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Welcome

Marilee Lindemann
Executive Director, College Park Scholars

Outstanding Achievement & Outstanding Citizenship Awards

Meghan Price Scholarship for Leadership & Public Service

*Founded by the family & friends of Meghan Price,
Public Leadership Citation Class of 1997
Student Government Association President, 1998*

The Martha & Ira Berlin Legacy Fund Scholarship

*Founded by Martha & Ira Berlin,
Distinguished University Professor
Department of History*

Rebecca Basena Kampi Memorial Scholarship

*Founded by the family of Rebecca Basena Kampi,
Public Leadership Citation Class of 2013*

The Kenneth A. Joseph Memorial Scholarship

*Founded by the family of Kenneth Joseph,
beloved Scholar and Media, Self & Society
staff member from 1999–2009*

Randall G. & Susan Woodfield Hoffman Scholarship

*Founded by UMD graduates Randall G. and
Susan Woodfield Hoffman*



Founders Awards

Ira Berlin Writing Award

Founded by Ira Berlin

Nancy & Ira Shapiro Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award

*Founded by Ira & Nancy Shapiro,
Associate Vice Chancellor, University System of
Maryland, and former Executive Director, College
Park Scholars*

Katherine McAdams Leadership Award

*Founded by Katherine McAdams,
Associate Professor Emerita, Philip Merrill College
of Journalism, and former Executive Director,
College Park Scholars*

Phyllis Peres Award for Study Abroad

*Founded by Phyllis Peres,
Senior Vice Provost & Dean of Academic Affairs,
College of Arts & Sciences, American University*

Beth & John Pattison Award for Creativity

*Founded by John & Beth Pattison,
Former Associate Director, College Park Scholars*

College Park Scholars Tri-Star Award

Academics, Community, Diversity

*Student bios can be found at the end
of the program.*



Outstanding Achievement Award

This award is conferred upon students who exemplify a model Scholar within their individual Scholars programs & throughout the Scholars community.

Recipients are selected by their program faculty for exhibiting exceptional scholarly attitudes and excelling in academics, research, and other scholarly activities.

Daryl Perry and Katie Rees
Arts

Soda Lo and Noah Roeder
Business, Society & the Economy

Javiera Diaz-Ortiz and Jacob Rose
Environment, Technology & Economy

Megan Hsiung and Emma Noreck
Global Public Health

Katherine Hagan and Mark Salman
International Studies

Alexander Alamar and Leanna Schuler
Justice & Legal Thought

Junyi Liu and Raj Shah
Life Sciences

Caitlin Kane and Rebecca Lin
Media, Self & Society

Jennifer Solan and Ritika Vemulapalli
Public Leadership

Vincent Lan and Michael Suehle
Science, Discovery & the Universe

Sulaiman Bashir and Clarissa Halpern
Science & Global Change

Allison Griffith and John Idiagbonya
Science, Technology & Society



Outstanding Citizenship Award

This award is conferred upon students who have left an enduring mark on their Scholars program by contributing significant time, effort, and support to their Scholars community. Recipients are selected by their program faculty for their efforts to support and improve College Park Scholars through their involvement, dedication, and/or leadership.

Amy Yim and Amy Zhong
Arts

Alexia Ayuk and Kayla Malone
Business, Society & the Economy

Matthew Blakeslee and Victoria Dubin
Environment, Technology & Economy

Sarah Coffman and Rachel Fishkind
Global Public Health

Maria Downey and Joseph Gardenal
International Studies

Caroline Tristani and Joshua Starling
Justice & Legal Thought

Beder Karshe and Elizabeth Meyerovich
Life Sciences

Christina Alvarez and Regina Avalos
Media, Self & Society

Nandhini Krishnan and Samuel Snitkovsky
Public Leadership

Vincent Lan and Matthew Simmons
Science, Discovery & the Universe

Ka'Liyah Burnett and Marisa Teti
Science & Global Change

Tiffanie Choi and Frederick Farah
Science, Technology & Society



Meghan Price Scholarship for Leadership & Public Service

This scholarship honors the legacy and promise of Scholars Public Leadership alumna Meghan Price.

Gabriela Winter, Public Leadership
Alexia Ayuk, Business, Society & the Economy

The Martha & Ira Berlin Legacy Fund Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to College Park Scholars students who have demonstrated academic excellence and an interest in expanding their Scholars experience by participating in research, community service, internships, or study abroad.

Megan Burke, Global Public Health
Sarita Miller, Global Public Health

Rebecca Basena Kampi Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the legacy of Scholars Public Leadership alumna Rebecca Basena Kampi, and recognizes a student who is working to promote social justice and equity as a means for changing the world for the better.

Joy Nash, Media, Self & Society

The Kenneth A. Joseph Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to freshmen and sophomores participating in College Park Scholars. It honors Ken's commitment to ensuring that Scholars students were empowered to achieve their full potential both as students and as citizens of the world.

Sherwin-Nestor Esguerra, Media, Self & Society
Himnish Sambaraju, Media, Self & Society



Randall G. & Susan Woodfield Hoffman Scholarship

Established by Randall G. and Susan Woodfield Hoffman, both graduates of the University of Maryland, this scholarship awards a Scholars student who has demonstrated commitment to both academics and community involvement.

Jordan Homan, Media, Self & Society

Ira Berlin Writing Award

This award honors a Scholar who has demonstrated excellence in writing through an assignment required for College Park Scholars course or supporting courses.

Matthew Fairchild, Global Public Health

Nancy & Ira Shapiro Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award

This award honors a Scholar who demonstrates excellence in research. This project must demonstrate active collaboration with a faculty mentor and the use of primary sources to unearth interesting questions for further exploration.

Sofia Grossman, Environment, Technology & Economy

Katherine McAdams Leadership Award

This award honors a young woman who has proven to be an effective leader in Scholars during her freshman and sophomore years. This award recognizes leadership that is broadly defined, ranging from concerned student to campus governance officer.

Katie Rees, Arts



Peres Award for Study Abroad

This award honors a Scholar with a demonstrated interest in international & global affairs. This award recognizes a student who exhibits scholarly attitudes, displays academic excellence, and demonstrates learning as a result of studying abroad.

Jules Parra, Science, Technology & Society

Beth & John Pattinson Award for Creativity

This award honors a Scholar who has exhibited exceptional creativity & innovation in the arts, architecture, landscape architecture, science, research, or service, and who has a positive impact on the community.

Kari Maygers, Arts

College Park Scholars Tri-Star Award

Academics, Community, Diversity

This award honors a Scholar who exemplifies academic excellence, has contributed to their community in meaningful ways, and values the contributions of diversity to their learning.

Amy Yim, Arts



Arts

Daryl Perry is a junior journalism major with a creative writing minor. He is currently a Diversions staff writer for The Diamondback, and in his second year of the Jiménez-Porter Writers' House on the poetry track. Outside of academics, Daryl enjoys sewing, playing guitar and video editing. He hopes to be an editorial journalist in the future.

Katie Rees grew up in Columbia, Maryland, and graduated from Hammond High School in 2019. She is currently a junior pursuing a double major in both theatre and government and politics with a concentration in international relations, and a minor in disability studies. She hopes to pursue both her passions for social justice and human rights alongside her passion for theatre performance, and looks forward to figuring out where both of these very different passions will take her. Katie graduated from the Arts Scholars program after conducting her capstone project last spring alongside the Justice Arts Coalition, dedicated to "uniting teaching artists, arts advocates, currently and formerly incarcerated artists, and allies, harnessing the transformative power of the arts to reimagine justice." Her capstone entailed hosting a virtual event for the campus community showcasing work of incarcerated artists surrounding the injustices of the U.S. carceral system, as well as developing a creative outlet packet for currently incarcerated artists within the organization's network. Katie is currently serving as a teaching assistant for the Arts Scholars program after peer mentoring the first year students of the program last year. She is performing in the university's Mainstage production of Little Women this weekend.

Amy Yim, from Ellicott City, Maryland, is a junior mathematics major with an arts leadership minor, which she learned about through the Arts Scholars program. On top of expanding her academic studies through Scholars, Amy adjusted to UMD by joining the Arts Advisory Board, planning events for the Scholars community while building friendships with her peers. Amy also became a Peer Mentor where she welcomed freshmen to the Arts community through a time of alienation in an online environment. She joined the Scholars Lakeland STARS program, tutoring and providing enrichment to the local elementary school students. This fall, Amy will be an Arts Scholars TA, continuing to take part in the community and maintaining the arts in her experience at College Park. This past year, Amy has been working on NextNOW Fest as a student curatorial intern which will be taking place mid-September where she hopes to offer another fulfilling arts experience for the rest of the College Park community.

Amy Zhong is a junior secondary education and English major with a Chinese minor. She aspires to use her Arts Scholars experience to create a lively, engaging academic atmosphere in her future classrooms.



Business, Society & the Economy

Alexia Ayuk is a junior operations management & business analytics major with a minor in philosophy. She is an alumnus of the Business, Society & the Economy Scholars Program where she served as the operations chair for their Student Advisory Board. Outside of her Scholars program, Alexia serves as the president of the Smith Undergraduate Student Association. She is also a member of the QUEST Honors Program and the Dean's Student Advisory Council. During her time at UMD, she has participated as an Impact Consulting Fellow for the Center for Social Value Creation, a teaching assistant for BMGT110 and BMGT289I; an innovation & product development intern at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, and led nonprofit work for virtual tutoring.

Soda Lo was born in Dakar, Senegal, before moving to the U.S. in 2008, and later graduating from Montgomery Blair High School in 2019. She is currently a senior in the Robert H. Smith School of Business double majoring in international business and operations management business analytics. This past summer, Soda was an Immersioner for Google's BOLD Immersion Program. Since the spring semester of her freshman year, Soda has interned for Smith's Center for Social Value Creation (CSVC) where she manages UMD's only impact-focused consulting fellowship: the Impact Consulting Fellowship. The program has gone on to win the MBA Roundtable's Fast Track Innovation Award, and been featured in the United Nations Social Development Network guide for Accelerating Education for SDGs. Soda has also worked with the BSE Scholars program to manage and execute the annual freshman case competition, with a focus on corporate social responsibility and sustainability. Currently, Soda serves as a member of Smith's Diversity and Equity Council (DEC) and Inclusion, Accountability, and Oversight Coalition (IAOC). Upon graduating, Soda hopes to attain her master's in international development with a concentration in social governance.

Kayla Malone grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, and graduated from Montgomery Blair High School in 2019. She is currently a junior finance and information systems double degree and plans to go into investment banking post-graduation. She has served as a teaching assistant for two of the Business, Society & the Economy classes: Introduction to the Business Value Chain and the first-year colloquium class. Outside of the classroom, Kayla was also involved in BSE's Scholars Student Advisory Board where she acted as the engagement chair for the board. For her BSE capstone, she founded, revamped, and acted (and still acts) as the president of an organization called the Black Business Association within the Robert H. Smith business school. This past summer Kayla interned at Goldman Sachs in Chicago and will be returning next summer in the investment banking division. In addition to the many things Kayla does on campus, she really enjoys giving back to others and the larger community. She is excited to continue to grow and give back to the BSE program and the Scholars program as a whole.



Business, Society & the Economy

Noah Roeder is a junior, double majoring in accounting and finance with a minor in business analytics. For the past four semesters, Noah served as a TA for BSE program director Dr. Mark Wellman. This past summer, Noah interned at Medifast, Inc. on the Corporate Audit and Financial Planning & Analysis teams, executing SOX compliance tests and performing month-end expense analyses. This semester, he is continuing his work with Medifast as a part-time auditor and will serve as co-president of the University of Maryland Chapter of Consult Your Community, a student-run non-profit consulting organization. This summer, he will join the Risk, Financial, and Advisory group at Deloitte & Touche LLP. Noah credits the resources available at the University of Maryland and the BSE program for helping him build the skills needed for professional success and achievement, and he is honored to be receiving the Academic Achievement Award. He is extremely grateful to all the professors and friends he has met who have made his BSE experience so great, as well as his family for their love and support.

Environment, Technology & Economy

Matthew Blakeslee grew up in Bethesda, Maryland, and graduated from Walter Johnson High School in 2019. Matthew is a junior studying civil and environmental engineering. With the College Park Scholars ETE program he has worked as a teaching assistant for the freshmen colloquiums for two semesters and served two years as program representative on the Scholars Student Advisory Board. During the school semesters Matthew works with the Adventure Program housed at Eppley Recreation Center as well as participating in UMD Club Climbing. This past summer Matthew worked with Whiting-Turner on a new mixed-use urban development in Tenleytown, DC in construction management, and aims to be working in a similar field this coming summer. He would like to encourage other students to pay extra attention to their Scholars classes, since what he has learned from them has been used countless times as the backbone of further ideas in his other studies. Matthew is looking forward to seeing what the future ETE students get into, especially if any freshmen groups continue on to implement their “Connections Project” proposals. Thank you everyone for coming to support us students at this event.



Environment, Technology & Economy

Javi Diaz-Ortiz was born in Chile but was raised in Maryland in the cities of Bethesda and Ellicott City. She graduated from high school in 2019, and she plans to graduate from UMD in 2023 with a BA in landscape architecture and a minor in sustainability studies. She hopes to focus her design career on environmental sustainability, specifically green infrastructure and environmental justice. For her Scholars practicum, Javi held an internship at a local plant nursery where she advanced her knowledge in horticulture. This past summer, she was involved in communications with environmentalists from Latin America during her internship with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). On campus, Javi is involved in the UMD chapter of Epsilon Eta, a co-ed professional environmental science fraternity, as well as Student Maryland ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects). Even though she is an alum of the ETE Program, Javi is still connected to Scholars through her job as a College Park Scholars office assistant.

Vicky Dubin is from Fulton, Maryland, where she graduated from Reservoir High School in 2019. Currently, she is a junior studying biology, ecology and evolution with minors in sustainability studies and linguistics. For her practicum, Vicky worked at an entomology lab on campus studying the invasive spotted lanternfly and conservation biological control. She also spent her sophomore year as the peer mentor captain for ETE Scholars and as a TA for CPET101. This semester, she started her first of four semesters in the PULSAR Language Science Research Seminar and serves as a TA for CPET200. On campus, Vicky is a member of FLAME (Foundational Leadership and Mentor Experience) and AEES (American Ecological Engineering Society) and hosts a radio show on WMUC Digital. She also enjoys eating at local restaurants and laying in her hammock on sunny afternoons.

Jacob Rose grew up in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. He graduated from Cherry Hill High School East in 2019 and is now a junior student at UMD. Currently, Jacob is studying mechanical engineering. He works in the Bio-inspired Advanced Manufacturing Lab under the supervision of Dr. Sochol. Over the summer, Jacob interned at Lockheed Martin as a systems engineer. In addition, Jacob enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with friends in his free time. He plans to study abroad this upcoming spring in Denmark.



Environment, Technology & Economy

Gabriela Winter grew up in a Terp family in Ashton, Maryland. She is a senior studying supply chain management and marketing at the Smith School of Business. Her favorite Scholars memory was helping to lead the Public Leadership Scholars program to win the 2019 Scholars Cup by fundraising over \$10,000 for a school in Guatemala supporting children and families in need. She stayed actively involved with Public Leadership returning as a TA for the program. Gabriela is currently very involved throughout campus, most importantly with her presidency for the Student Alumni Leadership Council and involvement with the Alumni Association and University Relations. She currently has full-time job offers in supply chain and business-related fields and hopes to stay connected to her Maryland and Scholars community in years to come!

Global Public Health

Megan Burke is a junior neuroscience major from Silver Spring, Maryland. She currently works as an undergraduate research assistant in the psychology department, studying neural responses to drug addiction. She is also an undergraduate TA for a neuroscience class, and president of the University of Maryland chapter of iGNiTE, a national organization focused on advocacy and civic engagement relating to women's rights and representation in government. She hopes to attend medical school after graduation, and plans to use her experience in the Global Public Health Scholars program to help her focus on alleviating health inequities as a physician.

Sarita Miller is a junior studying Neurobiology and Physiology who completed the Global Public Health Scholars Program at UMD. She is now involved in Public Health Beyond Borders as an intern for the new nonprofit portion and a project leader in the UMD chapter. She dedicates her time to research within the School of Public Health surrounding women's health and public health education with Dr. Maring and Dr. Kushwaha. Sarita plans on being a TA for a global classroom on menstrual health justice next semester for UMD and Banaras Hindu University students in India. Sarita is a volunteer Spanish interpreter for the Medical Reserve Corps. Her goal is to work in medicine and public health with a strong focus on serving disadvantaged communities.



Global Public Health

Emma Noreck grew up in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, and graduated high school in 2019. She is currently a junior studying special education with a minor in disability studies. This past summer, she worked at a preschool in a classroom with students with low incidence disabilities. Through this experience she learned many important aspects on managing her own classroom. Being a part of the Global Public Health Scholars Program has helped Emma to broaden her horizons by going on trips to the Anacostia Museum and by volunteering at Second Chance in Baltimore, Maryland. On campus, Emma is a member of TEAMs and Best Buddies and is excited to continue her work tutoring students in the areas surrounding College Park. Emma is looking forward to starting her internships this upcoming semester and hopes to continue working in a classroom setting.

International Studies

Maria Downey grew up in Holmdel, New Jersey, and graduated from Holmdel High School in 2019. She is currently a junior double majoring in economics and government and politics with a concentration in international relations, with dual minors in French studies and international development and conflict management. Currently, Maria is a communications and programming intern for the minor in international development and conflict management as well as vice president of finance of the Kappa Delta Sorority here on campus. This past spring and summer she interned at Wooden Horse Strategies, a political strategy consulting firm based in Kyiv, Ukraine. She also served as the peer mentor captain of International Studies during her final year of scholars. This winter and spring she hopes to continue her French studies and study abroad in Nice, France.

Katherine Hagan, or Katie, as she prefers, grew up in Baltimore County, Maryland, and graduated from Perry Hall High School in 2019. She is currently a junior pursuing a dual degree in economics and finance. Last spring, Katie completed the Scholars research practicum, focusing on the role of property rights as a stimulant for economic growth in sub-Saharan Africa. This semester, she is serving as an undergraduate teaching assistant for ECON 330, Money and Banking. Katie also plays the clarinet and is a member of the Mighty Sound of Maryland marching band.



International Studies

Mark Salman grew up in Bethesda, Maryland, where he graduated high school in 2019 from Rochambeau French International School. He is currently a junior studying government and politics, with an international relations concentration, and plans to enter the field of diplomacy after graduation. He also has a double minor in history and international development and conflict management. Mark is currently working as an undergraduate teaching assistant for an introduction to political philosophy course in the government and politics department. In addition, he volunteers for the University Senate Educational Affairs Committee where they are revising the diversity requirements in the general education program. During the previous semester, Mark completed his Scholars practicum project by writing a thesis analyzing the dynamics of the Lebanese political system and the reasons for its collapse. Looking ahead, Mark will soon be working with the University of Maryland Global Campus as a research assistant.

Justice & Legal Thought

AJ Alamar is currently a junior majoring in criminology, criminal justice, and history at the University of Maryland. He has been a teacher's assistant in both first-year Justice and Legal Thought Scholars classes. Currently, AJ is a victim advocate at the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse, where he works directly with victims. He is also involved with on-campus service through the Office of Sustainability's Sustainable Ambassadors program and Alpha Phi Omega (a service organization). In terms of service, he is most passionate about education and environmental service and was involved in these areas as a camp counselor over the summer in Colorado. AJ is looking forward to continuing working in the criminal justice system as a victim advocate and serving his community this fall using the lessons he learned in the scholar's Justice and Legal Thought program.

Leanna Schuler grew up in Staten Island, New York and graduated from Staten Island Technical High School in 2019. She is currently a junior majoring in criminology/criminal Justice and minoring in philosophy. She just finished the Justice and Legal Thought program with an internship capstone project where she talked about working for Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. At this internship, she answered calls from concerned Americans for the Congressman. Her after-school activities include participation in club swimming, debate team, and Phi Alpha Delta. Additionally, she is a professional Greek Council representative for the Pre-Law Fraternity. Currently, she is working at an internship with DC Witness where she will report on violent crime in the area. Leanna will be graduating from the University of Maryland in Spring 2022 and plans to pursue a career in law.



Life Sciences

Beder Abdirahman Karshe is a junior at the University of Maryland College Park majoring in biology with a concentration in physiology and neurobiology. On-campus he is a Resident Assistant and actively engages in a variety of clubs including Somali Student Association, Green Roots, and United Against Inequities in Disease where he holds executive positions in each. He was a Scholars peer mentor and hosted a wide variety of events for his incoming freshman and served as a resource to help guide them through their academic years. Career-wise, Beder plans to eventually become a trauma surgeon. This past summer he participated in an online program hosted by Howard University School of Medicine which helped him gain clinical experience with an emphasis on cultural competency and wellness through clinical rotations and clinical lab simulations. During his free time, he enjoys riding his bike around campus and playing spike ball with his friends. He would like to thank Beth and Jimmy for nominating him for this award and providing sincere guidance throughout his years at UMD.

Junyi (Julie) Liu grew up in Wuhan, China, and came to the United States when she was fourteen. She graduated from The Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore in 2019. She is a junior studying neurobiology and physiology and plans to go into medicine. Currently, Julie is part of the leadership team for the Emergency Medicine Research Associates Program at the Prince George's Hospital Center. She also does research on cancer cell inhibition at the Cancer Imaging Lab at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, a position she started in high school. This past summer, Julie shadowed at Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University in China, where she worked with a team of oncologists and residents to develop a patent on leukemia treatment. For the rest of the summer, she shadowed at the Department of Pediatric Emergency of Johns Hopkins Hospital. In addition, Julie has been involved in community service projects at the Langley Park International High School to tutor immigrant students. This semester, she became a teaching assistant for BSCI222: Principles of Genetics.

Lisa Meyerovich is a junior psychology and theater major from North Potomac, Maryland. Along with being a Life Sciences alumni, she is a part of Scholars Ambassadors, Life Sciences Peer Mentor Program, Images Campus Tour Guides, Help Center, and participates in UMD Mainstage shows. She feels humbled and honored to receive this award tonight, and hopes to continue working with Beth and Jimmy and the Scholars community!



Media, Self & Society

Nina Alvarez is from Charles County, Maryland and graduated from North Point High School in 2019. Her studies in graphic communications throughout high school drew her to major in communication and be a part of the Media, Self & Society Scholars program. During her time in Scholars, she was a peer mentor for freshman Media Scholars, an undergraduate teaching assistant for her program, and served as the Media Scholars social media engagement coordinator. The knowledge and experience she gained in Scholars, along with her major and double minor in Rhetoric and Philosophy, has led her to pursue a career in digital advertising and visual communications. Currently, Nina is a part of the Scholars Student Communications Committee and is the communications intern for Riley's Way Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Brooklyn, New York.

Regina Avalos is a junior double majoring in psychology and human development. On campus she is involved in Crocheting for a Cause and multiple tutoring clubs. Her hobbies include crocheting (especially amigurumi), paint by numbers, cooking, and baking. After graduation, Regina hopes to pursue a career in HR, specifically talent acquisition.

Caitlin Kane is from Port Washington, New York, and a 2019 graduate from Paul D. Schreiber High School. She is currently a junior double majoring in psychology and kinesiology, intending to have a career focused in sports psychology. She was a part of the Media, Self, and Society Scholars Program and had the opportunity to participate in a number of field trips, events, and Zooms with an array of people over the past 2 years, including UMD Basketball star graduate, Anthony Cowan Jr.. Caitlin was a College Park Scholars peer mentor captain last year, helping the Media Scholars freshmen acclimate to college life, which was an especially unique and enriching experience in the new normal! As part of Caitlin's College Park Scholars practicum, she was able to do research with the Department of Kinesiology on analyzing Nike advertisements of South African runner Caster Semenya. This past summer, she had an internship helping a psychologist with their Food and Body Program that is designed to help those on the spectrum of eating disorders. Currently, Caitlin is working as a club sports supervisor for Maryland RecWell, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Chapter of Maryland Greek Life and the Women's Club Lacrosse Team.



Media, Self & Society

Sherwin Esguerra is a sophomore at the University of Maryland who found high school comfort in the Literary Magazine. Able to combine his interests in art and writing, he soon rose to the position of Publication & Design Specialist. At the University of Maryland, Sherwin has dedicated much of his time to connect with other Filipino Americans at the Filipino Cultural Association, where he works as the organization's secretary. He has also gained experience in reporting by working with WMUC Radio and Stories Beneath the Shell. As a Media, Self and Society Scholars student, he intends on using his knowledge of media to enhance his work in journalism. After completing JOUR262, Sherwin hopes to continue learning about broadcast journalism and applying his video production and editing skills. Currently, he is a production intern with Seacrest Studios at Children's National Hospital to create radio and TV content for patients. When he is not studying or reporting, Sherwin likes to spend his time drawing and dancing.

Jordan Homan is a sophomore here at the University of Maryland. She is a psychology and criminal justice double major in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. During her time in College Park Scholars, Jordan worked to educate voters and debunk COVID-19 myths through social media activism. Jordan hopes to pursue a career advocating for and assisting incarcerated populations that struggle with mental illness and hopes to stay connected to College Park Scholars as a UMD alumnus

Rebecca Lin grew up in Minnesota and Massachusetts before moving to Maryland in 2019. She is a junior accounting major and plans to become a certified public accountant at a company that combines her passions for media, business, and service. Her favorite Scholars memory is volunteering with her program at DC Central Kitchen. Currently, she works as a peer tutor and teaching assistant while pursuing graduate studies in the Plus 1 program. Rebecca is also involved in the nonprofit Combating Overdoses in Rural Areas and UMD's Women in Business Association. This summer she is interning at Ernst and Young and hopes to stay connected to the Scholars community post-graduation.



Public Leadership

Nandhini Krishnan grew up in Exton, Pennsylvania and graduated from high school in 2019. She is currently a junior studying computer science with a concentration in machine learning and minors in math, global poverty, and global terrorism. She plans to work in the field of counterterrorism upon graduation, using her background and education to combat racial profiling and protect the United States. She has worked with Scholars serving as an undergraduate TA for CPPL 100 and CPPL 101. This past summer, Nandhini worked at Guidehouse for the National Security Segment as an intern working on cybersecurity initiatives for the US government. On campus, Nandhini is the Conference Logistics Head for UMD Model Congress and Lead Coordinator for Mentors and Volunteers of Technica - UMD's All Women and Nonbinary hackathon. She also is a facilitator for a Computer Science STIC Course introducing students to Github. Next summer, Nandhini plans to continue to work with Guidehouse on new projects and continue to expand her background using Computer Science for National Security.

Sam Snitkovsky grew up in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and graduated from Quince Orchard High School in 2019. He is a junior studying marketing, nonprofit & social innovation, entrepreneurship & innovation, and graphic design. Currently, Sam is working at Compass Marketing where he works as an e-commerce analyst and helps find opportunities for brands to prosper through a blend of art and technology. In addition he serves on the event team for the American Marketing Association where he helps create events for students to enhance their educational, professional, and social experience through personal brand development and industry exposure. He's also the marketing officer for Culinary Club where he creates creative content to bring together individuals who are interested in the culinary arts and would like to either hone their recipes, expand their knowledge, or learn from scratch. In his spare time he loves to play volleyball, cook, and create designs. He completed the Public Leadership Scholars program and loved it so much he decided to TA for the program last year. He plans to go into a job where he can combine his love for business and nonprofit work.



Public Leadership

Jennifer Solan grew up in Ellicott City, Maryland, and graduated from Centennial High School in 2019. She is currently a junior studying government & politics and public policy, and is pursuing a master's in public policy through the BA/MPP Joint Degree program. During Fall of 2020, Jennifer was an undergraduate teaching assistant for the foundational course of the Public Leadership Scholars program. Jennifer interns at the Maryland General Assembly, where she conducts legislative research on policy issues such as climate resilience and mental and behavioral health services. This semester Jennifer is also a research assistant with the Environmentally and Socially Responsible Engineering Initiative which is working to incorporate sustainability into the engineering curriculum.

Ritika Vemulapalli grew up in Columbia, Maryland, and graduated from Good Counsel High School in 2019. She is currently a senior studying psychology and has plans to go to law school next fall. Last year, she was an undergraduate TA for the Scholars PLCY201 class. She also raised over \$15,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as part of a fundraising campaign. This past summer, Ritika worked at the Howard County State's Attorney's Office as a legal intern with the Special Victims Unit, which prosecutes felony domestic violence cases. Currently, Ritika is working as an LSAT tutor and volunteering for Little Lights Urban Ministries through Terps for Change where she provides homework support and guidance to students in public housing communities in D.C.

Science, Discovery & the Universe

Vincent Lan is a junior from Hyattsville, Maryland, studying materials science and engineering. He has served on the College Park Scholars Student Advisory Board as both the commuter representative and sophomore representative for the Science, Discovery and the Universe program. Currently, Vincent is researching the additive manufacturing of magnetic nanomaterials in the Functional Macromolecular Laboratory. He also is researching the role of nanoparticles in planetary formation through the Terps in Space program. Through the student organization he founded, Flower STEM, he is beautifying his alma mater, Eleanor Roosevelt High, to promote mental health and is creating an interactive night market in virtual reality. He is also a member of the QUEST Honors Program, an ambassador for the A. James Clark School of Engineering, and a facilitator for the English Conversation Partners program.



Science, Discovery & the Universe

Matthew Simmons grew up in Phoenix, Maryland, and graduated from Hereford High School in 2019. He is currently a junior studying mathematics and computer science, and he plans to go to graduate school for mathematics. He's traveled with College Park Scholars to New York City. Currently, Matthew is working as a teaching assistant in the computer science department on campus. He will also be a teaching assistant for the Science, Discovery & the Universe sophomore colloquium in Scholars.

Michael Suehle grew up in Baldwin, Maryland, and graduated from Calvert Hall College High School in 2019. He is currently a junior studying computer science with a minor in statistics and plans to get a job in software development. This past summer, Michael completed a computer science internship at Textron Systems working on the A5000, a new unmanned aerial vehicle program. This year, he will be tutoring for the Iribe Initiative for Inclusion & Diversity in Computing and exploring research opportunities in artificial intelligence. His Scholars capstone project focused on making improvements to the meteor detection algorithm used by the UMD Astronomy Observatory. In addition to College Park Scholars, he participates in the OMSE's Academic Honor's Society and the Department of Computer Science's Honors Program.

Science & Global Change

Sulaiman Bashir is a junior from Gaithersburg, Maryland. He is studying computer science, with a minor in general business. In the future, he would like to be an artificial intelligence engineer. As a Scholar, Sulaiman helped clean the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and the Chesapeake Bay. He also spent a semester teaching robotics at the College Park Academy. In his free time, Sulaiman likes to play chess, soccer, and Monopoly.

Ka'Liyah Burnett is from Baltimore City, Maryland. She is a junior studying mechanical engineering and a proud alumna of the Science and Global Change (SGC) scholars' program. Her favorite things about Scholars are the service day and the life lessons Dr. Merck and Dr. Holtz taught her during her time as a Scholars student. Currently, Kaliyah is an undergraduate teaching fellow for ENES100 and SGC. She is also a member of the Black Engineers Society. She also works on campus for DOTS (Department of Transportation Services) as a Shuttle-UM bus driver! Off campus she spends her time bonding with family, exercising/physical fitness and watching movies. Over the summer she was given the opportunity to work as a systems engineer intern, which she enjoyed.



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Clarissa Halpern is from Potomac, Maryland, and is a junior majoring in cell biology and genetics and minoring in sustainability studies. She plans to become a research scientist in genetics. She completed her practicum project as a part of the Science and Global Change Scholars Program by researching the feasibility of a wind energy generation device for personalized vehicles. Clarissa has worked in the Dinman Lab on campus and has helped with research to characterize the effects of ribosomal frameshifting on the SARS 2 coronavirus. In addition, Clarissa is the current Fundraising Chair on the Executive Board of Terp Thon, a student-run organization benefiting Children's National Hospital. She is also a dog sitter for the Guide Dog Foundation. This year, Clarissa will be working with the Song Lab on campus as a part of the Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Honors Program to assist in research to study the relationship between B cell activation stages and obesity in mouse models.

Marisa Teti is currently a junior studying mechanical engineering and is a proud alum of the Science and Global Change Scholars program. She grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and graduated as valedictorian of her class at Kent Island High School. From the beginning, Marisa was a leader. She served as student government executive board president in high school and started her own community service club called The Good Deeds Committee. As a freshman, Marisa was eager to get involved on campus and use her leadership skills. She served on the Scholars Student Advisory Board, met some great friends along the way and created some fun projects with her peers, including trivia and movie nights, and an outdoor service project painting dumpsters with the purpose of bringing life and color to campus. Now she spends her Tuesdays assisting Dr. Holtz and Dr. Merck as one of their colloquium teaching assistants. One of Marisa's favorite memories from her time in Scholars was going to New York City for the day to visit museums and explore the city. Over this past summer, Marisa completed an engineering internship with RAUCH engineering company in Easton, MD. This job entailed days of designing on AutoCAD, shadowing the lead architect on a job site visit, or flagging wetlands and forestry knee deep in weeds. In her future here at UMD, she hopes to get the opportunity to study abroad again, as she was fortunate to travel to 4 countries in Southeast Asia during the winter term of her freshman year. Marisa is excited for her future and to continue her work as an outstanding citizen.



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Tiffanie Choi was raised in Columbia, Maryland, and graduated from high school in 2019. She is studying computer science and hopes to become a software engineer. She was a peer mentor for the Science, Technology and Society Scholars program last year for 13 freshmen. For the past year, Tiffanie has been a software engineer intern at Science and Technology Corporation, working on a satellite mission that is launching this upcoming spring. This past summer, Tiffanie was also a software engineer intern for Chewy, working on the Pet-Health website. Outside of work, Tiffanie is a Technica Organizer (Brand Team), Asian American Student Union Social Chair, and WeSkate member. This semester, she is a teaching assistant for a Computer Science course because she believes that more underrepresented genders in leadership positions are needed in order to provide diverse representation in the STEM community. Tiffanie's true passion is to become the role model she needed when she was younger. She plans to mentor as many underprivileged children as possible to help them achieve their dreams!

Frederick Farah grew up in Hagerstown, Maryland, and graduated with distinguished honors from high school in 2019. He is currently pursuing an aerospace engineering major and a robotics and autonomous systems minor. He is a Science, Technology, and Society Scholars program alum, and is currently serving as an assistant coordinator for the Scholars Peer Mentor program. While he was working towards his citation, he served as a curriculum designer and researcher for his Scholars program as well as a Peer Mentor captain, working towards easing the student's transition from an in-person to an online format. Outside of his Scholars program, he serves as an advanced undergraduate teaching fellow for the Introduction to Engineering Design Course. Within this role he developed a Discord server in order to increase student community engagement. After a successful scholastic year of the Discord's implementation, he wrote and presented a research paper at the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) during Spring 2021. Frederick plays on the Ultimate Frisbee Club A team at Maryland. Last summer, he worked as a software engineering intern with Lockheed Martin: Space. He will continue working next semester as a systems engineering associate intern with Lockheed Martin: Rotary and Mission Systems.



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Allison Griffith grew up in Rockville, Maryland, and graduated from Thomas S. Wootton High School in 2019. She is currently a junior majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in project management. She currently works as an undergraduate research assistant based out of the College Park Scholars Science, Technology and Society program directed by Dr. Tomblin. In this position, she studies efforts to create a dialogue between the public and technical experts at NASA, NOAA, and the DOE. One of the goals of her research is to understand how public engagement influences federal agency decision-making. This specific project also investigates whether and how public engagement events have changed expert cultures at NASA, NOAA, and DOE. This past summer she interned with Caterpillar Inc. within their building construction products division as an engineering intern. During her internship, she worked on the engine systems team where she helped with the application and installation of two new types of engines into skid steer loaders and the compact track loaders. On campus, she is the vice president of UMD's chapter of the Society of Women Engineers. She is also a sister in Alpha Omega Epsilon, a half social, half professional sorority for women in STEM.

John Idiagbonya Jr was born in Nigeria but mainly grew up in Laurel, Maryland. He graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 2019 in the Science and Tech program. He is currently a junior pursuing a degree in computer science at the University of Maryland. He's been interested in science from a young age and was fascinated in the creativity and impact science could have. In his time with STS, he has participated in many volunteer positions but his favorites have been ones where he's gotten to help kids. He recognizes that he would have never gotten to where he is today without the teachers and adults who helped nurture his curiosity in science. As a result he wishes to give back to students and show them the wonders of science. He also knows the roadblocks that can prevent some students from getting access to these opportunities in science-as an African American he has faced those roadblocks and discrimination himself. However, he wants to show kids that regardless of race, religion, sex or anything else if they have that curiosity they too can become scientists.



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