Policy & Administration at UI, and his career included research, writing, teaching and consulting in a variety of fields using empirical data with an emphasis on the fields of health law, mental-health policy and law, as well as a pioneering role in the field of knowledge management and utilization. Dr. Rich served as the director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois from 1986 until he retired in 2012. Whether teaching undergraduates, graduate students, legislators, police officers, firefighters or the general public through OLLI, he valued every opportunity to mentor, engage with the community and teach others.

He authored six books and over 50 articles in the areas of health law and policy, federalism, information policy, and science and technology policy.”

CHP GRADUATION 2023



Above: CHP Graduation Festivities. Below: Chancellor's Scholars in YNP 2022.

We were delighted to be able celebrate our graduates in person once again in May 2023. The event was fun and celebrated our students' accomplishments. Two awards were announced: CHP Professor **Robert Pahre** (*Political Science*) received the King Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching. **Tara Leininger** (*Classics and History*) was awarded the Calvin Ke Award.

Tara Leininger received many honors and awards, including Bronze Tablet, a CHP Outstanding Senior Award, and the Senior 100 Honorary. Tara was engaged in many efforts on campus, serving as Founder and Vice President of the Classics Club and the *Undergraduate History Journal*. Tara was a Resident Advisor in University Housing for three years, and she worked in collections at the Champaign County History Museum, Krannert Art Museum, and Spurlock Museum of World Cultures. She also served as an intern for the Japan House, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Career Center, with Greek Studies on-site in Athens, and at the Studia Graeca et Latina in Prague. Tara assisted in historical research at the Center for Children's Books to create educational resources and reading guides for middle-grades students in collaboration with the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

While Tara eventually plans to attend graduate school, she recently accepted a position as a Communications Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Undergraduate Advising.

Professor Robert Pahre has led several CHP research classes, including Politics of the Greater Yellowstone Area and Politics of the National Parks, the former in both July 2022 and July 2023. Most of his research has been related to political economy, but he has become more interested in environmental questions and the politics

of culture and heritage. He is very engaged in hiking, backpacking, and photography. Some of our graduating Chancellor's Scholars reflected on his teaching as follows:

“I genuinely do not believe I have ever come across as wonderful a teacher in college as Professor Pahre. Not only is he one of the smartest people I have ever met (after all, who else knows all about Indigenous politics, North American fish and their migration patterns, European trade economies, state trees, and more!), he breaks complicated topics down in ways that make them seem simple.”

“Taking the Yellowstone class was the highlight of my CHP experience. I will never forget the incredible experience of backpacking through such remote and beautiful wilderness with Professor Pahre.”





Computer Lab Renovation Project Becomes New Technology Space

By Flor Quiroz, LAS Psychology and Spanish

The Honors House Computer Lab had a major remodeling this year. HSC Academic Engagement Vice President **Alejandro Pulido** (*BUS Information Systems*), worked closely with CHP staff to renovate the 3rd floor technology space. This is an open space where students can use technology that the Honors House provides to do any projects or other work.

Our renovated room now features four remote-controlled adjustable standup desks, a single large-screen computer, and two laptop docking stations that allow connection to a monitor, keyboard, and mouse. These laptop docking stations can be used through a USB-C port. In addition to the new technology, we now have four beautiful large canvases that our Art Committee created to add life to the collaborative space. We are proud of the changes providing up-to-date technology that is useful and accessible for our students.

Alejandro noted: "When I saw the old computer lab, I saw this space as a great opportunity to truly renovate the space so Chancellor's Scholars can study with technology that allows them to be more productive. The new technology space feels livelier and more interactive. Especially those who live at a dorm will have easy accessibility to a large desk space and a docking station as well as a larger monitor with a keyboard and mouse. With the new paintings from the Art Committee, I feel like future students will really utilize the house more to aid them in their coursework."

Clockwise from left: Chancellor's Scholars enjoy Tea Ceremony SAS; Student art in the new technology space; Chancellor's Scholars Pumpkin Carving; Painting by Richard "Chip" Burkhardt, 2011.

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