

2021 Mortar Board Outstanding Senior Recognition Ceremony

College of Humanities and Sciences

Department of African American Studies

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
African American Studies	Maggie Bornstein	Tobin Miller Shearer

Maggie Bornstein has for the entirety of her time at the University of Montana captured the essence of the African-American Studies degree. Whether doing an internship with the Montana Human Rights Network, organizing a Black Lives Matter demonstration, or researching the history of Black Studies at UM, she always brings her full self to every project in which she engages. Poised, articulate, passionate and focused, Maggie is a force to be reckoned with. Now. And in years to come.

She has garnered the Ulysses S. Doss Scholarship, participated in the Black Solidarity Summit, and advocated for racial justice here and in the broader Missoula community. Her comments in the classroom never fail to draw her classmates - and her professors - into deeper, more authentic, and academically rigorous discussions. Even as a first year student, she already shaped the discourse in ways that have only developed and matured during her tenure at UM. Maggie, you will go far. We are grateful for your work with us through these years.

Department of Anthropology

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Anthropology	Margaret Luthin	Meradeth Snow

Maggie Luthin graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Anthropology and minors in French and Music. A Davidson Honors College graduate, she was awarded the Watkins Scholarship for her capstone research in linguistics, and recently saw her paper published in the Proceedings of the 2020 National Conference on Undergraduate Research. She spent a memorable year studying in Toulouse, France where she became fluent in French and consumed staggering amounts of cheese. Maggie is humbled to receive this award and is grateful to her advisers, professors, family, and friends for their support.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Archaeology	Bradan R. Tobin	Meradeth Snow

Tobin was raised in Alaska and came to the University of Montana in 2017. With a background in Alaskan expeditions, archaeology was a natural fit. Tobin designed an independent study of Irish immigration to the American West. He conducted an excavation here in Montana, explored mines hidden in the mountains of Oregon, and traveled to Virginia City, Nevada for hands-on research. He also works with a team in Yellowstone National Park, helping discover Native American sites as far back as 11,000 years ago. “Education goes beyond the classroom.”

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Forensic and Biological Anthropology	Sarah Kaci Warren	Meradeth Snow

Sarah grew up in Sandpoint, Idaho where she graduated high school with her Associates Degree. Prior to moving to Missoula, she spent time traveling the world by herself, including volunteering in an orphanage in Ethiopia. Her love for traveling sparked her want to further her education in anthropology. Sarah has spent her time at UM connecting with amazing and supportive professors who she is grateful to for the great opportunities to learn and study what she is passionate about.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Linguistics	Kylie Stokes	Meradeth Snow

Kylie grew up in central Minnesota and moved to Missoula in 2018 to pursue a BA in Anthropology with a concentration in Linguistics and a minor in Communicative Sciences and Disorders. In her three years as an undergraduate at UM she obtained a Peace Corp Preparatory Certificate and TESOL certification alongside her degree. While in school, Kylie worked on campus at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture as well as with ASUM in their sustainable transportation ambassador program.

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Medical Anthropology	Kyle Ward	Meradeth Snow

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Biochemistry	Keri Nauman	Kent Sugden

Keri plans to pursue graduate school once it's safe to travel, meet potential lab coworkers, and tour campuses. Her goal in graduate school will be to do research in a field dedicated to sustaining and improving environmental quality, either through water/ice chemistry or air chemistry.

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Biochemistry- Health Professions	Sidney Thompson	Kent Sugden

Sidney plans to work in healthcare, gaining experience as an EMT while she works towards graduate programs to become a Physician's Assistant.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Chemistry	Alice Giem	Kent Sugden

Alice is an outstanding chemist with an exceedingly bright future. She has pursued her research passion in environmental chemistry in Prof. Chris Palmers lab as well as through a number of summer internships including the Flathead Lake Biological Station and Pacific Northwest Energy Labs. Alice has been a teaching assistant within the department and she was highly thought of by her students. Alice will be moving on to graduate school in the fall but her "can-do" approach to life and her sunny disposition will be sorely missed.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Environmental Chemistry	Logan M. Robinette	Kent Sugden

Logan plans to return to Oregon and use the analysis and problem-solving skills that he learned within his Chemistry degree to work in technology with data instruments and computer hardware.

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Forensic Chemistry	Kalahikiola Esser	Kent Sugden

Kalahikiola's immediate goal is to find employment in a chemistry or biochemistry laboratory as a technician to gain experience before pursuing more specialized fields of study. Kalahikiola's long term goal is to work in a forensic science laboratory as a chemist or toxicologist. While Missoula would be an ideal place to find work, Kalahikiola is also looking at opportunities in the greater Pacific Northwest region.

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Pharmacology	Allista Vetter	Kent Sugden

Allista plans on gaining experience by finding work in chemistry-related labs while she determines her path through graduate school, with her long-term goal being to work in pharmaceutical development. The UM Chemistry department provided Allista with a supportive environment that fostered growth in her skillset as a chemist and confidence in her knowledge to be successful in her future plans.

Department of Communication Studies

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Communication Studies	Chloe Loeffelholz	Greg Larson

Chloe is graduating as a Communication Studies major, as well as a Davidson Honors College and Franke Global Leadership Initiative scholar. She is an active officer in the UM Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's Honor Society, a recent graduate of the Montana NEW Leadership Program, and was recently recognized by the Davidson Honors College for her service to UM. During her time at UM, she spent time studying communication at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland, and is now graduating Summa Cum Laude.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Human Relationships	Katie Benson	Greg Larson

Katie arrived to the Communication Studies major at UM having earned an AA degree from Missoula College, with honors. She earned a spot on the UM Dean's List in fall of 2020, and was invited to participate in the UM Learning Assistant program in Spring 2021, a program pairing high-performing students with faculty mentors to help transform courses into engaging,

active-learning based courses. In addition to her BA degree in Communication Studies with the Human Relationships option, Katie will also be graduating with a certificate in Health Communication.

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Organizational Communication	Sarah D'Alton	Greg Larson

Sarah is graduating with a major in Communication Studies, an Organizational Communication option, and a minor in Business Administration. In addition to excelling in her classes, maintaining a high GPA and earning four different academic scholarships, Sarah engaged in numerous internship and service activities during her time at the University of Montana.

Sara pursued three meaningful internship experiences with ViacomCBS, Vita Nova Marketing Group, and Big Sky Public Relations. She served the Department of Communication Studies as a social media intern and as a member in the UM Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's Honor Society. She also volunteered with the American Marketing Association, Roots Acro Sports Center and Soft Landing Missoula.

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Rhetoric and Public Discourse	Marley Rose Merchen	Greg Larson

Marley is a wonderful ambassador of UM's best and brightest. Marley shows initiative and highly engages in her courses. Through debating for UM, she demonstrates her talent as a speaker and critical thinker. One professor stated that Marley "has never hesitated to reach out with questions, concerns or comments—I always like seeing emails from Marley in my inbox."

Marley is genuinely curious about class concepts and meets each project with enthusiasm and excitement. Marley is hard-working, intelligent, and mature. She is the kind of student every professor loves to teach.

Department of Computer Science

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Computer Science	Bradley Deibert	Jesse Johnson

In addition to being a true scholar of computer science, Bradley has distinguished himself as a citizen of the department; participating in what social activities still exist in this COVID era, providing consistent and positive input into teams he's been part of, and in general supporting his fellow students. Bradley always demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and ability in his workplace and has taken initiative in finding worthwhile internship experiences. The CS department is delighted to nominate Bradley Deibert for Outstanding Senior.

Department of English

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Creative Writing	Noah Belanger	Judy Blunt

Noah Belanger has distinguished himself across the curriculum during his time at the University of Montana. He has performed at an exceptionally high level in both Creative Writing and Literature courses and in his role on the Nonfiction Board for The Oval (the student literary magazine on campus). He excels in workshops, offering informed and thoughtful critiques of peer work and contributing his own fine stories and essays. His writing demonstrates insight, empathy, and a penetrating self-awareness rare in a young writer's work. He has indeed developed an original voice during his years of study and we look forward to seeing what he will accomplish. Along with talent, Noah possesses determination and discipline. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have him in our classes and workshops in the English Department.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Literature	Abigail Nordstrom	Eric Reimer

Abbie Nordstrom, the Mortar Board Outstanding Senior in Literature, has been a consistently hard-working, thoughtful, and articulate presence in the literature program from the beginning. As an instructor, to see her name on the roster at the beginning of a semester was to feel positive about the class before it had even met. She did superb work in English — distinguishing herself in particular as an adventurous thinker — while at the same time pursuing a double-minor in Irish Studies and Journalism and fulfilling the curricular requirements of the Davidson Honors College. She is a young person with many gifts. We have been proud to have her as a student in the English Department and we look forward to hearing about her accomplishments after graduation.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
English Teaching	Anna Potter	Beverly Chin

Anna Potter is the Mortar Board Outstanding Senior in the English Teaching Program. Anna is currently completing her student teaching in the Florence School District — and receiving wonderful reviews from her mentor teachers. Anna is genuinely committed to helping all students become literate, respectful, and responsible young adults. In addition to her classroom teaching, Anna supports students through her volunteer service to community organizations, including the Writing Coaches of Montana, the Flagship After School Program for Missoula County Public Schools, and the Soft Landing Program in Missoula. Upon graduation, Anna plans to pursue a master's degree in special education.

Department of Geosciences

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Geosciences	Joshua Lundin	Julie Baldwin

Josh is a hard-working student who has been a valued member of the Geosciences department over the past couple of years. He's a serious student who is curious about planet Earth and processes that shape its surface. We are glad Josh chose to major in geosciences and it's been a privilege seeing his growth as a scientist.

Department of History

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
History	Ryan Garnsey	Claire Arcenas

At UM, Ryan Garnsey has dazzled both inside and outside the classroom. A History and Philosophy double major, Ryan has taken tough and demanding courses in both fields, and excelled. In all that he does—from conducting sophisticated research on thinkers such as Dostoevsky and Nietzsche, to serving as a student leader in the College of Humanities and Sciences, to wowing audiences as a much sought-after jazz pianist—Ryan has risen to the very top, standing out, in the words of one faculty member, as “an exceptional all-around talent.” “Seldom in nearly forty years of teaching at UM,” writes Professor Richard Drake, Lucile Speer Research Chair in Politics and History, “have I encountered a student of Ryan’s intellectual caliber, creative imagination, and passion for knowledge.” The History Department is delighted to name Ryan our outstanding graduating senior. Congratulations on your tremendous accomplishments, Ryan!

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
History/ Political Science	Ian Dalzell	Claire Arcenas

As an outstanding student of history and political science at the University of Montana, Ian Dalzell has demonstrated great curiosity, thoughtfulness, ability, and integrity. He excelled in challenging courses on Russian history offered by Professor Robert Greene. Upon hearing that Ian was being considered for recognition as our outstanding History/Political Science graduate, one faculty member wrote that he is a “wonderful student and even better person!”

The History Department is delighted to name Ian our outstanding graduating History & Political Science senior. Congratulations on everything you have achieved at UM, Ian!

Department of Mathematical Sciences

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Applied Math	Haley Wilson	Emily Stone

Haley was admitted to the University of Montana as a Presidential Leadership Scholar in the Davidson Honors College. She was awarded second place in the N.J. Lennes Math Competition for two years in a row, attributing this success to participation in an unofficial math club called “Pizza and Problems.” She received the Anderson Physics Scholarship in 2020. Haley has been offered admission to the Applied Physics and Applied Math department at Columbia University in NYC. If she accepts, she will begin pursuing a PhD in plasma physics in Fall 2021.

Haley started tutoring for the Math Learning Center in Spring 2017. She became Student Coordinator in Fall 2019 and is now one of two Math Learning Center Supervisors. She has tutored Physics for Study Jam for 4 semesters and tutored math for the University of Utah during her semester exchange there. She was also a Learning Assistant for STAT 216 in Spring 2018. Outside of school, Haley does research in the physics department on stellarator fusion optimization and enjoys volunteering as a performer for Missoula Community Theater and fostering dogs for the Humane Society.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Mathematics	Alex Shepherd	Emily Stone

A fourth generation UM-student, Alex is a mathematics major graduating this spring with a double concentration in his bachelor’s degree (the first concentration in applied mathematics and the second in statistics). Within math his interests include mathematical modeling, numerical

techniques, and optimization. He plans on taking the next year off to get professional experience working in industry or government but plans on returning to graduate school at some point thereafter.

Outside of math, Alex likes to stay busy with a variety of activities. He loves nature and while outdoors can often be found either gardening, hiking, running, or spelunking. He also enjoys amateur mycology by doing mushroom identification and making spore prints. In addition to his love of nature, Alex loves animals and helps care for two dogs, a cat, and a potbelly pig named Rosie. When he's not busy with studying, Alex loves to cook, play the piano, and tend to his bonsai trees.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Math Education	Rebecca Ngari Hasenyager	Emily Stone

Rebecca Hasenyager is a Math Education major at Davidson's Honors College. She is currently student teaching at Big Sky High School and working with Missoula Parks and Recreation. Rebecca is also a member of the National Guard and has been in the Army for five years. As a student she has been on the Dean's list every year at the University of Montana, and last year she was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for her work with Covid-19 testing. In her spare time Rebecca enjoys traveling and camping. When she was a Junior in college, she studied abroad in Ireland. While studying abroad she discovered her love for traveling and has since been to 36 different countries. In the future she hopes to continue teaching mathematics in Montana while seizing opportunities to see the world.

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Mathematical Science and Computer Science	Tucker Day	Emily Stone

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Statistics	Brock Adkins	Emily Stone

Brock is a double major in Mathematics and Management Information Systems with a minor in Computer Science. He will be graduating with a distinction in Statistics and also will receive a Big Data Certificate. Initially, he was drawn to the field of Statistics due to his love of sports, and continues to be an avid sports fan to this day.

Brock has accepted a full-time position as an Implementation Consultant with FAST Enterprises after graduation. He will learn where he will be placed in the middle of June and will start training at the end of July. He could be placed in any of the 35 states that they are located, so is really looking forward to going someplace completely new.

Department of Native American Studies

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Native American Studies	Cammie L. DuPuis-Pablo	Kathryn Shanley

The Department of Native American Studies would like to nominate Cammie Pablo for the 34th annual President's Outstanding Senior Award. Cammie Pablo, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai, is a mother of seven children, and she will be graduating this spring earning her B.A. in Native American Studies as well as Communications.

Cammie is a dedicated, enthusiastic, hard-working student who asks important critical questions. Her contributions in the classroom expand the learning experience for the class as a whole as she integrates lived experience with academic learning in her analysis of critical issues facing Indian Country.

Cammie is the recipient of the 2021 Don McGonigle Memorial Scholarship, the 2020 Bonnie Heavy Runner Award, and the 2019 Burt and Eva Spaulding Scholarship and Opportunity Endowment.

Cammie illustrates the resiliency, strength, and commitment needed to overcome adversity and succeed. She says, "Given my level of life experience, I take it very seriously. I want to make sure I set a standard for my kids. Their experience will be different." She is a role model not only for her children but also for UM students and young women from her community on the Flathead Reservation. The NAS faculty and staff are incredibly proud to have her as one of our graduates.

Department of Philosophy

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Philosophy	Natalie Temple	Bridget Clarke

Natalie Temple's work for the Philosophy Department has been exceptionally careful, incisive, and mature. Natalie brings patience, rigor, imagination, and a keen sense for language to philosophical texts and issues of great complexity. She is a clear and powerful thinker, a gifted writer, and a person in whom moral concerns run deep. These qualities set her apart. She will be missed and she will shine.

As her 3.87 GPA only partially attests, Natalie is an intellectual powerhouse with a natural flair for recognizing and sorting through difficult philosophical problems. Although generally quiet in class, when she does speak her comments are invariably insightful and tend to move the class discussion forward. Where she really shines, however, is on her papers, which

showcase a student who thinks clearly, reads carefully, constructs elegant arguments, and writes beautifully. Her many gifts will serve her well in whatever field she chooses to enter.

Department of Physics and Astronomy

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Physics	Haley Wilson	Andrew Ware

Haley has been very active in her time at the University of Montana, including working as a research assistant in computational plasma physics and serving as a tutor both for Study Jam and the Math Learning Center.

Haley has excelled academically at UM and plans on continuing her studies in physics by starting graduate school this fall. Haley has been accepted into the graduate program in physics at Columbia University.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Astronomy	Samuel Schonsberg	Andrew Ware

Sam Schonsberg graduates as one of the five best students in the astrophysics concentration over the past decade. His work set the standard in each of the five upper division astrophysics courses in the department curriculum.

In 2019, Sam was a summer researcher in the University of Wyoming Research Experience for Undergraduates program, where he studied reverberation mapping of active galactic nuclei.

Department of Political Science

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
International Relations and Comparative Politics	Erika Byrne	Peter Koehn

Erika Byrne is an outstanding student and a creative leader. In Spring 2021, she is graduating Summa Cum Laude with a political science major, a business administration minor, and a certificate in global leadership.

Within political science, Erika has concentrated on international relations and comparative politics. She has taken and excelled in courses on international security, the politics

of China, and the politics of global health, environment, and migration. Erika has also studied modern political theory, the American presidency, and media, public opinion, and polling.

In summer 2019, Erika was named a Baucus Leader and served as a Congressional intern in Washington, D.C. Erika has also worked as an ASUM Neighborhood Ambassador, as a student assistant for Mansfield Library Archives & Special Collections, and at UM's Food Pantry.

Erika plans a career in public relations and marketing. While at UM she has developed knowledge and skills in those areas in her business administration minor and in two internships, one in marketing and communications for UM's Global Engagement Office and the other in public relations for a political consulting firm.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Political Science	Amanda Cunningham	Peter Koehn

The Political Science Department nominates Amanda Cunningham as the Outstanding Graduate in Political Science. Amanda completed all 11 courses in her major, including those in her International Relations and Comparative Politics concentration, with straight A grades. This is truly a remarkable record.

She has been a leader on group projects in my upper-division courses. In addition, she has completed a minor in Chinese -- a solid complement to a degree in Political Science. Amanda also has received straight As in all her Honors College courses, including the first semester of her capstone course. Amanda Cunningham truly merits recognition as the Department's Outstanding Graduate in Political Science.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Public Law	Lyndee Nikkila	Peter Koehn

Lyndee Nikkila is an outstanding student. She is graduating with a political science major and a minor in Native American studies. In political science, Lyndee has concentrated on public law. She has also taken several courses on public administration and public policy. Lyndee has studied the Blackfoot language and has taken many courses on environment and sustainability. Lyndee has worked for two years as the Indigenous Outreach Ambassador for UM's Accelerate Montana Rural Innovative Initiative, which encourages and fosters innovative growth in rural and indigenous Montana.

Lyndee also worked as Outreach Coordinator for UM's chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association, promoting public lands to local and state representatives and raising awareness about the importance of protecting wilderness.

After graduating, Lyndee will attend law school, focusing on American Indian law and environmental law. Her goal is to work in collaboration with federal organizations such as the Tribal Court, Tribal Law Enforcement, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the EPA.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Public Administration and Public Policy Option	Jack Marvin Joersz Rinck	Peter Koehn

Jack Rinck earned his BA degree in Political Science in Fall 2021, with High Honors and a concentration in Public Administration and Public Policy, and minored in Climate Change Studies. His extensive volunteer work on and off campus includes serving as ASUM Senator, serving on the MontPIRG board, and founding the UM Ski and Snowboard Club. Jack has continued his work in public service after graduation in his role as lobbyist for ASUM at the Montana Legislative session.

Department of Psychology

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Psychology	Oscar Kronenberger	Yoonhee Jang

Oscar demonstrated the level of commitment necessary to succeed in college and even beyond. Oscar worked as a research assistant to help conduct psychological studies and tutored in psychology classes.

Oscar completed an internship at AWARE, a nonprofit organization that offers community-based support for people with mental health and developmental disabilities. He works in a therapeutic youth group home as a treatment service technician. Oscar plans to pursue a career in Clinical Neuropsychology.

Department of Sociology

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Criminology	Katie Ann Lindner	Daisy Rooks

During her time at UM, Katie volunteered as an advocate for the Student Advocacy Resource Center on campus. In this role she provided direct services to survivors and provided trainings for SARC's outreach program. She also served as a representative for the Make Your Move Council in Missoula, a community-based program aimed to ending sexual violence and promoting health, and was a peer educator for the freshman seminar program at UM. As a peer educator, Katie led students in discussions, shared her personal college experiences, and served as a resource for new UM students.

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Inequality & Social Justice	Mary Lee Winter	Daisy Rooks

After ten years of effort, Lee is proud to be graduating from college with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Her undergraduate education was interrupted by illness early on, and she credits her family, most notably her mother Wynne and her partner Spencer, for making her graduation from UM possible.

During her time at UM she volunteered with Soft Landing Missoula, which both opened her eyes to her capabilities and made her feel welcome in Missoula at a time when she felt very alone. Pending graduate school acceptance, she hopes to pay it forward with a career in Social Work. Lee feels a responsibility to help create support networks for others that are similar to those that she has benefitted from.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Sociology	McCall Burns	Daisy Rooks

McCall Burns is from Seattle, Washington and is on track to graduate Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Sociology, and minor in Environmental Studies, and a Certificate in Environmental Ethics. During his time at UM he spent four semesters on the Dean's List and three semesters on the President's 4.0 GPA List.

At UM McCall was a member of the fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and served as the Scholarship Chair, Warden, and Kitchen Manager before leaving the chapter due to varying ideals and goals. Outside of school he has spent time volunteering with the Hopelink Foundation in Washington, primarily tutoring children in temporary homes. Recently he has been participating in sustainability and environmental justice-based webinars and lectures. In my free time you'll probably find McCall skiing, biking, playing basketball, hiking, fishing, surfing or doing something else outside!

Department of World Languages and Cultures

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
German	Joshua V. Smith	Hiltrud Arens

Joshua Smith is graduating as an outstanding senior in German, after having graduated as a Marketing Major already last semester (Fall 2020). He has maintained a high GPA in German, he has been a very engaged member of the German Club, and active as the President of the Club. In March 2019, Josh was inducted into the National German Honor Society Delta Phi Alpha for being an outstanding student in German. Due to Covid he could not undertake his study abroad

to the Universität Potsdam, Germany, as he had planned it, but new adventures are already on the horizon after graduation.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Japanese	Allison Grigonis	Michihiro Ama

Alli, while majoring in International Business, is one of the three best Japanese majors at UM since the fall semester of 2016. She states that “studying Japanese at UM has opened so many doors for me. I’ve gained a much deeper understanding of the culture and developed the necessary skills to thrive in an increasingly multi-cultural world.” In the fall semester of 2019, Alli studied at Sophia University, a top private university in Japan, through the UM–Sophia exchange and successfully completed its program. Thoughtful, kind, and dedicated, she is an active member of the UM’s Japanese Student Association and has participated in various Japan-related events on campus. Because of her maturity and commitment to studying Japanese, during the academic year 2020–2021 the Japanese program appointed her to a quiz-grader position. After graduation, Alli will seek employment with a Japanese company or American firm that does business primarily with Japan.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Spanish	Fiona Siobhan Bean	Jannine Montauban

Fiona’s love for Spanish started when she was 10 years old. At UM, she has progressed swiftly and with distinction through the B.A. program with a major in Spanish and minors in Psychology and Latin American Studies.

She is an extremely competent student, who distinguishes herself for her relentless intellectual curiosity and passion for analysis. Unfortunately her plans to participate in a study abroad program in the academic year 2020-2021 had to be postponed because of COVID, but she plans to spend time in Cuzco, Peru in the fall of 2021.

Fiona loves horses as much as she loves Spanish. Over the summer, she plans to lead pack trips in the Sawtooth Wilderness. In the fall, after her time in Peru perfecting her Spanish, her plans include applying to Graduate School in Social work. She became interested in pursuing equine therapy as a career after seeing the benefits of the injured veterans equine therapy program her parents host at their ranch every summer.

Division of Biological Sciences

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Cellular & Molecular Neuroscience	Joshua C. Cobb	Creagh Breuner

Joshua volunteers with Griz Health and the Clinical Psychology Center. He has served as a teaching assistant for chemistry, and was also part of a medical mission trip to Peru. Joshua has also been involved in two different research projects: studying aggression in the *Drosophila* model system in the laboratory of Professor Sarah Certel, and stereotype biases with Professor Stuart Hall.

Joshua plans to attend medical school, with the eventual goal to become a primary care physician in a rural community.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Cognitive Neuroscience	Helen Margaris	Creagh Breuner

Helen is an active participant in Mortar Board, and volunteers at Peace Hospice of Montana. She is also a Certified Nursing Assistant and Ward Clerk at Great Falls Clinic Hospital. She has conducted neuropsychology research with Professor Stuart Hall. Helen plans to pursue a Master's degree in Biomedical Sciences before applying to medical schools.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Ecology & Organismal Biology	Kalob Baesen	Creagh Breuner

Kalob conducts independent research in the laboratory of Professor Lila Fishman on the maintenance of a trichome polymorphism in a population of Yellow Monkeyflowers (*Mimulus guttatus*). His current research focuses on analyzing multiple populations of *M. guttatus*, phenotyping for trichome variation across varying environmental conditions. Kalob plans to continue his education in graduate school, with the eventual goal of continuing research on plant biology as a professor.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Human Biological Science	Hannah Catherine Johnson	Creagh Breuner

Hannah is an active member of several ASUM groups, including GrizMed, Pre-PA Club, and TRIO Club. Hannah tutors her TRIO peers in biology and chemistry, as well as serving as a teaching assistant and advanced cadaver dissector for the Anatomy & Physiology lab. She also finds time to conduct research in the laboratory of Professor Zac Cheviron, and presented her results at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Conference in January.

Hannah is also a Certified Nursing Assistant, Medication Technician, and Phlebotomist. Her goal is to become a Physician's Assistant.

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Medical Laboratory Science	Audrey Little	Creagh Breuner

Audrey is a double major in Medical Laboratory Science and Microbiology; she has also been chosen as the outstanding senior in both majors. Audrey volunteers her time with AniMeals, the Montana Science Fair, and with DBS on the Student Evaluation Committee. For several years she has worked in the UM Genomics Core, performing a variety of laboratory tasks, including generating DNA libraries and genetic sequencing.

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Microbial Ecology	Devin Hunt	Creagh Breuner

Devin volunteers much of his time, serving the Division of Biological Sciences as a peer leader for anatomy, a peer advisor, a teaching assistant for cell biology, as well as on the Student Evaluation Committee. He is also an enthusiastic Student Ambassador for the College of Humanities & Sciences. He has worked in the laboratories of three different professors; this work has been published in peer-reviewed journals and presented at national conferences. Devin has been accepted as a prestigious Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. He will eventually continue his education by pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. in immunology, studying host-microbe interactions at the interface between infectious micro-organisms and the human immune system.

Environmental Studies Program

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Environmental Studies	Magalloway Gammons	Dan Spencer

During her time in EVST, Maggie first interned and then became a resident of the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (FLAT). As a resident, she planned community events, maintained native plant & food gardens, and taught visitors about different strategies to reduce their personal carbon footprints. She's been involved in 1000 New Gardens for the past 5 years and served as co-president for 2 years. With this group, Maggie helped lead workshops, fundraisers, and workdays, and coordinated volunteers to build dozens of free garden beds for Missoula residents. She received a Student Sustainability Award for my work with 1000 New Gardens in 2019. Over the past 4 years, Maggie worked at various gardens and farms around Montana, including the UC Gardens, the UM PEAS Farm, Ploughshare Farm, the Fort Missoula Native Plant Garden, and the gardens at the UM FLAT. Maggie is excited to continue farming and gardening after she graduates.

Maggie is also an outstanding student and has compiled a 3.99 GPA while earning double degrees in Environmental Studies and Biology, a Minor in Music, and graduating with Honors and a 4.0 GPA from the Davidson Honors College. Maggie studied Climate Change issues in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam with EVST Professor Dan Spencer and the Mansfield Center wintersession Vietnam course. She was awarded the Kain-McKay Award as Outstanding Junior Student in the Environmental Studies Program.

Linguistics Program

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Linguistics	Mackenzie Rosenleaf	Mizuki Miyashita

Mackenzie took her first Linguistics class in her first year at UM. She continued to study linguistics as an option for her Anthropology major, and when the BA in Linguistics was established in 2019, she declared linguistics as her major. Mackenzie takes great pleasure in the study of languages and linguistics, and loves to share her passion with others. Mackenzie was an active member of the Linguistics Club. She also took various leadership roles on the UM campus. She ran tables at every International Festival, participated in World Languages Day, played in the UM marching band, and worked for the UM Foundation. Notably, she revived and led the UM Arabic Language and Culture Club as President for two years. She also started a Poetry Club.

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	McKenzie Carter	Elizabeth Hubble

Kenzie is an exemplary student who embodies the mission of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program with their commitment to academics and activism. In addition to excelling in the classroom, Kenzie has worked with Empower Montana and Forward Montana to advance diversity, equity, and inclusivity. Kenzie is a leader in the classroom and beyond. WGSS is proud to nominate Kenzie Carter as our 2020-2021 Outstanding Senior. Kenzie represents the heart of WGSS.