



HONORS MEDAL CEREMONY

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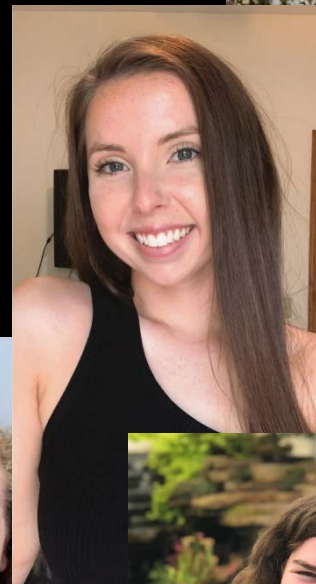
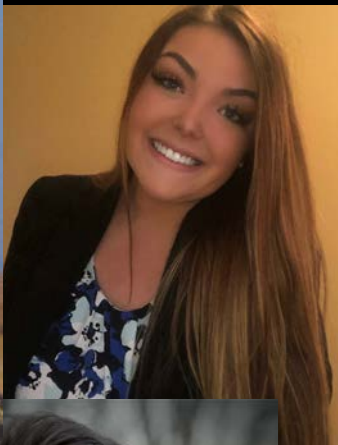


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GENERAL STUDIES HONORS MEDALISTS

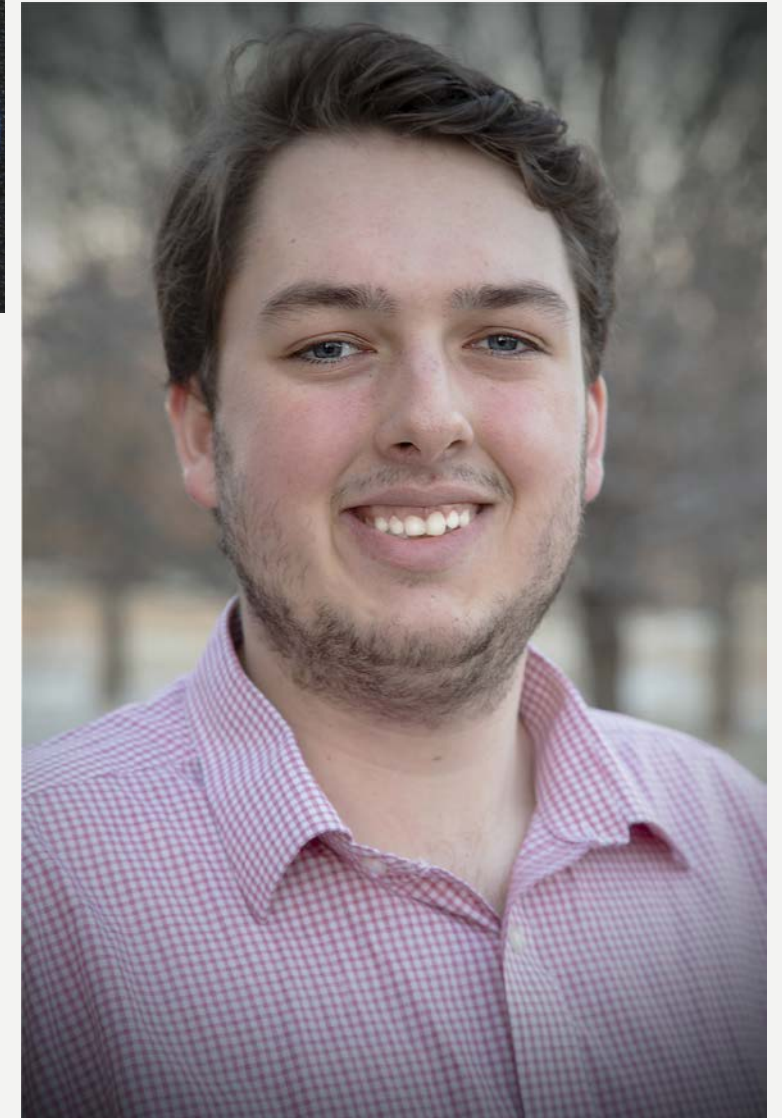
LUKE ARMSTRONG

Major: Vocal Music Education

Plans after graduation: Teaching at North Platte Middle and High School.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: I met some of my best friends in the program.

Advice for New Honors Students: Take advantage of everything you can while in school. It goes by a lot faster than you think.



MATTHEW BOBELA



Major: Vocal Music Education

Plans after graduation: I will teach middle school Music and Theology at the St. Joseph Catholic Academy - Cathedral Campus. I will also serve as the Director of Music for the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: Taking Dr. Charlton's Fall 2019 HON 395 colloquium "Manga, Anime, Monsters, and More: Japanese Pop Culture." I would have never thought that I would be reading manga and watching anime to get college credit!

Advice for New Honors Students: Honors students should not be afraid to be courageous or to get involved. Step outside of your comfort zone and explore what Missouri Western and the world has to offer!



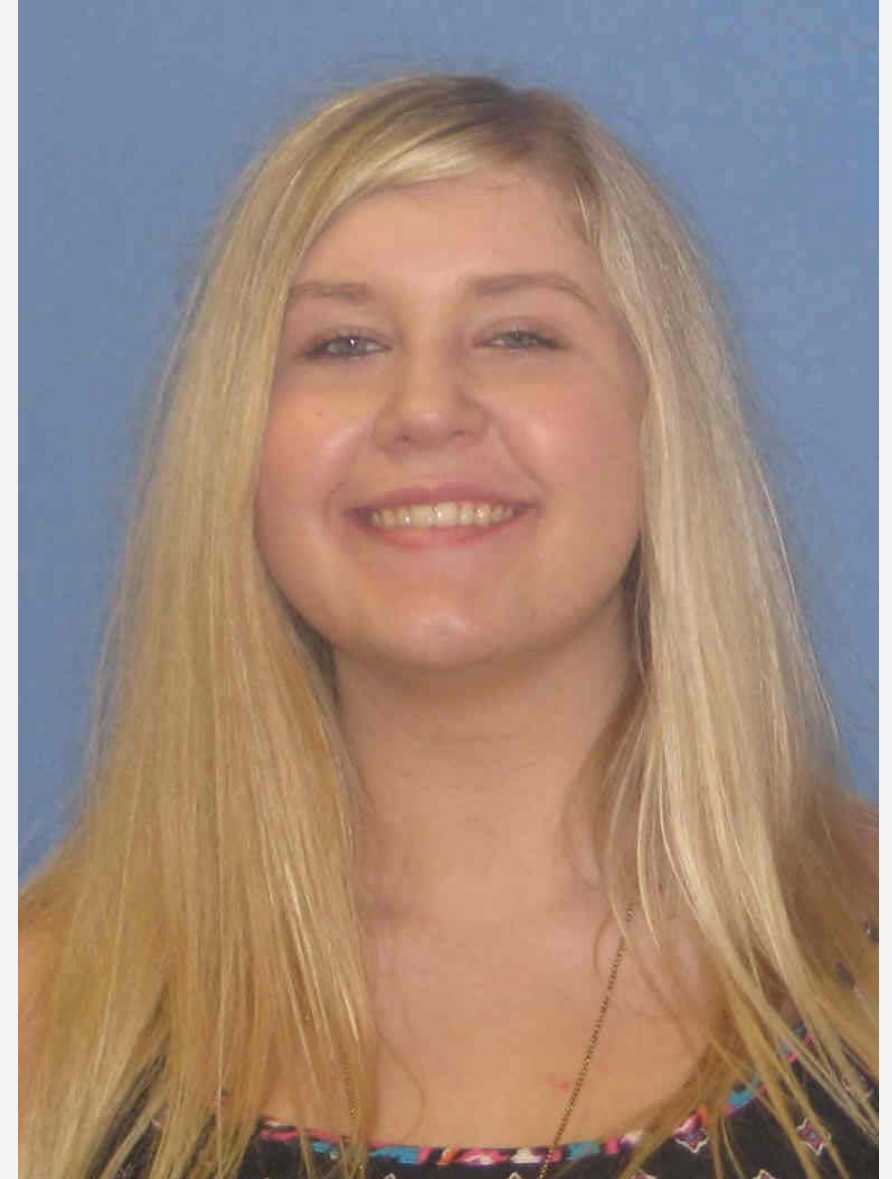
ELIZABETH GRACE COMELLA

Major: Biology

Plans after graduation: Biology teacher.

**Most memorable experience in the
Honors Program:** Colloquiums.

Advice to New Honors Students: Good
study habits.



PAIGE DONNOHUE

Major: Art Education

Minor: Art History

Plans after graduation: I will be teaching K-12 Art at Montrose School District in Montrose, MO.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: Presenting with my classmates and friends at the Great Plains Honors Conference in Texas.

Advice to New Honors Students:
Continue putting in the effort that allowed you to become an Honors student. It is rewarding and your future employers will take notice of your accomplishments.



SAMANTHA FEAKER



Major: Bachelor of Music
Education (vocal)

Plans after graduation: I plan to substitute
teach.

**Most memorable experience in the Honors
Program:** Traveling to Austria and England. I got
to experience the amazing history in those
countries while also becoming closer to the
students and professors in the Honors Program.

Advice to New Honors Students: Get involved
as much as you can because you never know what
opportunities you will be given.



HAILEE FITZGERALD

Major: Biology with a concentration in Health Science

Plans after graduation: I am currently finishing up my 1st year at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Joplin, MO, which is the reason for my absence. After this year, I will have 3 more years left of medical school and then plan to do my rotations in the Kansas City area.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program:

Painting pumpkins for Halloween in the basement of V Hall!

Advice to New Honors Students: Just because this is an honors program doesn't mean it's hard. I had the opportunity of taking classes outside of my major and have learned life experience from the honors colloquium classes that I wouldn't have had access to if I were not in the program. The honors classes provide students with a more well-rounded experience here at Missouri Western, and I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of that.



JASON KUSILEK



Major: Wildlife Conservation and Management

Plans after graduation: Graduate School.

Most memorable experience in the

Honors Program: I really enjoyed the colloquium courses.

Advice to New Honors Students: Work hard and do your best in everything. That will get you where you wish to be.



GRACE ISABELLA LANGFORD



Major: Biology: Health Sciences

Plans after graduation: Continuing into 2nd year of Medical School with KCU.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: I would say the Honors Colloquium I had my freshman year. It was with Dr. Bensyl and she was great.

Advice to New Honors Students: If you are interested in a career in medicine, check out MWSU's partner programs! They are fantastic!



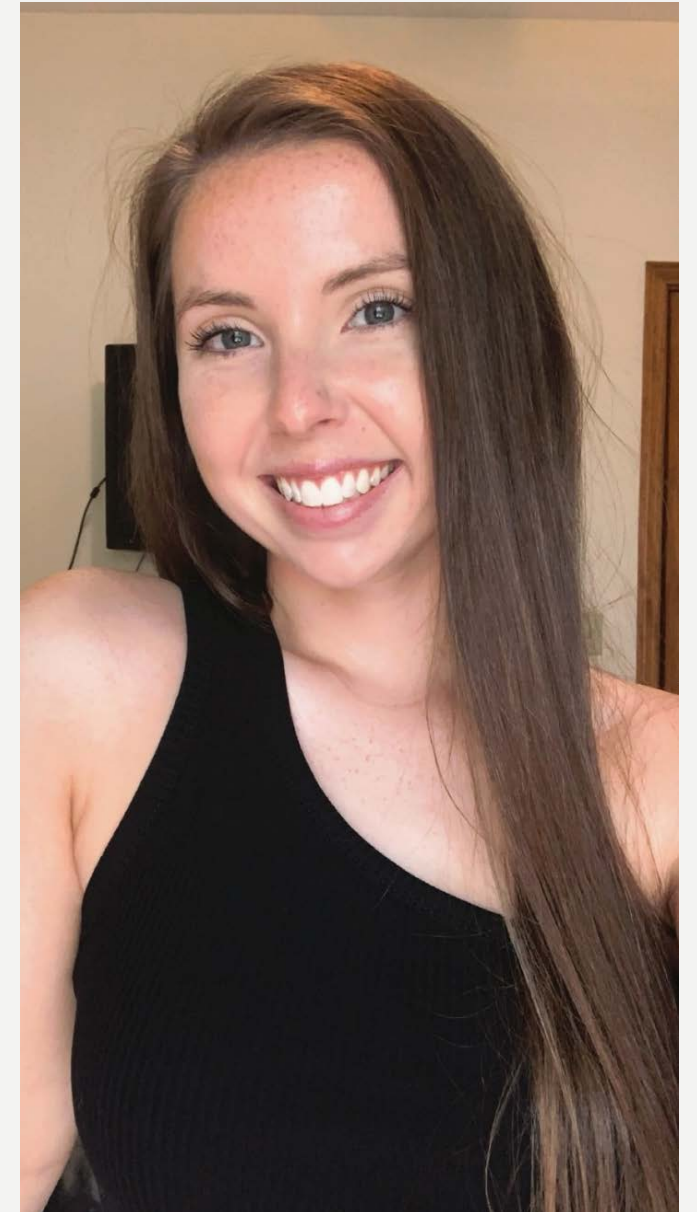
MADYSON LYTTON

Major: Biology with a concentration in health sciences

Plans after graduation: Begin medical school at A.T. Still University.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: Pumpkin painting for Halloween and collecting canned goods on Halloween!

Advice to New Honors Students: Take advantage of the opportunities provided by this program - it will help build your skills, your résumé and you meet lots of new people!



MADELYN JADE O'CONNELL

Major: Art Education

Minor: Digital Animation

Plans after graduation: I will be teaching art to elementary students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: Trick-or-Treating for canned goods for our campus cupboard was a fun way to assist our community.

Advice to New Honors Students: Surround yourself with those who support your endeavors, give you energy, and push you to be the best version of yourself. They will enhance your experience not only in college, but also in life.



JOSIAH SCHMEDDING

Major: History

Minor: Spanish

Plans after graduation: Taking a gap year and then entering into Pre-Law.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: In the colloquium I took on Psychedelic substances, one of the early members of MAPS spoke to the class, which was really interesting because they're doing psychedelic medicine research. It was like talking to someone who helped jumpstart the material the class covered.

Advice to New Honors Students: Try to set your schedule up so that you have some easier classes later. Keep a close eye on the colloquia even after finishing requirements, some of them are nice topics that are really interesting. Take good notes when teachers explain concepts and assignments. The skill you're developing is critical thinking, not memorization.



DAWSON SCHMUTZLER

Major: Biology conc. Health Science

Minor: Chemistry and Spanish

Plans after graduation: To attend the University of Missouri's School of Medicine.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: Getting to travel to the WWI museum for my colloquium.

Advice to New Honors Students: Make sure to take colloquiums that actually interest you. You'll often find them a lot more interesting and open minded than a typical college course.



ABIGAIL STOKES

Major: Digital Animation

Minor: Illustration

Plans after graduation: Not sure at the moment.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: We went to a nursing home in one of my colloquiums and interviewed several people there.

Advice to New Honors Students: It's not as hard as it might seem to be an honors student.



MEHREEN TAI

Major: Biology health sciences

Minor: Chemistry

Plans after graduation: Medical School.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: I enjoyed being a part of SHO.

Advice to New Honors Students: Pick an honors colloquium you are actually interested in.



REGAN WOOD

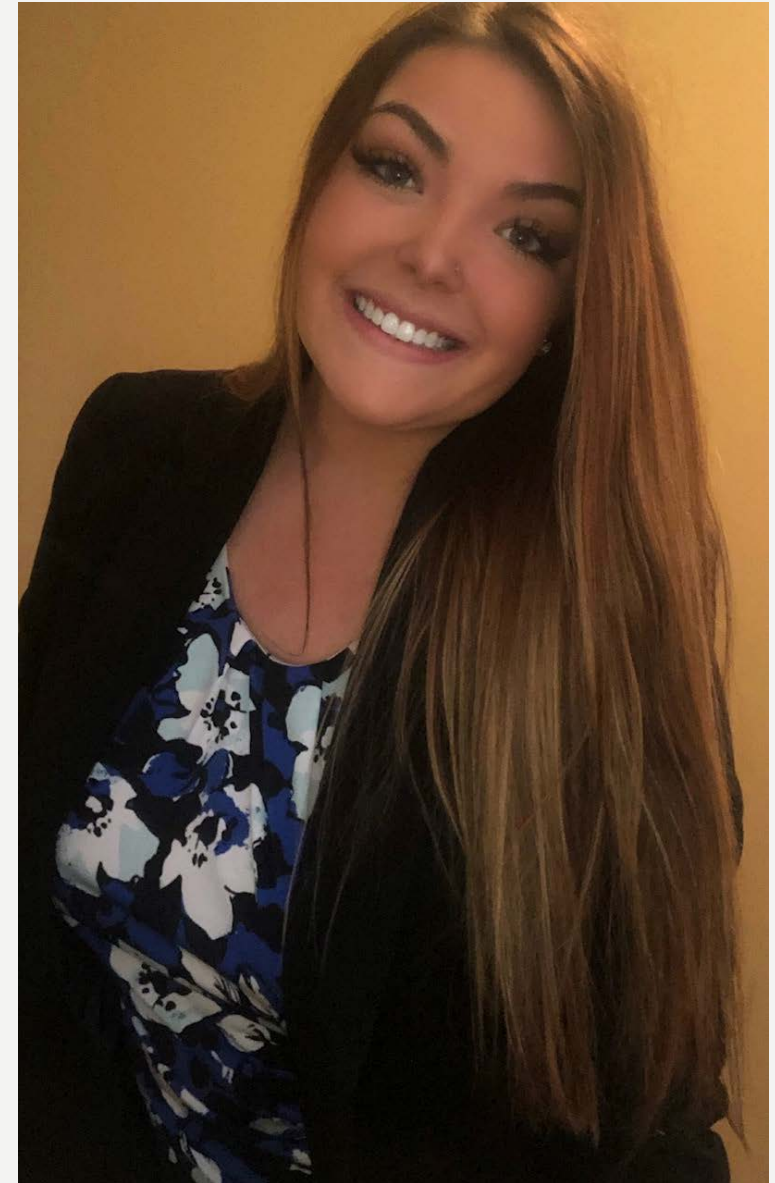


Major: Criminal Justice with a Concentration in Legal Studies

Plans after graduation: Attend Law School at UMKC this Fall.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: Taking a disease/plague colloquium during the start of the Covid pandemic.

Advice to New Honors Students: Take advantage of meeting people through your honors classes because they will make some of the best friends you will meet in your college years!





GENERAL STUDIES AND MAJORS HONORS MEDALISTS

HANNAH BERRY

Major: Economics B.S.

Minors: English Studies

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Sathiavane Verramoothoo

Title of Project: Economic Benefits Drawn from Higher Education Completion by Gender.

Plans after graduation: I am taking a gap year to live in Europe with the goal of German fluency. Then coming back to the US for law school.

Most memorable experience in the Honors

Program: Getting to know other honors students who are likeminded, and taking Honors 395 courses. It was always so fun to learn from professors about their most passionate areas of interest and expertise.

Advice for New Honors Students: Always challenge yourself in your pursuit of knowledge, be open minded, and have fun!



LOGAN CUTLER

Major: Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Minor: Chemistry

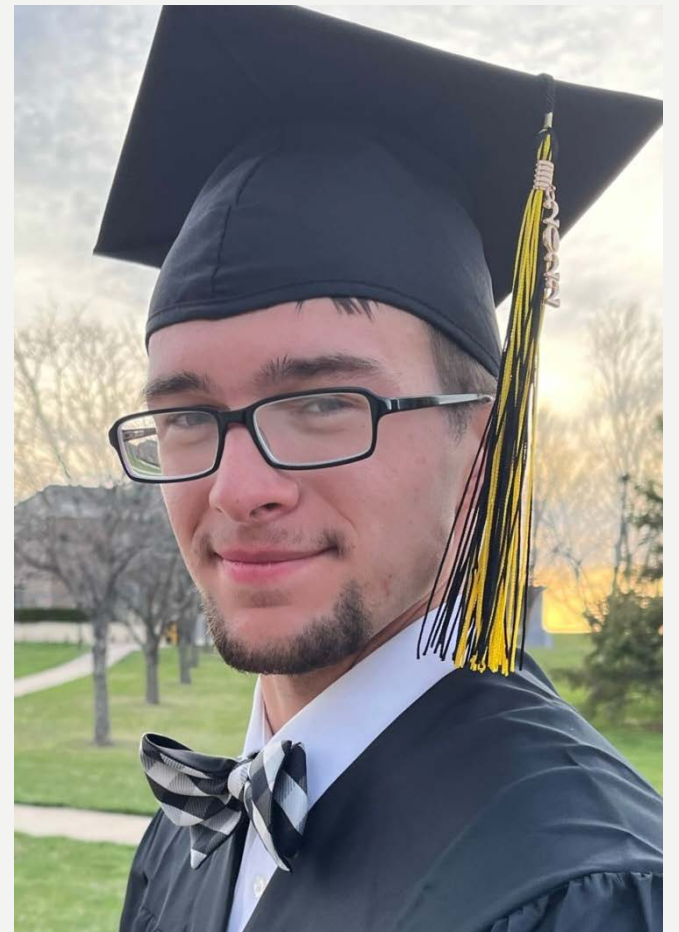
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Wesley Moore

Title of Project: Breaking Ground on the Moon.

Plans after graduation: I plan to pursue a career in Manufacturing as a Industrial Engineer.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: My most memorable experience in the Honors program was being able to explore the World War I museum in Kansas City with my friends and colleagues.

Advice for New Honors Students: Do not be afraid to try new things with an open mind. Even if it might not seem relevant to what you want to do long term, there is always something to take away from a new experience. Whether that be a hard lesson or a unexpected connection with someone you would've never met otherwise.



CARSON GOERLITZ

Major: Psychology

Minor: Cognitive Science

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Teddi Deka

Title of Project: Factors Affecting Utilitarian Decision-Making in Trolley Problems and other Moral Dilemmas.

Plans after graduation: My plans after graduation is to just take some time off school and work to save up money for graduate school.

Most memorable experience in the Honors Program: going to the Ozark Underground Lab as part of a colloquium.

Advice for New Honors Students: There will be times where school gets tough. Just stick with it and work with your professors. Most of them are flexible if you need more time.





CONGRATULATIONS!