

Individualized Major Graduating Seniors



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Andrew Abbagnaro

CAHNR IMJR: Fermentation Science (BS)

Minor: Food Science

Primary Advisor: Dennis D'Amico, ANSC

Charles Abrams

CAHNR IMJR: Exercise Physiology and Health (BS)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 semesters

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Craig Denegar, KINS

Thesis: Resistance Training and Health Outcomes in the Elderly Population

Roselia Aluia

CLAS IMJR: Crime, Law, and Justice (BA)

Minor: Spanish

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 semesters

Academic Awards: New England Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa

Internship: Congresswoman Kathrine Clark's Office (Summer 2018); Governor Dannel Malloy's Office (Fall 2018)

Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl, POLS

Thesis Supervisor: Charles Venator Santiago, POLS

Thesis: Immigrants in the Media

Sokaina Asar

CLAS IMJR: Neuroscience (BS)

Minor: Studio Art

Honors Program

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: John Salamone, PSYC

Thesis: The Role of Interleukin 1-Beta in Motivation and Effort-Related Behaviors in a Rat Model: Reversal by an Atypical Dopamine Transport Inhibitor

Amanda Ausburger

CAHNR: IMJR: Elite Athletic Performance (BS)

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Douglas Casa, KINS

Thesis: Thermal Load of Artificial Playing Surfaces

Camilla Baronas

CLAS IMJR: Interpreting Between ASL and English (BA)

Double Major: Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Dean's List: 7 semesters

Academic Awards: PCLB Undergraduate Research Award (2018), New England Scholar

Primary Advisor: Linda Pelletier, LING

Thesis Supervisor: Marie Coppola, PSYC

Thesis: Examining Inconsistencies of False Beliefs

Akshayaa Chittibabu

CLAS IMJR: Health, Policy, and Social Medicine (BS)

Minor: Sociology

Honor's Program

Dean's List: 6 semesters

Academic Awards: Holster Scholarship (2016), Academic Excellence Scholarship, STEM Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, New England Scholar, Alpha Lambda Delta, Harry S. Truman Scholar (2018), Marshall Scholar (2019), Newman Civic Fellowship (2017), Honorable Mention Wallace Stevens Poetry Prize

Study Abroad: Gwangju, South Korea, Summer 2017

Internships: Congressional Internship with U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (Spring 2019), United Nations Foundation Global Health Fellowship (Spring 2018), Health Research Program Research Internship (Summer 2017), Innovation Fellowship with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Summer 2018)

Primary Advisor: Kathryn Ratcliff, SOCI

Thesis Supervisor: Audrey Chapman, CMHC

Thesis: Should Public Funds Be Used For Private Development of Stem Cell Therapies? An Exploration of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine's Model

Bryce Ciccaglione

CLAS IMJR: Global Finance and Political Economy (BA)

Minors: Economics

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 semesters

Academic Awards: Phi Beta Kappa

Study Abroad: Italy, Spring 2018

Internship: International Trade Administration, NYC (Summer 2018)

Academic Awards: New England Scholar (Spring 2017), Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta

Primary Advisor: Jennifer Sterling-Folker, POLS

Thesis Supervisor: Stan McMillen, ECON

Thesis: Utilizing Blockchain Trade Finance to Promote Financial Inclusion

Michael Cid

CLAS IMJR: Property Management & Investment (BA)

Dean's List: 1 semester

Primary Advisor: Carol Atkinson-Palombo, GEOG

Katia Daley

CLAS IMJR: Health in the Latino Community (BA)

Double Major: Latino and Latin American Studies

Minor: Spanish

Dean's List: 2 semesters

Internship: Hispanic Health Council, Hartford; Migrant Farm Workers Clinic, UConn Health

Primary Advisor: Anne Gebelein, LLAS

Garrett D'Amato

CLAS IMJR: Law and Society (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Honors Program

Special Program in Law

Dean's List: 2 semesters

Internships: Congressional Internship with Senator Richard Blumenthal, Washington D.C.

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Charles Venator, POLS

Thesis: Islands in Limbo: An Argument for Anchoring Virgin Island's Citizenship in the Fourteenth Amendment

Alyssa Delaubell

CLAS IMJR: Organizational Leadership (BA)

Minor: Equine Business Management

Internship: Enterprise Holdings

Primary Advisor: Rory McGloin, COMM

Martina Digrazia

CLAS IMJR: Human Resources and the Workplace (BA)

Dean's List: 3 semesters

Internship: UConn Foundation Human Resources

Primary Advisor: David Atkin, COMM

Thesis Supervisor, Peter Diplock, CETL

Thesis: Gender Pay Inequities

Joseph Dipietro

CLAS IMJR: Creativity and Learning (BA)

Primary Advisor: Marie Coppola, PSYC

Leslie Dunn

CAHNR IMJR: Health and Wellness (BS)

Minor: Psychological Sciences

Honors Program

Dean's List: 7 semesters

Primary Advisor: Elaine Lee, KINS

Jenna Dwy

CLAS IMJR: Disability Studies (BA)
Double Major: Human Rights
Dean's List: 2 semesters
Academic Awards: Mark S. Rudy Award Recipient
Internship: Jett Foundation (May to December 2018)
Primary Advisor: Doreen Simons, LING

Madeline Farrell

CLAS IMJR: Genetics and Psychological Development (BS)
Minors: Molecular and Cellular Biology, Psychological Sciences
Honors Program
Dean's List: 2 semesters
Study Abroad: University of Edinburgh, Scotland (Fall 2018)
Internship: CT General Assembly Legislative Internship (Spring 2019)
Primary Advisor: James Chrobak, PSYC
Thesis Supervisor: Erin Young, NURS
Thesis: Does Spinal Cord Injury Increase Gene Expression for Pain Relevant Markers in Visceral Markers?

André Fecteau

CLAS IMJR: Information Systems Operations (BA)
Dean's List: 1 semester
Campus position: UConn IT Department
Primary Advisor: David Atkin, COMM

Alec Graham

CLAS IMJR: Sport Promotion (BA)
Minor: Communication
Primary Advisor: David Atkin, COMM

Annika Grewal

CLAS IMJR: Genomics, Heredity, and Health (BA)
Primary Advisor: Caitlin Lombardi, HDFS

Danielle Hartshorn

CLAS IMJR: Film and Global Activism (BA)
Double Major: Human Rights
Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: David Richards, HRTS
Thesis: Sexual Assault Recovery in the LGBTQIA+ Community

Jonathon Hastings

CLAS IMJR: Community Health (BA)
Double Major: Molecular and Cell Biology
Minors: Mathematics, Human Rights
Honors Program
Dean's List: 6 Semesters
Study Abroad: South Africa (Summer 2016)
Primary Advisor: Sarah Willen, ANTH
Thesis Supervisor: Stephen Schensul, CMHC
Thesis: Analyzing the Impact of Behavioral Modifications in Delaying the Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology (CKDu) Amongst Rural Laborers in Sri Lanka: A Multidisciplinary Approach

Matthew Himpele

CLAS IMJR: Sport Operations (BA)
Double Major: Communication
Minor: Sociology
Primary Advisor: Stephen Stifano, COMM

Haley Hinton

CLAS IMJR: Law, Science, and Technology (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Honors Program

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Academic Awards: Accelerated Program in Law; 2017 New England Scholar; Pi Sigma Alpha; Undergraduate Student Government External Affairs Chairwoman; UConn School of Law Dean's Council Representative 2019-2020, Phi Alpha Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship Director 2016-2017

Internships: Claims Legal Intern, Travelers Insurance (Summer 2019); Research Assistant to Head of UConn School of Law Library (Spring 2019)

Primary Advisor: Prakash Kashwan, POLS

Thesis Supervisor: Molly Land, LAW

Thesis: Spit-Take: The Surprisingly Unregulated Realm of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing and Proposed Policy Solutions

Cassandra Hobbs

CLAS IMJR: Crime, Law and Justice (BA)

Double Major: English

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Internship: CT General Assembly (Spring 2018)

Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl, POLS

Joshua Hooper

CLAS IMJR: International Relations (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Minor: European Studies

Dean's List: 6 Semesters

Academic Awards: New England Scholar (2016, 2017), Phi Beta Kappa

Study Abroad: Martinique (Winter 2017), Paris, France (Fall 2017)

Primary Advisor: Zehra Arat, POLS

Geoffrey Horvath

CLAS IMJR: Historical Linguistics (BA)

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Study Abroad: Edinburgh, Scotland

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Andrea Calabrese, LING

Thesis: Linguistic Contact and Conflict in the Balkans

Elise Huysman

CAHNR IMJR: Aquaculture and Fisheries (BS)

Primary Advisor: Jason Vokoun, NRE

Sahar Iqbal

CLAS IMJR: International Health and Law (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Minor: Psychological Sciences

Honors Program

Dean's List: 4 Semesters

Academic Awards: New England Scholar (Spring 2017), Phi Beta Kappa

Internships: Aetna GMPD (Summer 2018)

Primary Advisor: Kathryn Ratcliff, SOCI

Thesis Supervisor: César Abadía-Barrero, ANTH

Thesis: The Opioid Epidemic in a Black and White World: Racial Bias and Medical Negligence

Abby Katz

CLAS IMJR: Food, Culture, and Sustainable Society (BA)

Double Major: Human Rights

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Academic Awards: New England Scholar (2018), Global Citizenship Scholarship, Fall 2018

Study Abroad: Italy (Fall 2018)

Internships: Fundraising Intern with CLiCK Willimantic (Spring 2017), Research Assistant with UConn Rudd Center for

Food Policy and Obesity (Since May 2018)

Primary Advisor: Phoebe Godfrey, SOCI

Danielle LaMay

CLAS IMJR: Computational Neuroscience (BS)

Minors: Computer Science, Cognitive Science, Psychology

Honors Program

Dean's List: 2 Semesters

Study Abroad: Tianjin, China (Summer 2016); Neuroscience in

Salamanca, Spain (Summer 2017)

Primary Advisor: Ian Stevenson, PSYC

Thesis Supervisor: Edward Large, PSYC

Thesis: The Effect of Different Rhythmic Frequencies on Negative Mean Asynchrony

Kaitlyn Luft

CLAS IMJR: Global Health Promotion (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

Study Abroad: Cape Town, Spring 2017

Primary Advisor: César Abadía-Barrero, ANTH

Sahil Lau

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)

Double Major: Molecular and Cell Biology

Minors: Spanish, Anthropology

Honors Program

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Academic Awards: Travel to Conduct Summer Research Grant (2018)

Study Abroad: Neuroscience in Salamanca, Spain (Summer 2017)

Internships: Clinical Research Assistant at Yale New Haven Hospital (Summer 2018) and CT Children's Medical Center (Since Fall 2017)

Academic Awards: Babbidge Scholar (2018), STEM Scholar, IDEA Grant Recipient (2018-2019), Fulbright UK Open

Study Award Semifinalist (2018-2019)

Primary Advisor: Sarah Willen, ANTH

Thesis Supervisor: Victoria Robinson, MCB

Thesis: Examining Geographical Influences in SCD Disease Pain Management

Hanna Lebuhn

CLAS IMJR: Health Studies

Minor: Spanish

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Study Abroad: Argentina (Spring 2018)

Primary Advisor: Kathryn Ratcliff, SOCI

Sarah Lynch

CLAS IMJR: Youth Mental Health Through Creativity (BA)

Double Major: Psychological Sciences

Minor: Studio Art

Deans List: 6 Semesters

Academic Awards: Phi Beta Kappa

Primary Advisor: Stephanie Milan, PSYC

Thesis Supervisor: James Kaufman, EPSY

Thesis: Creative Potential and Stress Reduction

Syed Naqvi

CLAS IMJR: Culture, Environment, and Health (BS)

Additional Degree: Biological Sciences (BS)

Minor: Ecology/Evolutionary Biology

Honors Program

Deans List: 2 Semesters

Academic Awards: Research Supply Award, McNair Scholar

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Pamela Diggie, EEB

Thesis: Clean Water: Social Impacts, Challenges, and Nanotechnology as a Potential Solution

Avi Patel

CLAS IMJR: Health, Medicine, and Society (BA)

Additional Degree: Molecular and Cell Biology (BS)

Honors Program

Deans List: 7 Semesters

Academic Awards: University Scholar, Babbidge Scholar

Study Abroad: Almansa, Spain (Winter 2016)

Primary Advisor: Pamela Erickson, ANTH

Thesis Supervisor: Victoria Robinson, MCB

Thesis: Promotion of Safe Sleep Practices in the Hospital Setting & Beyond

Jennifer Purdon

CLAS IMJR: Health and Wellness Through Music (BA)

Minor: Psychological Sciences

Deans List: 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Crystal Park, PSYC

Thesis Supervisor: Rod Nelman, MUSI

Thesis: Psychedelics and Music for Healing

Elizamarie Quinn-Alger

CLAS IMJR: Disability Studies (BA)

Minor: Human Development and Family Studies

Academic Awards: Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society

Primary Advisor: Laura Mauldin, HDFS

Olivia Reid

CLAS IMJR: Healthcare and Policy (BA)

Minor: Health Care Management and Insurance Studies

Primary Advisor: Marysol Asencio, SOCI

Kelsey Richard

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BS)

Minor: Spanish

Honors Program

Deans List: 7 Semesters

Academic Awards: University Scholar, New England Scholar, Health Research Program participant, SURF recipient, Phi Beta Kappa

Study Abroad: Dominican Republic (Alternate break)

Primary Advisor: Kathryn Ratcliff, SOCI

Thesis Supervisor: Caroline Dealy, UCHC

Thesis: Effect of Mechanical Load on Regenerative Responses in Knee Articular Cartilage

Veronica Rollins

CLAS IMJR: Law and Immigration (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Minor: Spanish

Honors Program

Deans List: 4 Semesters

Academic Awards: SURF Award Recipient (Summer 2018)

Internship: Washington D.C. Congressional Internship with Congressman Joe Courtney

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Charles Venator Santiago, POLS

Thesis: Temporary Protected Status El Salvador

Amy Saji

CLAS IMJR: Inequality, Law, and Society

Double Major: Political Science

Honors Program

Deans List: 4 Semesters

Academic Awards: Arthur O. Bayer CLAS Award, John G. Hill Political Science Award, Irving Smirnoff Political Science Award, Leadership Merit Scholarship, New England Scholar, SHARE Award, Travel to Present Research Grant, Special Program in Law, UConn Accelerated Program in Law, Alan R. Bennett Political Science Research Assistant

Internships: Political Engagement Program in UConn Community

Outreach (2018-2019); CT Women's Education and Legal Fund, the

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Friends of

Jahana Hayes (Summer 2018); Connecticut Judicial Branch,

Connecticut Democratic Party (Summer 2017); US House of Representatives, CT-5 (Summer 2016)

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Kimberly Bergendahl, POLS

Thesis: "Real vs. Reel": Lessons of *Chicago P.D.* in the Current Climate of Increased Police Brutality

Aziz Sandhu

CLAS IMJR: Global Health

Deans List: 2 Semesters

Academic Awards: Cohen Student Leadership Scholarship (Spring 2018), Emerging Leader's Award Finalist (Spring 2016)

Internships: Connecticut Department of Children and Families (Since Fall 2018), Office of U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (Summer 2018), Connecticut Children's Medical Center Injury Prevention Center (Summer 2017), Eastern Highlands Health District (Summer 2016)

Primary Advisor: Pamela Erickson, ANTH

Thesis Supervisor: Kathryn Ratcliff, SOCI

Thesis: Black Maternal Mortality in America

Haley Saracin

CLAS IMJR: Fashion Merchandising

Minor: Communication

Study Abroad: London College of Fashion (Spring 2018)

Internships: Midori Linea, Spring 2019

Primary Advisor: David Atkin, COMM

Mareyna Simon

CLAS IMJR: Neuroscience (BS)

Double Major: Psychological Sciences

Honors Program

Deans List: 6 Semesters

Academic Awards: 2017 New England Scholar, 2018 Babbidge Scholar, OUR Supply Awards, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, Psi Chi

Internships: Grace Webb School with the Institute of Living (2017-2018)

Primary Advisor: Blair Johnson, PSYC

Thesis: Using Computer-Grade EEG Devices to Measure Mediation Progress: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Daniel Sitkovetskiy

CLAS IMJR: Information Systems and Technology (BS)

Internships: Webster Bank CIO Information Technology (Summer 2018)

Primary Advisor: Jun Yan, STAT

Alexandra Sterck

CLAS IMJR: Visual Media and Culture (BA)

Internship: Media, Graphics, and eCommerce internship with Yosi Samra

Primary Advisor: Rory McGloin, COMM

Amani Strickland

CLAS IMJR: Sport Promotion (BA)

Minor: Communication

Deans List: 1 Semester

Academic Awards: Sigma Alpha Pi Honor Society

Primary Advisor: Leslie Snyder, COMM

Thesis Supervisor: Joseph Cooper, EDLR

Thesis: Difficulties Women of Color Face in Sport

Emilyn Tuomala

CLAS IMJR: International Security (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Minor: History

Honors Program

Deans List: 6 Semesters

Academic Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha, New England Scholar

Internships: Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance (Summer 2018)

Primary Advisor & Thesis Supervisor: Evan Perkoski, POLS

Thesis: Determining Defense: Bureaucracy, Threat and Missile Defense

Michael Vaz

CLAS IMJR: Global Studies (BA)

Double Major: Economics

Study Abroad: Internship in London, England (Summer 2018)

Primary Advisor: William Berensten, GEOG

Gauri Verma

CLAS IMJR: Global Health and Policy (BA)

Double Major: Biological Sciences

Minor: Human Rights

Deans List: 3 Semesters

Internship: CT General Assembly (Spring 2019)

Primary Advisor: Blair Johnson, PSYC

Mariah Visco

CLAS IMJR: Behavioral Neuroscience (BA)

Deans List: 1 Semester

Study Abroad: Greece (Spring 2019)

Primary Advisor: James Chrobak, PSYC

Emily Wainfan

CLAS IMJR: Global Studies

Double Major: Communication

Deans List: 3 Semesters

Study Abroad: Italy (Spring 2018)

Primary Advisor: Stephen Dyson, POLS

Mariel Wilson

CLAS IMJR: Community Health and Wellness

Double Major: French

Study Abroad: France (Spring 2017)

Internships: UConn Connects, AAC Academic Achievement Center Coach

Primary Advisor: Crystal Park, PSYC

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