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SCHOLARS

Citation Class of 2022

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Ceremony*

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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*



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 founding 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

*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.

Tania Ghandour and Leilani McAdams
Arts

Luke Muratore and Adam Tian
Business, Society and the Economy

Bradford Blair and Jasmine Wathen
Environment, Technology and Economy

Deena Karger and Anastasia Lukyanov
Global Public Health

Riley Blaugrund and Zachary Einolf
International Studies

Lindsay Moynihan and Deborah Sklute
Justice and Legal Thought

Neil Ghosh and Yasmine Koth
Life Sciences

Jules Einhorn and Zoe Nicholson
Media, Self and Society

Joseph Dolinger and Keating Drake
Public Leadership

Russell Chiu and Maria Nikolaitchik
Science, Discovery and the Universe

Olivita Hunt and Clarissa Halpern
Science and Global Change

Paul Adkins and Victoriia Grabovetska
Science, Technology and 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.

Jenna Dietrich and Reshma Jasmin
Arts

Or Goldshtein and Sophia Wooden
Business, Society and the Economy

Nathan Blanken and Rebecca DeStefano
Environment, Technology and Economy

Rayhan Asad and Alexander Sung
Global Public Health

Caroline Thorne and Shivani Gandhi
International Studies

Aliah Brown and Rebecca Scherr
Justice and Legal Thought

Samantha Fogle and Olivia Liew
Life Sciences

Ami Makadia and Isy Kristick
Media, Self and Society

Riya Dhar and Joyce Lee
Public Leadership

David Oguh and Dominic Manzella
Science, Discovery and the Universe

Maryanne Onianwah and Michael Deffenberg
Science and Global Change

Ariana Capati and Jeremy Kiggundu
Science, Technology and Society



Meghan Price Scholarship for Leadership & Public Service

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

Marisa Teti, Science and Global Change

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.

Erfan Jabari, Science and Global Change

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.

Soyame Mulata, International Studies

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.

Maria Coutloulakis, Media, Self and Society

D Marco Arteaga, Media, Self and 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.

Kelly Biglin, 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.

Amol Agrawal, Science, Technology and Society

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.

Rebecca Scherr, Justice and Legal Thought



Peres Award for Study Abroad

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

Keating Drake, Public Leadership

Beth & John Pattison Award for Creativity

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

Ivy Huang, Arts

College Park Scholars Tri-Star Award

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.

Madison Townsend, Science and Global Change



Arts

Tania Ghandour is a junior Nutritional Science major and Vocal Performance minor. She is the music director of DaCadence, one of UMD's coed Acapella groups and participates in the Treble choir as well. Tania was so glad to be able to continue to participate in the arts through scholars program, especially when she taught a workshop on the theatrical concept of Commedia dell'Arte for ArtsFest.

Leilani McAdams is a junior electrical engineering major from Fort Washington, Maryland. She graduated from the Oxon Hill High School Science and Technology Program in 2020. She is also a figure skater and passionate skating coach which inspired her Research Practicum, "Figure Skating as Art: A Movement Exploration". During this free workshop, she led skaters in her community through activities to help them express their stories through movement. Through her experiences as an Arts Scholar and a Peer Mentor for the program, she developed qualities such as leadership, creativity, communication skills, etc. that have helped her grow in both her skating career and as an engineering student. Her other passions include playing guitar, and advocating for those with Alzheimer's disease. Leilani hopes to use the skills she acquired from Arts Scholars to become a responsible and innovative engineer, and to bring up the next generation of figure skaters.

Reshma Jasmin is a junior Neuroscience and English double major. She grew up in Ellicott City, MD and graduated from Centennial High School in 2020. Reshma joined the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) in her freshman year, and became the co-president of AAB in her sophomore year. She also served as an Arts Scholars peer mentor in her sophomore year to help incoming freshmen adjust to college life. In Arts Advisory Board, Reshma contributed several ideas for events, recruited students to join the club, and helped organize several events as well as run the Arts Fest open mic night and the Arts Fest T-shirt competition. After completing her capstone research project to analyze feminism in a popular television series, she graduated from College Park Scholars Arts. Outside of academics, Reshma enjoys creative writing (particularly poetry and fiction), reading, and analyzing works in various art forms. She hopes to continue dedicating her time to various communities around her and help her peers (and anyone really) in whatever ways she can.



Arts

Jenna Dietrich is from Columbia, Maryland, and is currently a junior pursuing a double major in Music Education and Clarinet Performance. Jenna graduated from the Arts Scholars program after completing her capstone project last spring, where she led a workshop on Music in Film to her fellow Arts Scholars peers. Jenna is currently serving as a teaching assistant for the Arts Scholars program after being the Peer Mentor Captain for first year students of the program last year. Jenna has enjoyed being an active member of the Arts Scholars community, and looks forward to see what her arts future holds.

Ivy Huang is a senior hearing and speech sciences major and TESOL minor. Through the Arts Scholars program, she used her creativity to curate an international virtual exhibition for people with speech and language disorders to express themselves through various forms of art. She hopes to bridge understanding between the Scholars community and neurodivergent individuals. On campus, she is involved with UMD's chapter of National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. Outside of campus, she volunteers with the International Aphasia Movement to provide equal access to print materials for people with the language disorder, and works with the Stuttering Scholarship Alliance to help raise awareness about stuttering as a speech disorder. Ivy plans to use her education and arts skills to amplify diversity and inclusion in her community.

Business, Society and the Economy

Luke Muratore is from Smithtown, New York studying computer science. He is in the Business, Society, and Economy College Park Scholars program and served as a peer mentor and on the student advisory board for the program. Outside of BSE, he is a member of the QUEST Honors Program; a Teaching Assistant for the class CMSC330 - Organization of Programming Languages; a software engineer for the student organization Hack4Impact, and a member of the social-professional engineering fraternity, Sigma Phi Delta. Last summer, Luke worked as a software engineer intern for Capital One, where he improved the optical character recognition for an invoice management system. Luke enjoys hiking and walking his french bulldog Louise.

Adam Tian is a junior. He hopes to inspire others.



Environment, Technology and Economy

Nathan Blanken is a junior, Computer Science major with a minor in Geospatial Information Sciences. Graduating from the Environment, Technology, and Economy Scholars Program, Nathan was also involved in Scholars as a Peer Mentor and a member on the Scholars Student Advisory Board (SAB) for two years. For his capstone project, Nathan did work analyzing carbon emissions in Amazon delivery vans and looking at methods of reducing carbon emissions in the vans that are driven everyday across the country. Outside of scholars, Nathan is the President of a mental health club on campus called Active Minds at Maryland which focuses on mental health education and awareness. In his free time, Nathan enjoys cooking, hammocking, and skateboarding around campus.

Rebecca DeStefano is from Monmouth County, New Jersey where she graduated from the Marine Academy of Science and Technology in 2020. As a Junior Business Management student and a former College Park Scholars Peer Mentor Captain, she is passionate about leadership and is excited to continue improving her leadership skills over the next several years. In her free time she loves to spend time in nature by hiking, skiing, kayaking, and spending time at the beach. Her love for the environment along with her involvement in the Environment, Technology, and the Economy Scholars Program has inspired Rebecca to carry what she learned in ETE with her throughout every future career and life experience.

Bradford Blair: I am from Poolesville, MD, where I graduated from Poolesville High School. At UMD, I am a junior majoring in environmental science and technology with a minor in geospatial information science. This past summer, I interned at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, where I helped with some of their long-term research on sustainable agricultural practices. Next summer, I hope to intern somewhere where I can apply concepts from my minor, like remote sensing. I thought ETE was very valuable experience, as the lecture content sought to teach students new perspectives on environmentalism and the projects gave students lots of opportunities. For example, my project group and I ended up creating the UMD club “Branch Out” as a part of our freshman year “Connections Project”. Outside of class, I enjoy playing intramural soccer with my friends, playing the guitar, and listening to music.



Environment, Technology and Economy

Jasmin Wathen is from La Plata, Maryland, and graduated from La Plata High School in 2020. She is a proud ETE alum.

Global Public Health

Rayhan Asad is a junior majoring in Public Health Science with a minor in Humanities, Health, and Medicine. During his time as a Global Public Health Scholar, he has served as a Scholars Ambassador and Peer Mentor for the sophomore GPH Scholars. On campus, he is a member of the Pre-Medicine professional fraternity, Phi Delta Epsilon, the Vice President of the Pakistani Student Association, and the outreach chair for the University of Maryland's Penny Appeal chapter, a Muslim Charity that aims to provide poverty relief on a global level. Outside of school, he is a research assistant for the Maryland Stroke Research Center at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and a volunteer EMT at the Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department in Clarksville, Maryland. His goal is to ultimately get into medical school, and use his background in public health to provide future patients with the highest level of quality care.

Alexander Sung: I am a junior Physiology and Neurobiology Major from Ellicott City, Maryland. I am on the premed track. My time in global public health was invaluable due to the friends I made and the different perspectives presented to me by my professors and the other GPH staff. In the future, I hope to use the knowledge and experience I gained to tackle medical issues from a broader perspective in order to minimize systemic bias in healthcare.

Anastasia Lukyanov grew up in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and is now a junior biochemistry major with the dream of becoming a dentist. Being part of the Global Public Health Scholars Program has helped her expand her horizons on what healthcare means and should be, beyond just doctors with patients. Since the start of the year, she has volunteered with the American Red Cross, where she applies what she's learned and hopes to continue on going helping organize blood donation efforts. After graduation, she aims to attend dental school.



Global Public Health

Kelly Biglin is a junior studying Public Health Science and minoring in Spanish. She completed the Global Public Health (GPH) Scholars Program, where she served as a peer mentor. As her Scholars practicum, Kelly interned with the non-profit Public Health Beyond Borders, Inc. Through the Health Policy Federal Fellows Program at UMD, Kelly interned with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General as a Public Health Analyst Fellow. Kelly also interned as a Health Educator with a non-profit called I Will Survive, Inc. (IWS) which specializes in breast cancer support services and prevention education. On campus, Kelly is a Teaching Assistant for Health Policy, works at the UMD Welcome Desk and is a Public Health Science Ambassador. She is so grateful to the GPH Scholars Program for their constant support in her academic and professional journey!

Deena Karger is a junior kinesiology major who grew up in Sharon, Massachusetts. She is the Vice President of Kedma, a religious Jewish organization on campus, and enjoys running activities that bring old and new members together. Additionally, she is involved in club gymnastics and many intramural sports. She was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, volunteering for the local community. In the Global Public Health Scholars program, Deena spent time working on projects addressing pressing issues such as global hunger and access to nutrition. She greatly appreciates what she learned in her scholar's program and believes she will use it often in her future career, as a physical therapist. She is excited to use her knowledge to be more aware of her surroundings and help provide equitable care to all.

International Studies

Caroline Thorne, from Silver Spring, Maryland is a junior BA-MPP Candidate with a Government and Politics major and minor in sustainability. Caroline served as the Peer Mentor Captain for the International Studies Scholars program, where she helped freshmen students who had spent their last two years of high school online adjust to life on campus. Alongside other International Studies students, she spearheaded Terp Community Mentors, a collaborative program between International Studies Scholars and Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area. Here, she worked to create a program providing enrichment to refugee and migrant students in Riverdale Park.



International Studies

Riley Blaugrund, grew up thirty miles outside of Los Angeles, California and graduated from West Ranch High School in 2021. While this is only her second year at UMD, she is a junior credit-wise and is majoring in Public Policy with a minor in Religion. As a first year Scholar, Riley facilitated a partnership between the International Studies Program and Lutheran Social Services, an organization that houses and supports Afghan refugees. After volunteering with them on Service Day, Riley successfully started a program where students mentor Afghan youth every weekend. Last semester, Riley also completed an internship for Jews United for Justice, a non-profit advocacy group based in Washington D.C. and Maryland. This grassroots organization fights for social, racial, and economic justice. Riley currently serves as Recruitment Chair of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity on campus. Riley is also a campus tour guide with Maryland Images and plans to study abroad next year.

Shivani Gandhi grew up in Bethesda, Maryland, and graduated from Winston Churchill High School in 2020. She is currently a junior, double majoring in Psychology and Government and Politics, with a concentration in International Relations. Shivani has held a seat in UMD's Student Government Association since freshman year as a legislator, Deputy Chief of Staff, and is currently serving as Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. This past summer she interned at TD Bank focusing on communications and D&I initiatives. She also served as a peer mentor of International Studies during her final year of scholars, and participates in her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. Shivani has created strong bonds with the International Studies community and thanks the organization for an amazing experience.

Soyame Mulata is a senior Government and Politics student who is minoring in Law and Society. Soyame was a part of the International Studies, College Park Scholars program and completed her Scholars practicum with Lakeland STARS, an on-campus organization that helps tutor students at nearby Paint Branch Elementary School. On campus, Soyame is involved in a variety of activities such as Lakeland STARS, College Park Scholars, the Global Fellows program, and Phi Alpha Delta. She is also a Resident Assistant on campus. Soyame has also interned at a variety of different places, last fall she was a Communications Intern at the National Partnership of Women and Families (NPWF), and this spring she was an Equity and Environmental Justice Intern at the World Resource Institute (WRI) in DC. This summer Soyame had the opportunity to intern at the Swiss investment bank UBS for 10 weeks in NYC. Soyame is also starting a fall internship at the Department of Treasury this September. In the future, Soyame plans on attending law school and becoming an attorney.



Justice and Legal Thought

Aliah Brown grew up in Waldorf, Maryland, where she graduated high school in 2020 from North Point High School. She is currently a junior double majoring in government & politics and criminology & criminal justice, with a minor in law & society. During her time in Justice and Legal Thought (JLT), Aliah was elected to be on the program's advisory board and later became a peer mentor to JLT freshmen. Last spring, Aliah was an undergraduate teacher's assistant for the JLT colloquium course. She also interned at Majority Leader Steny Hoyer's District Offices for her Scholar's capstone project, where she assisted constituents and initiated casework processes. On campus, Aliah is passionate about her involvement as Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega (a co-ed service organization) and a member of the University Student Judiciary. Currently, Aliah is the living-learning representative for the Dean's Student Advisory Council in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Aliah will be graduating from the University of Maryland in Spring 2024 and plans to pursue a career in law.

Lindsay Moyniah is a junior History major in the Honors History program with a certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and minors in Spanish and Nonprofit Leadership & Social Innovation. She is an alum of the Justice and Legal Thought Scholars program, and is involved in UMD's undergraduate history journal, JANUS, and the History Undergraduate Association. Currently, she holds a fellowship with the White House Historical Association's (WHHA) inaugural class of Next-Gen Leaders, who aim to support the mission of the WHHA in engaging young people in the history and legacy of the Executive Mansion. Her most recent research, titled, "Boudicca's Rebellion: Tacitus, Dio, and the Defiance of a Patriarchal Historiographical Tradition," was published in the Spring 2022 edition of the Tufts Historical Review.

Devorah Sklute is currently a junior majoring in Government and Politics with an IR focus and minoring in Spanish at the University of Maryland. She has been involved in many student organizations and clubs such as Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Empowering Women In Law, Residence Hall Association, and University Student Judiciary. Additionally, Devorah is a Guided Study Sessions (GSS) leader for students in Microeconomics. In this role, she creates Econ practice material and lesson plans for her biweekly GSS sessions. This past summer, Devorah just finished interning for Maryland Nonprofits where she helped to plan their 30th anniversary fundraising event. This year, she looks forward to furthering her studies and continuing to serve the UMD community. Devorah will be graduating from UMD in Spring 2024 and plans to attend law school.



Justice and Legal Thought

Rebecca Scherr lives in the suburbs of Baltimore, Maryland. She is a double major in Government & Politics and English, and she is passionate about fiction writing, lawyering, and how the two can intersect. Rebecca graduated from the Justice & Legal Thought Scholars program in the spring of 2022 after serving as the captain of its peer mentor program. Over the years, she has captained many mock trial teams, served on the executive board of Phi Alpha Delta, the university's prelaw coed fraternity, and taken first place in the international Jack London Writing Contest for her short story, "Ladylike." Her debut novel, *Sitting Pretty*, a historical fiction about sexual assault in Greek Life in 1975, is available on Amazon and in The Ivy Bookshop. While she is soft-spoken in everyday life, Rebecca is hoping to explore the bolder parts of herself both in the courtroom and on the page.

Life Sciences

Olivia Liew grew up in Gaithersburg, MD, and is currently a junior pursuing a major in microbiology and a minor in general business, on the Pre-Med track. She hopes to become a pediatrician and/or own her own practice with a strong focus in serving those with a language barrier such as Chinese or Spanish. Outside of her academic studies, Olivia is an active member of the Red Cross American Society, conducts research with zebra finches, volunteers at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, and runs her own small business. She also served as an Engagement Assistant and Peer Mentor for the program, last year. This past summer she studied abroad in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands where she was able to learn about the incredible biodiversity, culture, and history of the islands! She is extremely blessed to have been a part of LS and cannot thank Beth and Jimmy enough for the tremendous love and support!

Samantha Fogle is from Gaithersburg, Maryland and graduated from Quince Orchard High School in 2020 as Valedictorian. She is a junior studying Ecology and Evolution and hopes to go into research in the future and pursue her passion for the marine sciences. She is currently working in a research lab on campus and is conducting research with Zebra Finches. During her time with Life Sciences, she had the opportunity to be a peer mentor, run the Life Science's Instagram account, and had the opportunity to study abroad in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands this past summer. She is very grateful for her time in Life Sciences that allowed her to make so many meaningful friendships, make so many connections with UMD faculty, and to have the amazing opportunity to explore her passion for marine biology as she studied abroad. She would especially like to thank Jimmy McClellan and Beth Parent for nominating her for this award and for being the best coordinators and role models that she could ask for.



Life Sciences

Neil Ghosh grew up in North Potomac, Maryland and graduated from the Science, Mathematics, Computer Science Magnet program at Poolesville High School in 2020. He is currently a third-year student majoring in biology with a concentration in physiology and neurobiology. On campus, he has been involved in multiple student organizations including the Alternative Breaks Dialogue program, the AMSA Medical Disparities Committee, and the Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity. For his College Park Scholars practicum project, he traveled to Boise, Idaho during the summer of 2021 and shadowed a family physician at St. Luke's Family Health Clinic. Neil plans to graduate in May 2023 and then attend medical school with the goal of becoming a physician.

Media, Self and Society

Sophia Wooden is a junior marketing major from Rockville, Maryland. She is an alumnus of the Business, Society & the Economy Scholars Program where she served as the marketing chair for their Student Advisory Board. In her sophomore year, she also contributed to her program as a Resident Assistant for BSE scholars in Cambridge hall. Outside of her scholars program, she is the Vice President of the Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association and is a Media Relations Intern for the University of Maryland Athletics Department. This past summer, Sophia was a Vendor Manager at Amazon under their Retail Undergraduate Program. After she graduates, she plans to move to New York City and work in retail fashion marketing. She is really grateful for her experience as a BSEer, and looks forward to contributing to future program initiatives in any way she can.

Jules Einhorn from Baltimore is pursuing a major in neuroscience on a pre-medical track. He has a passion for helping others and making a difference in the community. Jules is a member of Phi Delta Epsilon, Maryland's pre-medical fraternity where he serves as the public health chair. He is a Guided Study Sessions Leader for organic chemistry and previously led sessions for introductory cellular and molecular biology. Additionally, Jules is a part of TerpThon, the American Medical Student Association, a student ambassador for the Health Professions Advising Office, and an undergraduate teaching assistant. Jules thoroughly enjoyed his scholars experience and connecting with his fellow scholars. Jules would like to thank his amazing program directors, Alison and Kelly for all of their encouragement along with his family and friends for their support.



Media, Self and Society

Isy Kristick is a senior marketing major from Ocean City, Maryland. She has a passion for learning about how society is interconnected. This led her to be a part of the Media Scholars Program where she explored how media interacts and influences society. As a media scholar she was a member of the media literacy outreach team, completed two media focused art pieces, and became a head coordinator for the scholars communications committee. Isy hopes build upon the skills and knowledge she gained from being a media school when she attends law school next fall where she will study how the law influences not only media but all aspects of society.

Ami Makadia is from Timonium, Maryland and graduated from George Washington Carver Center for the Arts and Technology in 2020. She is a psychology major with a neuroscience minor on the pre-med track. She was part of the Media, Self and Society Scholars Program. While in Scholars, she had the opportunity to go to New York on a Scholars trip, attend various on-campus events, and was even a TA for the freshman scholars class. Ami was a College Park Scholars peer mentor and was the captain for Media, Self and Society, where she had the opportunity to connect with freshmen, guide them on their academic journey and be a general resource for them during their transition to college life. For her Scholars practicum, Ami went to a nearby elementary school and spoke with students on career day about college and jobs. She also helped to run a table at Maryland Day where she and her peers got to educate other Maryland students and people from the surrounding communities about media literacy and the importance of fact checking. Currently, Ami is still heavily involved in scholars and is an assistant coordinator for the Scholars peer mentor program. She also works as a club sports supervisor for RecWell.

Maria Coutoulakis is from Gaithersburg, Maryland and is a freshman English and Cinema Studies major hoping to go into screenwriting and feature film directing. Through the Media, Self and Society Scholars program she hopes to learn more about the impact of storytelling and how it can be used as a tool for societal change. She intends to pursue a master's degree in film production upon graduating.



Public Leadership

Keating Drake grew up in Baltimore, MD, and graduated from Roland Park Country School. At the University of Maryland, she studies Public Policy and Criminal Justice as a dual major along with a minor in Spanish. Although she enjoys studying many fields including science, history, and literature, Keating is most passionate about social justice and reforming the U.S. criminal justice system. Her ideal career directly serves those whom society often overlooks. Her internship with unCUFFED Ministries this past summer allowed Keating a unique opportunity to understand the struggles and needs of those who are incarcerated. Additionally, Keating is a very proud Terp, and she loves that the University of Maryland provides so many opportunities to explore her passions.

Riya Dhar grew up in Howard County, Maryland and graduated from high school in 2020. She is currently a junior studying Public Policy with a minor in Science, Technology, Ethics, and Policy. In the last year, she has been working as a research assistant for Dr. Catherine Z. Worsnop as part of the Pandemics & Borders Project. Her work consists of collecting international travel advisories and restrictions imposed by the U.S. government from 2020 to 2022. She was also an undergraduate teaching assistant for ANTH240: Introduction to Archaeology in Fall of 2021. This past summer, she worked as an intern for Congressman Mfume's Baltimore District Office. She learned about the role of congressional district offices and developed her communication skills while answering questions from constituents. This year, Riya plans to complete a Science Diplomacy track in the Global Fellows program and further explore careers in the field of public policy.

Joseph Dolinger grew up in Riva, Maryland and graduated from South River High School in 2020. He is currently a junior studying public policy and law and society. Joseph interns for the Office of the National Advisory Council within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, where he assists in preparing agency-wide recommendations. Over the summer, Joseph traveled with his FEMA office to Boise, ID to support agency leadership at a national conference. He also worked as a legal intern in Annapolis, Maryland, providing supportive functions in civil lawsuit preparations. During the previous semester, Joseph worked with the Scholars program as a teaching assistant for CPPL101. In the fall 2022 semester, Joseph will serve as a teaching fellow for the Federal Fellows Homeland and National Security Policy course and will travel to Durant, OK with his FEMA colleagues to learn about tribal affairs in emergency management. Joseph's future aspirations include studying abroad and achieving admission into law school.



Science, Discovery and the Universe

Maria Nikolaitchik has been a Marylander all her life. She is majoring in statistics, with a minor in computer science and atmospheric sciences. She plans to upgrade her atmospheric science minor to a major and turn her love of clouds into a career. As a peer mentor, she helped new SDU freshman transition to UMD life. This following year, Maria hopes to provide networking opportunities to atmospheric science students as vice president and treasurer of the UMD American Meteorological Society. She is also working on a project to install weather stations across campus. Outside of UMD, she enjoys horseback riding, playing piano, and painting with watercolors.

Dominic Manzella: I'm a saxophone playing aerospace engineering nerd with my head in the clouds. I'm also quite grounded. Yeah, I'm pretty tall. I'm also an avid rock climber and hiker.

Russell Chiu is from Bel Air, Maryland and graduated from the Science and Math Academy in 2020. He is currently a senior studying computer engineering. He is a member of two research teams focusing on acceleration of cryptographic processing and 5G testbed signal analysis. As a scholar, he visited the American Museum of Natural History and helped in several service opportunities. He will be a teaching assistant in the Fall for the ECE department and will be applying for graduate school in the field of cybersecurity.

Science and Global Change

Michael Deffinbaugh is an Environmental Science and Policy undergraduate concentrating on human agricultural issues. He aspires to work with international organizations such as the Peace Corps and Foreign Service. His hobbies include writing, reading, a good Netflix show, and all types of sports. A motto to live by it's not about what you take with you, it's about what you leave behind in other's hearts.

Madison Townsend is a senior environmental science and policy major with a minor in nonprofit leadership. She is currently working for the Community Ecology Institute's nonprofit farm coordinating operations and food production. In her career, she hopes to work for the government specializing in environmental protection.



Science and Global Change

Olivita Hunt would like to thank her mother, father, family, and boyfriend for their unwavering support in all her endeavors. She is currently a junior in Fire Protection Engineering and is a proud alum of the Science and Global Change Scholars Program. She grew up in Pocatello, Idaho while spending her summer with family in Spain. She then moved to Maryland in 2016 where she graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. This past summer she interned at Michael Baker International and had the opportunity to design a variety of fire protection systems for military buildings. She is now working on a Fire Propagation Apparatus as part of her research within the department of Fire Protection Engineering. Additionally, she is a student ambassador for the department and is passionate about recruitment within Fire Protection Engineering.

Erfan Jabari is a senior bioengineering student from Bethesda, Maryland. Erfan completed an undergraduate thesis in the Tissue Engineering and Biomaterials Lab, entitled, "Modeling Osteoclast-Directed Bone Formation in 2D Culture Systems". His work has contributed to the publication of a book chapter, review paper, original research article, and numerous conference abstracts concerning bone and cartilage tissue engineering. Erfan also researches bone marrow niche modeling as a member of the National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research's Immune Regulation Unit. In addition to research, Erfan enjoys teaching through the Guided Study Sessions program and as an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow for BIOE 340 (Modeling Physiological Systems). He is also a founder of the Maryland Science Café, a club that organizes literature and discussions for students across campus. After graduation, Erfan will continue exploring his research interests at the National Institutes of Health before applying to MD-PhD programs.

Marisa Teti grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and graduated as Valedictorian of the class of 2019 from Kent Island High School. She is now a senior studying Mechanical Engineering and is a proud alum of the Science and Global Change Scholars Program. She represented her cohort on the Student Advisory Board, started a dumpster painting service project for the Scholars community, and served as a teacher's assistant for Dr. Thomas Holtz and Dr. John Merck. Marisa continues to lead around the community as a campus tour guide for prospective students and a facility supervisor for the gym at Ritchie Coliseum. She enjoys cooking and baking, going to the beach, and travelling. Over this last summer, she interned at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in the Space Exploration Sector. She hopes to find a career in aerospace or design engineering where she can help make the world a better place.



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Ariana Capati: I am from Waldorf, MD. I am a current Junior Bioengineering Major pursuing the Pre-Medical track. I am a Science, Technology, and Society Scholars program alum, and am currently serving on the coordinator team for the Scholars Peer Mentor Program. I also served as a researcher for my Scholars program where we coordinated the documentation of what is occurring in STS elective courses. Outside of my Scholars program, I am the secretary of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. I do undergraduate research in the Bioinspired Advanced Manufacturing lab where we are currently designing and building microfluidic diodes for a prosthetic hand. I also am a welcoming figure for prospective students of the engineering community as I give tours, virtual sessions, etc. as a Clark Ambassador. My true passion is to work on prosthetics and orthic devices and incorporate the field of engineering within the medicine of the future.

Victoriia Grabovetska was born in Ukraine and immigrated to the United States at the age of three years old. She grew up in Crofton, Maryland. And she graduated from Arundel High School in 2020. She is currently a junior pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. In her time with STS, she had the opportunity to learn about the world and its complexities with Dr. Mogul. Outside of STS, Victoriia has pursued internships focused on research and development with the Department of Defense and the Office of Naval Research. Victoriia's most general career goal is to help society improve and make some impact in our world. With the outbreak of war in Ukraine, Victoriia has also shifted focus and aspires to one day help in the reconstruction of her home country.



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