

# Honors Program Medal Ceremony

## Spring 2024





# Jordon Anderson

- **Major:** Nursing
- **Minor:** Biology
- **Plans After Graduation:** Work in the Intensive Care Unit at Mosaic Life Care as a Registered Nurse. Attend graduate school in the near future.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Taking Dr. Ziemer's class on Psychedelic Science and Medicine.
- **Advice:** Get involved. Don't take opportunities for granted.





# Kadyn Cobb

- **Major:** Biology with Health Science Concentration
- **Minor:** General Business
- **Plans After Graduation:** Attend UMKC School of Dentistry for Doctor of Dental Surgery.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Honors retreat where I met some of my best friends.
- **Advice:** Learn what kind of study tactics work for you and how to set boundaries so that you can get your work done.
- **Golden Griffon Scholarship recipient**





# Roger Collins

- **Major:** Digital Animation
- **Minor:** Art History
- **Majors Honors Project:** *Grandview Idle Screen* and *CLOWNMANCE*
- **Plans After Graduation:** Take a gap year, work at an art related job, then apply to grad school.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Going to Joplin, MO and presenting my two animations.
- **Advice:** Try to find ways to put yourself out there. Don't wait until your senior year to try and make a big impact.





# Macioe Firsching

- **Major:** Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
- **Plans After Graduation:** Attend graduate school to pursue a PhD in Chemistry.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Honors Colloquium poster presentation at Multi-Disciplinary Research Day.
- **Advice:** Don't be afraid to ask questions!





# Sidney Fleek

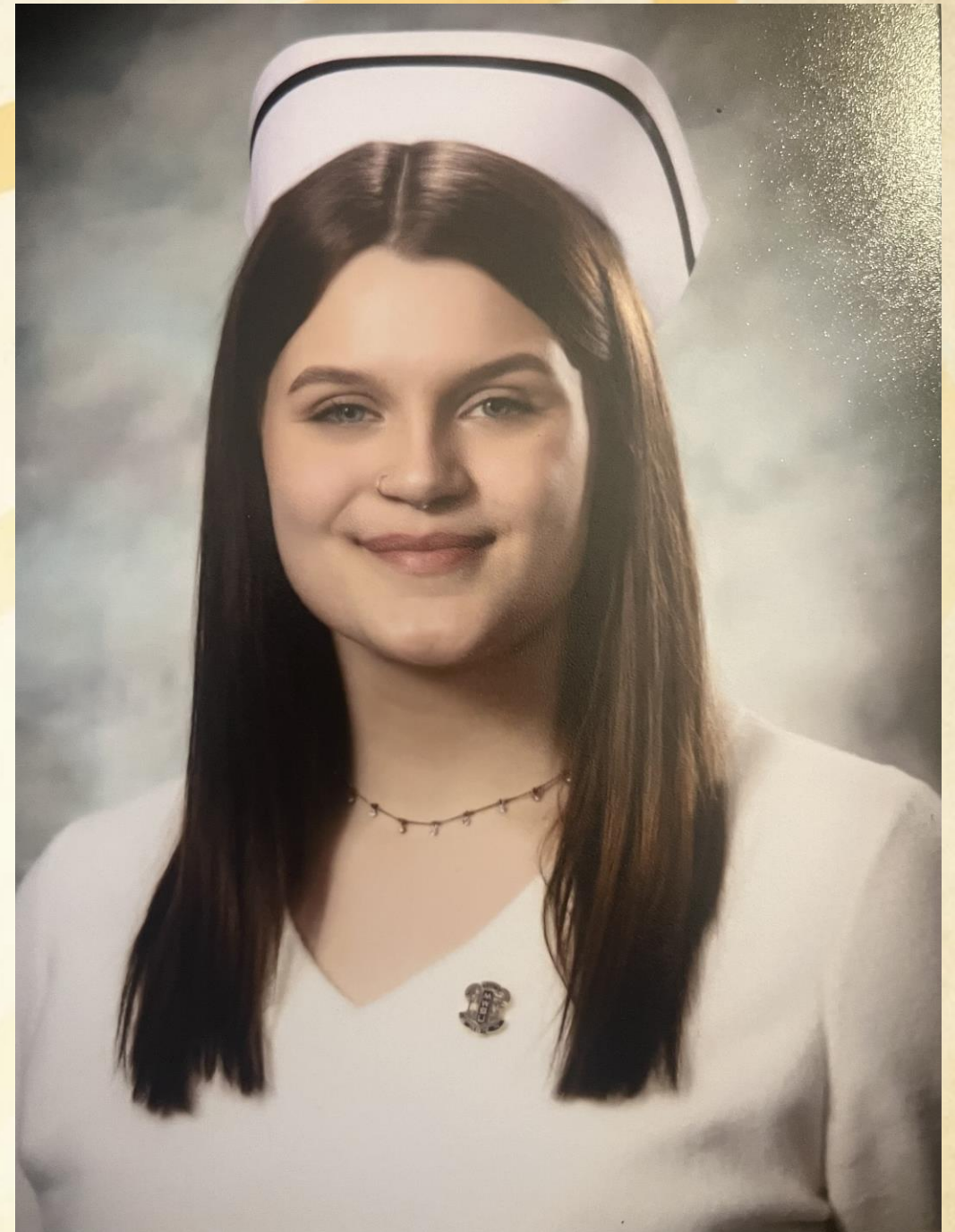
- **Major:** Nursing
- **Minor:** Biology
- **Plans After Graduation:** RN at The University of Kansas Health System.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Travel abroad to London and Paris.
- **Advice:** Take every chance you have to learn and listen to those around you.





# Olivia Futrell

- **Major:** Nursing
- **Plans After Graduation:** Move back home and work as an RN in the ICU at Christian Hospital.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Dr. Z's class about psychedelics as treatment for mental health disparities.
- **Advice:** Don't freak out! It's not as scary as it seems. The extra classes can be an interesting break from your standard coursework.





# Caleb Keling

- **Major:** Management with Human Resources Concentration
- **Plans After Graduation:** Work in Management.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Learning about different transcendental authors and ideas in colloquia.
- **Advice:** Take advantage of priority registration and of every opportunity that you can. Enjoy your time in college.





# Keely Kenkel

- **Major:** Graphic Design
- **Minor:** General Business
- **Plans After Graduation:** Job hunt for a full-time graphic design job.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Going to Europe for an Honors class.
- **Advice:** Look for all the opportunities this program gives, and take advantage of them. They give you a really unique college experience.





# Derek Lee

- **Major:** Accounting
- **Plans After Graduation:** Work in Kansas City as an auditor.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** The various colloquia classes.
- **Advice:** Build good habits and a disciplined work ethic as early as possible.
- **Golden Griffon Scholarship recipient**





# Mercedes Mareske

- **Major:** Digital Animation
- **Minor:** Art History
- **Plans After Graduation:** Pursue museum work in the Kansas City area.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** The Honors Colloquium course with Dr. Hart on the history of disease, experimental treatment and medicine.  
**Advice:** Take care of yourself. Your physical, mental, and emotional spiritual state. Balance your academic/work life with healthy habits. Relaxation and reflection are intrinsic to success.





# Braysen Miller

- **Major:** Chemistry, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology with Biochemistry ACS Certification





# Maddie Pearl

- **Major:** Biology with Health Science Concentration
- **Minor:** Chemistry, General Business





# Graycen Prothero

- **Major:** Biology with Health Science Concentration





# David Sevart

- **Major:** Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
- **Plans After Graduation:** Work on vaccine development.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Making friends during the pandemic.
- **Advice:** Get what needs to be done as quickly as you can. Plan ahead and don't wait until the last semester to fix it all.





# Nicolas Steele

- **Major:** Biology with Health Science Concentration
- **Golden Griffon Scholarship** recipient





# Alex Steward

- **Major:** Computer Science
- **Golden Griffon Scholarship recipient**





# Artemii Udovenko

- **Major:** Psychology
- **Minor:** Entrepreneurship, Cognitive Psychology
- **Plans After Graduation:** Getting my PhD in Management from the University of Memphis.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Taking Honors Colloquia classes with Dr. Clary and Dr. DesAutels.
- **Advice:** Explore different honors classes, be intentional about building relationships with other honors students and professors, and get involved in Honors student organizations.





# Alana Vogt

- **Major:** Biology with Health Science Concentration
- **Minor:** Chemistry
- **Plans After Graduation:** Start my career as a mortician.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** Participating in the Honors Colloquia courses and discussions with other honors students.
- **Advice:** Manage your time as best as possible.  
The Honors Program is worth it for the work you put it.

