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ALLEN/HOLYOAK/VARNES ENDOWED
This scholarship was established by Dr. Robert Allen, Dr. Owen Holyoak and Dr. Paul Varnes — retired professors and supporters of the college who served the university for decades.

RECIPIENTS:
• Emily Duenas
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ERASTE AUTIN
Established in memory of Eraste Autin, an exceptional student and an All-American fullback. This scholarship is awarded to full-time students in the athletic training education program with an exemplary academic record and involvement in the community.

RECIPIENTS:
• Ally Folkert
• Melissa Gutheil

ANDREW & MATTHEW BELL HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE ENDOWMENT
This scholarship was created by Dr. Thomas H. Bell in honor of his sons. Tom is an HHP grad, a life member of the UF Alumni Association and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

RECIPIENTS:
• Alexandra Lewis
• Brianna Nguyen

BLAIS/BLAKE
Teri Blais and Patty Blake were introduced through their love of recreational tennis and are both alumni of the Gator Nation. Teri & Jacques Blais and Patty & Mark Blake (also, a UF alumnus) join together to share many University of Florida moments and would like to pass along that opportunity to future generations through an endowed scholarship.

RECIPIENT:
• Angel Nguyen

ELLIOIT BORKSON-LEO GOODWIN FOUNDATION
Elliot Borkson is a two-time graduate of UF, receiving a B.S. in accounting and J.D. with honors. Funding is provided by the Leo Goodwin Foundation where Mr. Borkson serves as a trustee. The scholarship recognizes outstanding Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars from Broward County.

RECIPIENTS:
• Nehemie Gauthier
• Jordana Petit-Homme

C.A. BOYD ENDOWED
Dr. C.A. Boyd was dean of the college from 1970-1986 and was responsible for a reorganization of the college.

RECIPIENTS:
• Neo Gebru
• Erin Grandgeorge
• Natalie Marshall

MICHAEL SCOTT CARN MEMORIAL
Julia and Ron Pinnell, double HHP grad and HHP Hall of Fame member, created the Michael Scott Carn Memorial Scholarship in memory of their nephew. Michael was a gentle soul and a great Gator fan.

RECIPIENTS:
• Rachel Horan
• Emilio Quiteno Medrano

JEAN CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL
This scholarship was created to honor Mrs. Christensen’s legacy in nursing and patient care by supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals. In her college yearbook, Jean shared, “Nursing is one of the vital professions cooperating with the other health disciplines. It is both an art and a science which directs its efforts towards the patient as a person, meeting their total needs and assisting them and their family to participate in their care and restore them to useful activity in the family unit and their community.”

RECIPIENT:
• Leah Barnes
COACH HERZ
This scholarship was created by sport management Gator Danny Herz to recognize and support students pursuing careers in sport management and athletics in the program that prepared Danny for a career of impact and making a difference in the world through sport.

RECIPIENT:
• Matthew Greenberg

DARLIN FAMILY
This scholarship was created by Sally Darlin, an HHP and College of Public Health and Health Professions graduate.

RECIPIENTS:
• Jowen Harrington
• Sydney Hutto
• Alexandria Lam

WENDELL & JACKIE DAVIS ENDOWED
Wendell Davis, BSPE ’64 MPH ’67, and his wife, Jackie, are generous supporters of the college and members of HHP’s Legacy Society.

RECIPIENT:
• Zachery Casella

ALEX DIAZ
This scholarship was created by Alex Diaz, who is a double HHP sport management Gator. He created this scholarship to recognize and support students interested in pursuing careers in facility operations.

RECIPIENT:
• Emily Plunkett

ABBY DOUGHERTY APK UNDERGRADUATE ENDOWED MEMORIAL
The Abby Dougherty APK Memorial scholarship was established to honor the memory of UF junior Abby Dougherty, whose compassion and encouragement to help others find their own path and purpose surpassed all. This award goes to an APK junior who is dedicated to serving fellow students, the community and their future career.

RECIPIENT:
• Kathryn Donnelly

JANE EDMONDS FELLOWSHIP
This fund was established by Major General Maury Edmonds in honor of his wife — a graduate of the college and a member of the HHP Hall of Fame. Edmonds is a distinguished alumnus of UF who served 35 years in the U.S. Army and is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam conflict.

RECIPIENT:
• Rachel Ho

DANNY EGGART ENDOWED MEMORIAL
Danny is a 1965 graduate of the college. This scholarship helps students from the Escambia County area attend UF and earn a degree from HHP.

RECIPIENT:
• Stephanie Fuentes

FABULOUS 50’S HILL BRANNON ENDOWED
Former Gator football players Perry McGriff, Joel Wahlberg, manager Maurice Edmonds and the entire Fabulous Fifties players established this scholarship in honor of team manager Hill Brannon for his dedication to the Fabulous 50’s reunions held each year since 1977.

RECIPIENTS:
• Lauren Hawk
• Amanda Miller

FAGERBERG ENDOWED
Awarded in remembrance of the parents and sister (Walter and Opal Fagerberg and Laraine Franze) of Dr. Seigfred Fagerberg, HEB professor emeritus.

RECIPIENT:
• Qin Yi Lee

DRS. FAGERBERG-VARNES ENDOWED
The scholarship honors Dr. Fagerberg, the first chairman and a professor of health science education, and Dr. Jill Varnes, former assistant dean and interim dean of the college.

RECIPIENT:
• Christiana Verdelus

CHARLES FESSLER JR
Charles W. Fessler, Jr. received his B.S. in 1968 and his Ed.S. in 1971. He was actively involved in the intramural sports program and officiated for high school and college sports for more than 40 years.

RECIPIENT:
• John Gretschel
JUDITH FESSLER
Judy has been an active Girl Scout leader and advisor since 1971. She and her husband, Charles, are avid Gator fans and supporters of the college.
RECIPIENT:
• Prachi Bhavsar

CHARLES FESSLER, SR. & MIRIAM A. FESSLER
This annual scholarship is donated by the Fessler’s son, daughter-in-law, and their grandchildren in gratitude for the love and support given to them throughout the years. The Fesslers were avid supporters of UF and the college.
RECIPIENT:
• Rafael Gabriel

DAVE FULLER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Former UF baseball players established this scholarship in honor of coach Dave Fuller. Fuller was the head coach of the Florida Gators baseball team from 1948-1975, serving longer and winning more games than any other coach in the history of the Florida Gators intercollegiate sports program.
RECIPIENTS:
• Alyssa Fernandez
• Jayachandra Kura

SIDNEY J. GEFEN, BARBARA & LARRY JAFFE
Mr. Gefen was awarded the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from HHP for outstanding service to the tourism and recreation industries. The Lawrence and Barbara Jaffe Family established this scholarship to recognize Mr. Gefen’s achievements and to encourage the continuation of his efforts.
RECIPIENTS:
• Sophia Alday
• Allison Cavanagh
• Rayven Crisafulli
• Jason Duplissea
• Rose Dvorak
• Katarzyna Emin
• Allison Lydecker
• Larissa Neuburger
• Erika Reiter
• Bridgette Welch

GRAND GUARD
UF’s Grand Guard Society celebrates Gators who have reached the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Every year, Grand Guard inductees support this scholarship in honor of their special reunion.
RECIPIENT:
• Cristian Fernandez

GUTHRIE FAMILY
Maria and Bill Guthrie, who met while students at UF, established the Guthrie family scholarship to support a student in SPM. They are deeply committed to education and scholarships.
RECIPIENT:
• Ryan Gross

THOMAS F. HAYES IV ENDOWED MEMORIAL
Maryanne Cunningham established this scholarship in loving memory of her son. Thomas was a student in the college and a participant in the Team Florida Cycling Club.
RECIPIENT:
• Carlin Patterson

HEALTH SOLUTIONS ENDOWED
Created to give back to the college and aid others in search of a quality education, HHP Alumni Bill and Kevin Clair established this scholarship in appreciation of their instruction here.
RECIPIENT:
• Ricarda Pritschmann
DR. OWEN J. HOLYOAK ENDOWED
This scholarship was created by a loyal group of donors to honor retired faculty member Dr. Owen J. Holyoak and the indelible impact he has had on the college and on generations of students.
RECIPIENT:
• Connor Hirtle

KAPUR-SAMUEL FAMILIES ENDOWED
This scholarship was created by CLAS Gator and EFTI Advisory Board member Pavan Kapur, his wife Kristen, his college roommate Jeremy Samuel, both CLAS Gators, and Samuel’s wife Shelly, a Warrington Gator. The scholarship honors the memory one of the Kapur’s twin daughters, Kya Bliss Kapur. The donors wish to provide opportunities to students who demonstrate a commitment to volunteering in the community and to the study of fine arts.
RECIPIENT:
• Molly Heyner

CHARLES LAPRADD FELLOWSHIP
Dr. Charles W. LaPradd is celebrated as one of the greatest Gator football players in UF history. He established this endowed fund to enable students to complete their doctoral degrees.
RECIPIENTS:
• Rabeya Adury
• Jinsu Kim
• Joongsuk Kim
• Mike Rua

DR. NORMA M. LEAVITT ENDOWED
Faculty member of the college for 28 years, Dr. Norma Leavitt first came to Gainesville in 1953 to chair the Department of Required Physical Education for Women.
RECIPIENTS:
• Vivian Doerr
• Madison Guido
• Bailey Lupo
• Anna Marchus
• Shivani Patel

LEE-MCCACHREN ENDOWED
This scholarship is in tribute to P.A. Lee and Jim “Coach Mac” McCachren. Lee was a baseball coach for many years and an avid handball and racquetball player. Coach Mac was a former assistant coach with the men’s basketball team and was one of the original members of the faculty when the college opened in 1946.
RECIPIENTS:
• Nicholas Balestrieri
• Merydian Causier
• Cydney Niedermeyer
• Gracie Plair

LEFAVI FAMILY
The LeFavi Family appreciates the lifelong impact of education on young people and created the LeFavi Family Endowed Scholarship to support students who are motivated to achieve their personal best.
RECIPIENT:
• Briana Dentry

JACK & JOY MASSON
A graduate of the college, Jack served as the director of the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department. He is a member of HHP’s Alumni Hall of Fame since 2011. Jack and Joy are active in HHP events and activities.
RECIPIENT:
• Kalena Miles

DAVID & LINDA MCCAUHEY ENDOWED
This fellowship was established in 2002 by the McCaughey’s daughter, Molly, in honor of her parents.
RECIPIENT:
• Theresa Hauge

MCGRIFF FAMILY ENDOWED
Perry McGriff, Class of 1960, is a “Gator Great” in the UF Athletic Hall of Fame and a member of HHP’s Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. He served in the Florida House of Representatives, as mayor of Gainesville and democratic nominee for a seat in the Florida Senate. He and his wife, Noel, have long been involved in the Gainesville community.
RECIPIENTS:
• Mark Benson
• Cade Green
MARK & JULIE MCGRIFF FAMILY
Mark, Julie and their family are long-time supporters of the college. Mark is a member of HHP’s Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and a former Gator football player. Julie earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of Journalism and Communications.
RECIPIENTS:
• Xinyu Hou
• Kyeongmo Kang

JOSEPH MONROE
Joseph Monroe funded this scholarship to support HHP students because he is determined to add value to other's lives. He aims to be a person who continues to add value to those around him, and giving back to students from his alma mater is one way he can fulfill that mission.
RECIPIENT:
• Cathryn Robinson

CHARLES & ETHYL MOSTERT
This award was established in 2011 by Linda McGrane in honor of her parents. Linda is a 1976 graduate of the college and taught elementary physical education for more than 20 years.
RECIPIENTS:
• Victoria Leary
• Christiana Verdelus

ORCHID MEDICAL ENDOWED FUND
This scholarship fund was created by HHP alum Brian Carwile and supports students who demonstrate financial need and are committed to community involvement through HHP and UF student organizations. Preference is given to students with an interest in athletic training or entrepreneurship within the profession.
RECIPIENT:
• Elizabeth Gerwe

RON & JULIA PINNELL ENDOWED
This scholarship was created by HHP alum Dr. Ron Pinnell and his wife, Julia, to support students in APK and/or HEB as they gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for future career success. Preference is given to first-generation college students.
RECIPIENT:
• Valentina De Figueiredo

POTTER-CHAFIN ENDOWED
Friends, former players and students established this scholarship to honor two outstanding educators: William Potter and Moses B. Chafin. Both men were Gator tennis team head coaches and longtime members of the college faculty.
RECIPIENTS:
• Alexandra Chavez
• Alianna Ortiz

FRED & CHARLOTTE ROZELL SPORT MANAGEMENT ENDOWMENT
This scholarship supports undergraduate scholarships for students majoring in either sport management or physical education pedagogy.
RECIPIENTS:
• Shane LeMaster
• Riley Titsworth

REOVEN FAMILY
This scholarship was created to help students pursue success in their careers so, one day, they may be able to give back to hard working UF students and other people in their communities to make positive changes.
RECIPIENTS:
• Alex Caspary
• Deneb Delos Trinos

SCHALOW FAMILY ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE
EFTI Advisory Board member and HHP alum Bob Schalow and his wife, Laurie, created this scholarship to support the next generation of hospitality professionals who have gained the knowledge and leadership skills necessary for success. Preference is given to students who participate in leadership and other service activities.
RECIPIENT:
• Mollymei Giuliani
ROSS A. SCHILLING ENDOWED INTERNSHIP FUND
Created by recreation management Gator alum Ross Schilling, this fund is to support internships for event management students interested in entertainment management careers — to help encourage and support the next generation of live entertainment management industry leadership.

RECIPIENTS:
- Jack Forney
- Inis Kondakciu
- Shauna Sweeny
- Mandy Wirt

HERMAN W. SCHNELL MEMORIAL
This scholarship honors Herman Schnell — one of the original faculty members when the college was established in 1946.

RECIPIENTS:
- Catherine Loftus
- Mackenzie Morris

KYLE FREDRICK SCHUEMANN MEMORIAL
This award was created to honor Kyle Schuemann. He was an outstanding scholar, a member of Theta Chi fraternity and eager for a career in athletics.

RECIPIENT:
- Lauren Leshefsky

CHIP & JOANN SHARKEY ENDOWED INTERNSHIP FUND
This scholarship was created by HHP alum and EFTI Advisory Board member Chip Sharkey and his wife, JoAnn, to support internships for students studying in THEM. Chip attributes his success to his internship and hopes to express his appreciation for all that he achieved at UF and later in his career.

RECIPIENTS:
- Samantha Schaefer
- Leo Wiesinger

BILL SIMS ENDOWED
This fund was created by HHP alum Bill Sims — a charter member of the Florida Commission on Tourism who helped create the multi-million-dollar marketing campaign now known as Visit Florida designed to bring tourism to the state.

RECIPIENTS:
- Mariapaula De Sousa
- Candance Dobos-Bubno
- Laura Fischer
- Abigail Kratochvil
- Hilda Ng
- Hyejin Park
- Eunjung Yang

BILLIE K. & BETTY C. STEVENS ENDOWED
Billie “B.K.” Stevens was an original member of HHP in 1946 and was considered by many to be a behind-the-scenes leader. Betty Stevens came to UF as the dean of women.

RECIPIENTS:
- Ericca Gaskill
- Emily Gober

NAOMI S. STEVENS ENDOWED
This award was created to honor B.K. Stevens’ first wife who passed away in 1964. She was a former director of guidance at Gainesville High School.

RECIPIENT:
- Michelle Weintraub

CAREY STRICKLAND
An HHP alum and physician’s assistant, Strickland created this scholarship to support students in Health Education & Behavior — with preference given to students interested in a career as a physician’s assistant.

RECIPIENT:
- Madison McKay

DR. LINDA THORNTON (DR. T) ENDOWED
Dr. Linda Thornton taught at the college for 29 years where she was instrumental in establishing the women’s athletics program in the University Athletic Association.

RECIPIENTS:
- Victoria Lanning
- Caroline Hagy
M.M. TUTTON, SR. ENDOWED
This scholarship was established by Drs. Jill and Paul Varnes, both graduates and long-time faculty members of the college, in memory of Jill’s father.
RECIPIENT:
- Shahar Almog

BENNY VAUGHN & DR. JOAN CARROLL
This scholarship was established for graduate students majoring in APK or athletic training. Benny Vaughn and Dr. Joan Carroll are HHP alumni who created this scholarship for students who demonstrate active and sustained leadership or service in community, student or professional organizations, including mentoring and research.
RECIPIENT:
- Bryce Gambino

TOM & SUSIE WASDIN FAMILY
The Wasdins are champions of education and medicine. Both are Gator grads and are one of the HHP’s most loyal donors and are leaders within their Brevard community. Tom recently published his life journey, “Once a Coach, Always a Coach.”
RECIPIENT:
- Jennifer McGee Mejia

DR. PAULA WELCH ENDOWED
This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Welch — professor emerita and the first coach of the Lady Gators basketball team. The award recognizes students who are futuristic planners, effective communicators, active leaders and creative thinkers.
RECIPIENT:
- Brittany Funderburk

DR. CHARLES & LINDA WILLIAMS ENDOWED
Dr. Williams was the first assistant dean for the college and served for 20 years as assistant, associate and senior associate dean. Linda Williams taught in the public school system for 26 years with a focus on health and nutrition. Her innovative program received accolades nationwide.
RECIPIENT:
- Andrew Gordon

DR. CHRISTIAN W. ZAUNER ENDOWED
This scholarship was founded through the leading efforts of former student Kevin Clair in honor of Dr. Zauner’s positive influence, leadership and mentoring.
RECIPIENT:
- Brady Holmer
RABEYA ADURY
[Charles LaPradd Fellowship]
Adury is a first-year Ph.D. student in APK. She was born and brought up in Bangladesh, where she completed her B.Sc. degree in electrical & electronics Engineering. She is now working with Dr. Vaillancourt on a project focused on neural mechanism of movement disorder and disease progression in dystonia. She strongly believes that the world needs more women scientists, so she wants to be one and inspire young minds.

SOPHIA ALDAY
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Alday is a fourth-year THEM major specializing in event management and working towards her master’s. Alday is an HHP ambassador and a first-place winner in the 2021 PCMA North American Student Competition. As an events team member for the UAA, she has found a passion for sporting events. She aspires to move back to South Florida and work in the events department at a sports stadium.

LEAH BARNES
[Jean Christensen Memorial Scholarship]
Barnes is a third-year APK student, an HHP Ambassador, certified nursing assistant, and a member of Equal Access Clinic’s undergraduate analytics team. She hopes to work with medically underserved communities to address structural barriers to care. When she’s not flipping with the Florida Club Gymnastics team, she can be found caring for foster puppies or exploring nature trails.

SHAHAR ALMOG
[MM Tutton Sr.] Almog is a Ph.D. student in Health Education and Behavior. Her research focuses on the effect of music and/or exposure to natural environment on impulsive decision making with implications to health-promoting behaviors, within the behavioral economic framework. In addition to her research and course work, she has received the “HEB Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant (2020-2021).”

NICHOLAS BALESTRIERI
[Lee-McCachren Endowed Scholarship]
Balestrieri is a second year Ph.D. student in applied physiology and kinesiology. His research focuses on mitochondrial dysfunction and skeletal muscle myopathies associated with chronic kidney disease and peripheral arterial disease. Additionally, he is eager to return to pre-pandemic activities outside the lab as an assistant scout master, and high school and collegiate soccer official.

MARK BENSON
[McGriff Family Endowed Scholarship]
Benson is a second-year SPM graduate student. He works at the UF Department of Recreational Sports as an operations supervisor. He also serves on the Student Leadership Council as the representative for facility operations. Benson plans to continue his path in collegiate campus recreation, serving as a facility operations coordinator, upon graduation.
PRACHI BHAVSAR  
[Judith Fessler Scholarship]  
Bhavsar is a fourth-year APK major with an exercise physiology specialty. She volunteers with the Equal Access Clinic, Healing with the Arts program at NFRMC, and Aces in Motion. She believes in the importance of providing patient-centered care and treatment plans with social determinants of health at the forefront and hopes to continue providing this in the future as a physician. She furthers her dance passion as captain of UF Gator Adaa — a female fusion dance team.

ZACHERY CASELLA  
[Wendell & Jackie Davis Endowed Scholarship]  
Casella is a fourth-year APK major on the pre-medical track. He enjoys volunteering for North Florida Integrative Medicine, being an anatomy teaching assistant, and playing for the club beach volleyball team. He is working on his thesis and researching the effects of TBIs and migraines. He hopes to go to medical school and become a pediatrician so he can be a voice and advocate for younger patients.

MERYDIAN CAUSIER  
[Lee-McCachren Endowed Scholarship]  
Causier is a graduating APK senior with a specialization in exercise physiology. She was recruitment chair for the Undergraduate of Physical Therapy Association, a board member of the HHP College Council and the School Health Interdisciplinary Program, as well as a sister in the Beta Chapter of Theta Alpha. She will be pursuing her accelerated BSN degree and plans to become a Nurse Practitioner.

BRIANNA BLASSNECK  
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]  
Blassneck is a third-year THEM Ph.D. student with industry experience in recreation programming, venue operations and event management — most recently as an event manager with the UF conference department. Her research interests include youth development, prosocial/antisocial behaviors, youth programming and environmental justice.

ALEX CASPARY  
[Reoven Family Scholarship]  
Caspary is a fourth-year APK student on the pre-physical therapy track. He volunteers with Aces in Motion tutoring youth that are from the underprivileged parts of Gainesville. He also volunteers at Kinetix Physical Therapy, where he helps the therapists run patients through exercises. Caspary is also an HHPeer mentor for freshmen from HHP as well as an ambassador for the college.

ALLISON CAVANAGH  
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]  
Cavanagh is a fourth-year THEM major specializing in hospitality and tourism management. During her time at the University of Florida she has been a part of Dance Marathon, Floridance, and a sister of the Beta Chapter of Theta Alpha sorority. She also enjoys being a leader for Salt Church in Gainesville. Cavanagh interned at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club in North Carolina this summer and desires to continue in the field of hospitality.
ALEXANDRA CHAVEZ
[Potter-Chafin Endowed Scholarship]
Chavez is a fourth-year HEB major. She volunteers with the Equal Access Clinic and the Child Life Program at UF Health. She is VP of the Minority Health Professional Mentorship Program and a research assistant in the Nutritional Education and Behavioral Science Lab. She aspires to be a physician who works with patients of underserved communities.

VALENTINA DE FIGUEIREDO
[Ron & Julia Pinnell Endowed Scholarship]
De Figueiredo is a second-year APK student pursuing a minor in dance and a dance in medicine certification. She is focused on athletic training and is starting a new UF organization for students interested in sports medicine. She enjoys volunteering with the UF arts in medicine team and in a research lab with APK faculty. She hopes to contribute to the athletic training field with her leadership and dance creative experience.

DENEB DELOS TRINOS
[Reoven Family Scholarship]
Delos Trinos is a fourth-year APK major minoring in disabilities in society on a pre-medicine track and hopes to specialize in orthopedics. She enjoys serving the community and providing resources to students on campus through her roles as president of the Big Sister Little Sister Mentoring Program, finance director of Campus Diplomats, outreach chair of Medi-Gators Virtual Shadowing Program and member of SISTUHS Inc.

RAYVEN CRISAFULLI
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Crisafulli is a THEM Ph.D. student and a 2013 UF graduate. She worked seven years as an event planner and now hopes to teach in higher education to help prepare the next generations of event professionals. She also plans to conduct research in event studies that will elevate the industry and accelerate its growth. In addition to her studies, Crisafulli runs her own wedding planning business and is an instructor for event management.

MARIAPUA DE SOUSA
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]
De Sousa is an international student from Venezuela. She is in her junior year majoring tourism and hospitality management with a minor in business administration. She is a participant in the RBP committee because she really loves event organization. De Sousa aspires to work for a hotel chain in the marketing area. Also, she would like to promote sustainable tourism because she thinks that taking care of our planet is a priority.

BRIANA DENTRY
[Lefavi Family Scholarship]
Dentry is a Class of 2021 graduate in APK and will be attending UF’s doctor of physical therapy program in the fall. She completed her internship in the Brain Rehabilitation Research Center at the Malcom Randall VA and is continuing as a volunteer after graduation. Dentry is passionate about teaching children how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and aspires to become a pediatric physical therapist.
CANDANCE DOBOS-BUBNO
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]
Dobos is a second-year tourism, hospitality and event management major. She recently moved to Florida from San Diego, but with the open arms of the Gator community, she feels right at home. Dobos is ecstatic to continue her college career and eventually use the insightful knowledge she has gained and apply it to her future career. She dreams of traveling the world and planning unique, successful events for the masses.

KATHRYN DONNELLY
[Abby Dougherty APK Memorial Scholarship]
Donnelly is a senior majoring in applied physiology and kinesiology with a concentration in exercise physiology. She plans on pursuing a master’s degree in athletic training. She is currently working to start a new athletic training club at UF. She is also an active student leader with the UF Navigators.

EMILY DUENAS
[Allen/Holyoak/Varnes Endowed Scholarship]
Duenas is a fourth-year HEB major specializing in community health promotion. Her passion is working with children with disabilities and plans to attend a doctor of occupational therapy program. She is involved in Eta Sigma Gamma, volunteers in equine-assisted therapy, and is a UF All Girl cheerleader. She also works as a special needs assistant at a local preschool.

JASON DUPLISSEA
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Duplissea is a second-year THEM masters student. He has worked at the Disneyland Hotel since 2019 and is building on his academic foundation through Disney’s Aspire program. He was a professional actor and an office manager for several high-profile therapists with celebrity clientele, bridging the gap between the fields by leading role-playing group workshops. Now he is excited to use his knowledge to provide tailored guest experiences.

VIVIAN DOERR
[Dr. Norma M Leavitt Endowed Scholarship]
Doerr is a third-year Ph.D. student in APK with a concentration in exercise physiology. She is a research assistant under Dr. Ashley Smuder, focusing on skeletal muscle dysfunction following chemotherapy. Doerr’s interest in studying exercise as a therapeutic tool stemmed from her collegiate basketball career.

ROSE DVORAK
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Dvorak is a fourth-year THEM major with a business minor. She works as a manager at an events company in Gainesville where she applies her studies to local events. She is a member and past president of the student organization Wahines of the Waves where she organizes fundraiser events for the community. After graduation she hopes to continue her work in event management for the action sports industry.
KATARZYNA EMIN
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Emin is a master’s student in tourism, hospitality & event management with a specialization in data analytics. She worked as a consultant for various European clients and served as a community assistant, graduate assistant and an event chair for a student organization. She is passionate about landscape photography and international folklore. In the future, she hopes to help developing businesses in tourism and travel industry with her expertise.

CRISTIAN FERNANDEZ
[Grand Guard Scholarship]
Fernandez is a third-year APK major on the pre-medical track. He volunteers regularly at Give Kids the World, a nonprofit organization in Orlando that houses critically ill children and their families and provides them with free theme park tickets. He also enjoys volunteering at North Florida Regional Medical Center in their oncology department. He hopes to attend medical school and become an interventional radiologist or orthopedic surgeon.

ALLY FOLKERT
[Eraste Autin Scholarship]
Folkert has recently completed her first year in the DAT program. Previous experience include an assistant AT position at Adrian College as well as an internship at UConn, her favorite sport to work with being ice hockey. While at UF, she is working as a resident AT for UF RecSports, serving hundreds of Gators. When she graduates in 2022, Folkert aims to utilize her experience to work at the collegiate level.

ALYSSA FERNANDEZ
[Dave Fuller Professional Development Scholarship]
Fernandez is a fourth-year HEB major with a minor in disabilities in society. She is president of Public Leadership Society, a UF student organization providing professional advancement of students via leadership development and community involvement. Fernandez hopes to attend an accelerated BSN nursing program and ultimately become a board-certified nurse practitioner.

LAURA FISCHER
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]
Fischer is a third-year THEM major specializing in event management. During her time at UF she has been involved in Danza Dance Company, UF Dazzlers, and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She plans to pursue a career in the event planning industry.

JACK FORNEY
[Ross A. Schilling Endowed Internship Fund]
Forney is a senior THEM student with a concentration in event management. He is currently the CEO of Elysian Events Presents, an event company he founded in 2018. Since its inception, Elysian Events has grown from hosting small events in Gainesville to hosting large, 2k+ person events in several markets across Florida. After he graduates, Forney looks forward to continuing to share his passion for music through unique events across Florida.
STEPHANIE FUENTES  
[Danny Eggart Endowed Memorial Scholarship]  
Fuentes is from Niceville, FL, and is a fourth-year APK major with a specialization in exercise physiology. An internship in 2018 is what cemented her goal of becoming a chiropractor. Her plans after graduation are to attend chiropractic school. As a chiropractor, she hopes to work with a major sports team and have her own office.

RAFAEL GABRIEL  
[Charles Fessler Sr & Miriam A Fessler Scholarship]  
Gabriel is a fourth-year HEB major specializing in health studies. In addition to various volunteer work, he spent a summer at Balance 180 in Gainesville working with kids with special needs to create a fun and safe environment. Gabriel plans to attend an occupational therapy grad program to one day create an adaptive basketball league for kids.

BRITTANY FUNDERBURK  
[Dr. Paula Welch Endowed Scholarship]  
Funderburk is a recent graduate of HHP with a BS in Sport Management. She was offered a job with NASCAR shortly before graduation and accepted. She has worked in guest services, marketing and operations within UAA and now aspires to work her way up the ladder over the next few years with the hope of becoming director of sales at a major sport organization.

ERICCA GASKILL  
[Billie K. & Betty C. Stevens Endowed Scholarship]  
Gaskill is a third-year APK major specializing in exercise physiology. She aspires to become a physical therapist for individuals with disabilities and has been shadowing DPTs at a renowned rehabilitation center to get experience. She is also a member of the Undergraduate Physical Therapy Association and a volunteer at Shands Hospital.

NEHEMIE GAUTHIER  
[Elliot Borkson-Leo Goodwin Foundation Scholarship]  
Gauthier is a second-year APK major who aspires to become an anesthesiologist. She is an MFOS scholar, a peer leader for PAACT, the co-vice chair of LLC, and involved in biomedical engineering research. She enjoys learning Spanish, volunteering, and researching different cultures. She hopes to become a physician without borders and make a difference for the population of developing countries.
MOLLYMEI GIULIANI  [Schalow Family Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship]
Giuliani is a fourth-year THEM student with a specialization in event management. She has been able to explore her passion for planning events by interning at a non-profit organization and by serving as a member of the special events committee for the UF Reitz Programming Board. Giuliani hopes to work as an event planner for a non-profit organization.

EMILY GOBER  [Billie K. & Betty C. Stevens Endowed Scholarship]
Gober is a third-year APK major. She is an aspiring physical therapist who hopes to specialize in neurology. She currently works as a personal care assistant for students with disabilities. Around campus she is a peer leader for First-Year Florida, a course designed to help new students adjust to their life at UF. She also represents the College of HHP on the Student Advisory Council for Undergraduate Affairs.

ERIN GRANDGEORGE  [C.A. Boyd Endowed Scholarship]
Grandgeorge is a fourth-year APK major with a minor in disabilities in society. She represents the college as an HHP Ambassador, serves on the RecSports Board of Directors, and enjoys volunteering in the research lab with UF’s School of Physical Therapy. She has also served as a committee member for IFUS, led as an exercise physiology TA, and volunteered in various UF Health PT clinics. She is passionate about serving others, and after graduation hopes to attend physical therapy school.

ANDREW GORDON  [Dr. Charles & Linda Williams Endowed Scholarship]
Gordon is a Sport Management undergrad and planning for a master’s as well. He works in the athletic department at UF allowing him to gain real world experience in the field of collegiate athletics. Gordon believes the experience will help him as he pursues a career as a senior administrator within collegiate athletics.
CADE GREEN  
[McGriff Family Endowed Scholarship]  
Green is a second-year SPM graduate student and has interned with both Gator Hospitality and the Gator Boosters. His career goal is to become an athletic director at the collegiate level and positively impact the lives of student-athletes. He hopes to find a position with a university inside the Southeastern Conference. His hobbies include fishing, golfing and boating.

JOHN GRETSCHEL  
[Charles Fessler Jr Scholarship]  
Gretschel is a fourth-year sport management major with minors in business administration and real estate. He currently works for the UAA as a football video assistant, and upon graduation he plans on earning a master’s degree in sport management to continue to build on his undergraduate education. Ultimately, he aspires to carve out a career in a collegiate athletic department or professional front office.

MATTHEW GREENBERG  
[Coach Herz Scholarship]  
Greenberg is a senior double-majoring in sport management and business administration. He has volunteered with the UF athletic department and the SEC since his freshman year and hopes to turn the experience into a career in professional sports — eventually as a general manager. He plans to complete a master’s degree in either sport management or information systems.

RYAN GROSS  
[Guthrie Family Scholarship]  
Gross is a second-year sport management major. He has worked with both the UF football and UF baseball teams in order to progress in his field. He wishes to continue to work with the University Athletic Association to explore his passion for sports and stay close to the university beyond graduation. He hopes to one day impact the lives of HHP students the same way his life has been impacted by Gator alumni.

MADISON GUIDO  
[Dr. Norma M Leavitt Endowed Scholarship]  
Guido is a fourth-year APK major with an exercise physiology specialty. She is an HHP ambassador and has interned with the Integrative Cardiovascular Physiology Lab. Guido is the development coordinator and a volunteer EMR for the Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit and works as a mental health tech for Shands Hospital. She hopes to eventually become a physician after a gap year working as a CNA.

MELISSA GUTHEIL  
[Eraste Autin Scholarship]  
Gutheil is in the Doctorate of Athletic Training program and has enjoyed her first year as an athletic trainer at Saint Francis Catholic Academy and as a UF student. She is passionate about educating her young patients about their physical and mental health while continuing their love for sports. She hopes to achieve a career in athletic training with high school sports or professional hockey.
CAROLINE HAGY  
[Dr. Linda Thornton (Dr. T) Endowed Scholarship]  
Hagy is a junior in THEM minoring in Spanish. Her career goals include corporate-level event logistics, coordination, business meetings, conferences and conventions. Much of her time outside of class is devoted to her campus ministry, The Navigators. She also works alongside the University of Florida Alumni Relations and Annual Giving team as a student intern.

THERESA HAUGE  
[David & Linda McCaughey Endowed Scholarship]  
Hauge is a Ph.D. student in the Neuromotor Behavior Laboratory. Her research specialization is in the neural control of movement, specifically using brain imaging to study the cognitive dynamics of human performance during complex motor tasks and their virtual analogs. Hauge’s interest in motor control and learning began as a martial arts teacher in high school.

MOLLY HEYNER  
[Kapur-Samuel Families Endowed Scholarship]  
Heyner is a third-year tourism, hospitality and event management major. She served as the director of special events for the student-run theatre organization Florida Players and was part of the winning team of PCMA’s North American Student Competition. In the future, she hopes to combine her passions for pop culture and events to plan various entertainment events such as award shows or movie premieres.

JOWEN HARRINGTON  
[Darlin Family Scholarship]  
Harrington is a fourth-year APK major specializing in exercise physiology. His passion is helping others and living a healthy lifestyle which has inspired him to pursue a career in physical therapy. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and the Undergraduate Physical Therapy Association. Off-campus he volunteers at the Balance 180 camp where he assists children with gymnastics.

LAUREN HAWK  
[Fabulous 50’s Hill Brannon Endowed Scholarship]  
Hawk is a fourth-year APK major with a minor in dance. She plans to pursue a career in physical therapy and enjoys volunteering at local outpatient clinics. Hawk also volunteers with the Laboratory for Rehabilitation Neuroscience with the studies for dystonia and is a member of DanZa dance company. She hopes to be a knowledgeable and compassionate physical therapist one day.

CONNOR HIRTLE  
[Dr. Owen J. Holyoak Endowed Scholarship]  
Hirtle is in the final year of his Master’s in sport management degree. He is from Nova Scotia and is the volunteer president and general manager of a junior hockey team there. He enjoys singing, traveling and being around his family and friends. He has a passion for hockey having played for 16 years, and aspires to one day be the first disabled general manager of an NHL team.
RACHEL HO
[Jane Edmonds Fellowship]
Ho is a fifth-year Ph.D. student in APK with a concentration in motor control and learning. Her work in the Laboratory of Rehabilitative Neuroscience focuses on understanding the brain mechanisms underlying pain and movement. When she’s not in the lab you can find her taking long walks with her fur baby Frankie and cooking adventurous vegetarian, gluten-free meals with her fiancé Matt.

RACHEL HORAN
[Michael Scott Carn Memorial Scholarship]
Horan is a fourth-year APK major specializing in exercise physiology and is minoring in health promotion. She is an aspiring physical therapist with plans to specialize in geriatrics. In her free time, she works at the Oak Hammock Retirement Community as a fitness supervisor, which has taught her the importance of exercise for people of all ages.

KATHLEEN HUPFELD
[Allen/Holyoak/Varnes Endowed Scholarship]
Hupfeld is in the last year of her Ph.D. pursuing an interest in motor control stemming from her time coaching Special Olympics and interning in neurology and rehabilitation clinics. Her research uses brain imaging and brain stimulation to investigate how the neural control of movement changes with spaceflight and with aging. She enjoys volunteering in STEM outreach, playing with her cat Yeti and exploring local springs with her paddleboard.

BRADY HOLMER
[Dr. Christian W. Zauner Endowed Scholarship]
Holmer is a fifth-year doctoral candidate in the Integrative Cardiovascular Physiology Lab. His research focuses on investigating the effects of sleep deprivation and exercise on endothelial function. After graduation, he hopes to continue his training at the postdoctoral level and one day would like to start his own lab. Holmer is also a volunteer editor for the American Physiology Society “I Spy Physiology” blog and an avid runner.

XINYU HOU
[Mark & Julie McGriff Family Scholarship]
Hou is an international THEM majored junior student from China, Beijing. I am interested in the lodging industry and dream of becoming a professional and passionate hotelier in the near future. Striving to be a passionate, attentive, and curious person who could create values for both myself and my community.

SYDNEY HUTTO
[Darlin Family Scholarship]
Hutto is a third-year APK major and treasurer of the Gator Weightlifting Club. She works at UF RecSports where she provides personal training for people with disabilities to produce better accessibility to exercise for all. Hutto dreams of becoming a physical therapist and opening her own physical therapy clinic for underserved minorities.
**KYEONGMO KANG**
[Mark & Julie McGriff Family Scholarship]
Kang is a third-year sport management student. He is event staff at the Stephen O’Connell Center and an OPS guest service staff for the University Athletic Association. Kang aspires to work for a major league baseball team. His career goal is to be involved in the sports industry in a meaningful way and giving a positive impact on the next generation through the globalization of baseball.

**JOONGSU KIM**
[Charles LaPradd Fellowship]
Kim is a recent APK major Ph.D. student specializing in motor control and biomechanics. His bachelor’s degree in physics was a foothold to build a strong academic background to delve into the field of kinesiology. His interest is focused on how the neuromuscular system controls human movement, especially with neurological disorder. He plans to investigate movement deficits with essential tremor patients and develop rehabilitation protocols on gait and balance.

**ABIGAIL KRATOCHVIL**
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]
Kratochvil is a second-year THEM major with a minor in zoology. She aims to graduate with her master’s degree in 2024. In 2022, she plans to volunteer at the Carson Springs Wildlife Conservation Foundation and work as a CORE TRiP Leader. Alongside her academics, she pursues a career in writing novels and lives a Christ-centered life. Kratochvil aspires to travel the world working in ministry, volunteer organizations and adventure tourism agencies.

**JINSU KIM**
[Charles LaPradd Fellowship]
Kim is a first-year doctoral student in APK and a member of the Integrative Cardiovascular Physiology Laboratory. His research interest is examining the role of exercise and physical activity on cardiovascular dysfunction caused by aging, cardiometabolic disease and cancer.

**INIS KONDACKIU**
[Ross A. Schilling Endowed Internship Fund]
Kondackiu is pursuing a dual degree in tourism, hospitality and event management, and theatre performing arts. She is grateful to have been a part of many theatrical and film productions while at UF. She hopes to pursue a career in hospitality that allows her to travel the world, and apply her performance art skills to help create magical experiences for families and travelers.

**JAYACHANDRA KURA**
[Dave Fuller Professional Development Scholarship]
Kura is a fourth-year APK major. Following graduation, he seeks to pursue a doctoral degree with hopes of entering a research career. Outside of classes, he is involved in the Yarrow lab in the NFSG VA as well as volunteering as the assistant head coach of the Gator Weightlifting Sports Club.
ALEXANDRIA LAM
[Darlin Family Scholarship]
Lam is a recent APK graduate who intends to become a physical therapist. She was an HHP College Ambassador, HHPeer mentor, intern for ICAP, and advocacy chair for the Asian American Student Union. She also served several executive board roles for Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Her objective as a physical therapist is to emphasize the importance of using movement as medicine while empowering people to regain their quality of life.

VICTORIA LEARY
[Charles & Ethyl Mostert Scholarship]
Leary is a third-year APK major on a pre-physical therapy track hoping to specialize in pediatrics. She has a passion for health and fitness, helping others and finding ways to bring joy into others’ lives. Leary serves as an assistant director for Dance Marathon at UF and volunteers with FIT for All at Gainesville Health and Fitness Center. She enjoyed helping first-year students transition to UF while serving as a Preview staffer.

SHANE LEMASTER
[Fred & Charlotte Rozell Sport Management Endowment]
LeMaster is a fourth-year SPM major. LeMaster played college baseball at Eckerd College for his freshman year. Upon receiving his bachelors, he plans to pursue a career in Major League Baseball working in baseball operations. He is currently a fitness supervisor and associate at RecSports. In his free time he enjoys attending sporting events, hanging out with friends and being outdoors. He is also a member of the Gator Sports Management Organization.

VICTORIA LANNING
[Dr. Linda (Dr. T) Thornton Endowed Scholarship]
Lanning is a fourth-year THEM major. She is an HHP Ambassador, a Gator Guest Services Ambassador and executive board member for two student organizations. She has interned at the Cade Museum in Gainesville and plans on attending graduate school with aspirations of working within the Walt Disney Company.

QIN YI LEE
[Fagerberg Endowed Scholarship]
Lee is a third-year APK major specializing in exercise physiology. She was an undergraduate research assistant at HHP’s Locomotion Neuromechanics Lab and is the current president of Global Medical Missions Alliance’s UF Chapter where she leads with a vision of growing healthcare students to become faithful and missional professionals. She plans to pursue a DPT after graduation.

LAUREN LESHEFSKY
[Kyle Fredrik Schuemann Memorial Scholarship]
Leshefsky is a fourth-year in the combined degree sport management program. She is an HHP mentor, guest service ambassador at the Athletic Association, tutor at Aces in Motion and involved in her sorority Alpha Epsilon Phi. Her internship with Special Olympics Texas focused her passion for helping people and now plans to work in sports for a charity or foundation.
ALEXANDRA LEWIS
[Andrew & Matthew Bell Health & Human Performance Endowment]
Lewis is a fourth-year HEB student minoring in educational studies and disabilities in society. She is an RA in the Murphree Area and holds a “Returning Gators” LLC position for this area. She is also the mentoring director for the student-run MentorGNV, which connects students in Alachua County to a mentor at UF. Lewis plans to earn a doctorate in occupational therapy and help children with disabilities overcome barriers.

BAILEY LUPO
[Dr. Norma M Leavitt Endowed Scholarship]
Lupo is a fourth-year APK major on the pre-physicians assistant track. She has passion for exercise and medicine and is a certified group fitness instructor, personal trainer and nurse assistant. She has been teaching group fitness at RecSports for two years. Lupo is part of the UF club swim team and UF pre-PA club and aspires to continue to grow in her fitness and medical education.

CHRISTY MA
[Allen/Holyoak/Varnes Endowed Scholarship]
Ma is a fourth-year HEB student minoring in Chinese and planning to attend an accelerated nursing program with the end goal of DNP school. She is VP of Global Medical Missions Alliance, a volunteer at Baby Gator and North Florida Regional Medical Center, works at Shands, and has chair positions in her sorority Alpha Kappa Delta Phi. In her free time, Ma enjoys playing tennis, working out and baking.

CATHERINE LOFTUS
[Herman Schnell Memorial Scholarship]
Loftus is an APK graduate who enjoys volunteering with UF Health and local physical therapy clinics. She has held leadership positions in Student Government Productions, Relay for Life, The Big Event and Delta Zeta. Loftus is beginning UF’s doctor of physical therapy program and is excited to learn skills and techniques that will help get people back to doing the things they love.

ALLISON LYDECKER
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Lydecker is a master’s candidate in the tourism and hospitality program and is also pursuing a sport event management graduate certificate. She has spent her summers working for Volusia County Ocean Rescue, where she became passionate about working outdoors. Lydecker is currently interning for RSJ Event Specialists, where she can apply her classroom knowledge to the real world. Upon graduation she hopes to pursue a career in live sport events.

ANNA MARCHUS
[Dr. Norma M Leavitt Endowed Scholarship]
Marchus is a fourth-year APK major, pre-med, and has been rowing for UF’s crew team and working at the Center for Pain Research & Behavioral Health since her freshman year. She volunteers as a first responder with the Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit and scribes for HemeOnc Call, the nation’s first telemedicine practice for hematology/oncology. Marchus aspires to help rural and underserved communities throughout the U.S.
NATALIE MARSHALL
[C.A. Boyd Endowed Scholarship]
Marshall is an APK major on the pre-med track. She is a member of UF’s AMSA, Gainesville’s Friends of MSF club and an undergraduate research assistant for the McVay Weight Management Lab. She works at RecSports and is part of UF’s club beach volleyball team. In her free time, she volunteers at Give Kids the World with critically-ill children. She hopes to pursue a career in pediatrics.

JENNIFER MCGEE MEJIA
[Tom & Susie Wasdin Family Scholarship]
McGee is an HEB senior on a pre-medicine track. She is a first-generation Honduran-American passionate about women’s health and reducing health disparities in minority populations. She is involved in the national health education Eta Sigma Gamma honor society and has volunteered at Advent Health hospital. McGee hopes to become a physician who serves and works with underserved populations.

MADISON MCKAY
[Carey Strickland Scholarship]
McKay is a fourth-year HEB major, minoring in disabilities in society with plans for physician assistant school and working in rural medicine. She is a medical assistant at Florida Skin Cancer and Dermatology Specialists and a research assistant in the McVay Lab, focusing on healthy weight management methods. In her free time, clubs such as Delta Nu Zeta, Gator Pals, and Special Olympics fill McKay’s time.

KALENA MILES
[Jack & Joy Masson Scholarship]
Miles is a third-year THEM with a specialization in event management. She is a part of the Reitz Programming Board at the University of Florida. They plan and manage all types of special events around campus for students. She is currently looking for an internship to gain even more experience. Her dream event to plan would be the Super Bowl!

AMANDA MILLER
[Fabulous 50’S Hill Brannon Endowed Scholarship]
Miller is a recent APK graduate. She will begin the University of Florida’s doctor of physical therapy program in the fall of 2021. During undergrad, Miller volunteered with UF Health, MentorGNV, and the Alachua County Crisis Center. She currently works as a personal trainer and is excited to help more people better their lives through movement and exercise.

TRINA MITCHELL
[Allen/Holyoak/Varnes Endowed Scholarship]
Mitchell is a third year Ph.D. student working on new neuroimaging biomarkers in Parkinson’s disease and atypical Parkinsonisms disease that are less understood. Mitchell is also obtaining a certificate in gender, sexuality, and women’s studies and is interested in understanding how aging and disability theory can be integrated into or reframe biomedical research.
MACKENZIE MORRIS  
[Herman W. Schnell Memorial Scholarship]  
Morris is a first-generation college graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. After completing her senior internship at the North Central Florida YMCA, where she developed and implemented a mindfulness-based program in the childcare department, she solidified her desire to teach and work with youth. She is excited to begin working on earning her master’s in health education in the fall.

HILDA NG  
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]  
Ng is a fourth-year THEM major specializing in tourism and hospitality management. She has worked at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and hopes to learn more about the industry, specifically how tourism can be more sustainable for the local economy of destinations. After graduation, she desires to work at a destination marketing organization or a missions trip company.

LARISSA NEUBURGER  
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]  
Neuburger finished her Ph.D. in 2021 in the Department of Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management. During her doctoral studies she worked as a graduate teaching assistant and instructor. Her research interest includes e-tourism, tourism marketing, social media and immersive technologies (augmented & virtual technology) in the context of tourism experience.

ANGEL NGUYEN  
[Blais/Blake Scholarship]  
Nguyen is a recent HEB grad with a specialization in community health promotion and a minor in disabilities in society. She has recently been admitted into UF’s occupational therapy program and will graduate with a doctorate as the Class of 2024. Afterwards, she aspires to become a pediatric occupational therapist for young patients at the UF Health Rehab Center and continue to give back to the Gainesville community.

BRIANNA NGUYEN  
[Andrew & Matthew Bell Health & Human Performance Endowment]  
Nguyen is a fourth-year APK major with a minor in Sociology. She serves as the president of Actively Moving forward and as a regional trip director for MEDLIFE. Nguyen also enjoys doing research with EACN on their MobileECG project and volunteers with multiple organizations.

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CYDNEY NIEDERMeyer  
[Lee-McCachren Endowed Scholarship]  
Niedermeyer is a first-generation college graduate pursuing an HHP master’s degree specializing in athlete development. She works with the UF Women’s Soccer team as a graduate assistant focusing on polar heart rate data and the wellness of the athletes. She hopes to work as an athlete development specialist and/or a college soccer coach, focusing on academic & athletic excellence, when she completes her graduate degree.
ALIANNA ORTIZ
[Potter-Chafin Endowed Scholarship]
Ortiz is a fourth-year HEB major and an HHP Ambassador. She is on the executive board of UF’s Global Medical Training and has a passion for bringing care to underdeveloped areas. She also coaches a travel volleyball team in Gainesville, attending tournaments throughout Florida. She hopes to enter an OTD program post graduation and become an occupational therapist.

HYEJIN PARK
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]
Park is a third-year THEM Ph.D. student. She conducts research on destination marketing & management at the government level with a focus on information flow, the interaction between stakeholders, and technology intervention in tourism. She is particularly interested in how destination management activities create, share, and process tourism information to reach out to consumers.

CARLIN PATTERSON
[Thomas F Hayes IV Endowed Memorial Scholarship]
Patterson is a recent HEB graduate. An internship with the nonprofit Girls on the Run allowed her to solidify her desire to approach wellness with a holistic viewpoint. She wants to use the information she learned about overcoming educational barriers and health illiteracy as a registered nurse. She hopes to attend UF’s second-degree nursing program.

TIANYU PAN
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Pan is a Ph.D. student and teaching/research assistant in the Department of Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management. She worked in both industry and academia. The overall goal of her research is to improve companies’ marketing and operation strategies by analyzing data. To achieve this goal, she has studied quantitative modeling and tourism marketing. Now, she is mainly focusing on cruise tourism and operation research.

SHIVANI PATEL
[Dr. Norma M Leavitt Endowed Scholarship]
Patel is a fourth-year APK student with a minor in Spanish. She is the current president of UF Solace, which is a student-run organization partnered with Shands Hospital dedicated to brightening the lives of geriatric patients in Alachua County. After graduating with her bachelor’s degree, she plans to attend medical school to pursue her passion of helping others from all walks of life.

JORDANA PETIT-HOMME
[Elliot Borkson-Leo Goodwin Foundation Scholarship]
Petit-Homme is a second-year HEB major on a pre-PA track. In partnership with Ladies and Club Creole, she mentors Gainesville’s young women and promotes Haitian culture by increasing cultural awareness at UF. She dedicates her summers to volunteering for the City of Coconut Creek and N.E Focal Alzheimer’s Day Care Center. Petit-Homme aspires to be a PA with a specialty in OB-GYN to support women in underserved communities.
GRACIE PLAIR
[Lee-McCachren Endowed Scholarship]
Plair is in her last year as a sport management student with a minor in event management. She hopes to work for a professional sports team in event services. She is an active member in the Gators Sport Management Organization, the Association for Women in Sport Media, along with being on the executive board of Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority.

EMILY PLUNKETT
[Alex Diaz Scholarship]
Plunkett is a fifth-year sport management Ph.D. candidate. A certified athlete development specialist, she researches career development and readiness in sport management and the holistic development of athletes, particularly in preparation for transition out of sport. Plunkett has taught a number of courses for the department, such as Ethical Issues in Sport, Sport Career Transitions, and Advanced Career Development.

RICARDA PRITSCHMANN
[Health Solutions Endowed Scholarship]
Pritschmann is a Ph.D. candidate in HEB studying behavior change mechanisms and decision-making related to physically inactive lifestyles and substance use. Her dissertation study is a feasibility trial of a 4-week behavioral economic program to promote rewarding physical activities and explore contingent TV watching as a tool to support behavior change.

EMILIO G. QUITEÑO
[Michael Scott Carn Memorial Scholarship]
Quiteño was born in El Salvador and spent most of his life so far living between Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, and Canada. He is passionate about strength and conditioning and is interning with a few Gator sports. After undergrad, he plans to be a graduate assistant coach somewhere. In his free time, he enjoys playing instruments, listening to music and hanging out with friends.

ERIKA REITER
[Gefen/Jaffe Scholarship]
Reiter is a fourth-year THEM student specializing in tourism and hospitality. She has enjoyed learning about the hospitality industry by working at a Marriott hotel in Gainesville and while studying ecotourism and sustainability on the UF in Fiji study abroad program. Following graduation, Reiter hopes to continue her career in this industry and work at hotels and resorts all over the world.

CATHRYN ROBINSON
[Joseph Monroe Scholarship]
Robinson is a third-year APK major hoping to become a dentist and work in international healthcare, helping to reduce dental health disparities in underserved populations. She is assisting on a research project to examine the impact of providing meal kits to low-income families in Florida communities. She volunteers as a language partner through the English Language Institute and is currently on track to becoming an international scholar.
MIKE RUA
[Charles LaPradd Fellowship]
Rua is a first-year Ph.D. student pursuing a degree in exercise physiology in the laboratory for neuromuscular physiology at the University of Florida. His research focus is currently on calcium signaling in ALS and Down Syndrome. This expertise will ultimately fulfill Rua’s life-long goal of creating interventions to make a lasting impact of the quality of life of individuals with neuromuscular disorders.

Samantha Schaefer
[Chip & JoAnn Sharkey Endowed Internship Fund]
Schaefer is a third-year THEM student specializing in event management. She is completing her senior internship with the Florida Festivals & Events Association. She will be graduating a year earlier than planned, after participating in four internships and volunteering for three organizations. As an out-of-state student, Schaefer plans to work in the event industry close to family.

Shauna Sweeney
[Ross A. Schilling Endowed Internship Fund]
After 15 years as a full-time musician and event producer, Sweeney is taking her career to the next level with the tourism, hospitality and event management program. With years of dedication to south Florida-based nonprofit organizations and community engagement activities, Sweeney is excited to use the tools and connections she’s building with this degree to bring hospitality, the arts, and especially music, to more members of her community.

Riley Titsworth
[Fred & Charlotte Rozell Sport Management Endowment]
Titsworth is a third-year sport management major from Bradenton, FL. She has been working with the University Athletic Association as a event staff representative and a content tutor for the Hawkins Center. She plans to pursue a career as a collegiate athletic director.

Grant Tays
[Allen/Holyoak/Varnes Endowed Scholarship]
Tays is an APK doctoral student focusing on the neural control of movement in the Neuromotor Behavior Laboratory. The primary objective of his research is to understand the effects of spaceflight and microgravity on sensorimotor adaptability and identify related brain changes. Outside the lab, Tays can be found on the water in his kayak, or under it scuba diving.

Christiana Verdelus
[Drs. Fagerberg-Varnes Endowed Scholarship]
Verdelus is a fourth-year HEB major. She is president of the Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students and a co-captain with Sickle Cell for Streetlight at UF Health Shands Hospital. She hopes to integrate public policy and maternal-fetal medicine to help alleviate health disparities experienced by underserved populations during all phases of pregnancy and childbirth.
EUNJUNG YANG  
[Bill Sims Endowed Scholarship]  
Yang is a Ph.D. candidate with an academic training that reflects a high degree of interdisciplinarity, combining a B.S. and M.S. in Geography and a Ph.D. in tourism, hospitality and event management. The overarching theme of Eunjung’s research agenda is sustainable tourism and community development. Her primary research goal is to understand the role of tourism in developing sustainable, resilient and healthy communities.

MICHELLE WEINTRAUB  
[Naomi S. Stevens Endowed Scholarship]  
Weintraub is a fourth-year APK student looking to become a physical therapist. She is a research assistant in the Neuromuscular Physiology Lab at UF and works as a personal trainer at RecSports. She is secretary of Gator Weightlifting Club and has been with the club since freshman year. She loves to listen to audiobooks, go for long hikes and do yoga.

LEO WIESINGER  
[Chip & JoAnn Sharkey Endowed Internship Fund]  
Wiesinger is a hospitality major minoring in business administration and history. He is interning at Dalsimer Atlas Floral and Event Decorators and will be graduating in August of 2021. Wiesinger is a member of UF’s Pre Legal Honor Society and will be attending the St. Thomas University School of Law in the fall. In his free time, he loves fishing, reading and spending time with his family and friends.

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BRIDGETTE WELCH  
[Gefen/Jaffee Scholarship]  
Welch is a third-year THEM major hoping to develop her own wedding planner and photography business and later pursue a master’s in marketing. Her passion for travel and event planning stems from the long road trips from Florida to Massachusetts that her family would take every summer. In the meantime, Welch works as a service advocate at Target on a developmental path.

MANDY WIRT  
[Ross A. Schilling Endowed Internship Fund]  
Wirt is a third-year tourism, hospitality and event management student. Prior to UF, she completed a BA in theater from UCLA. She is excited to use this degree to combine her passion for the arts and events. She aspires to own her own event business. In the meantime, she works to create special moments at David’s Bridal and Disneyland.
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