

Individualized Major Graduating Seniors



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December 2019 Graduates

Erin Blake

CLAS IMJR: Mental Health and Well-Being (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List 5 Semesters

Internship: Children Making Strides, Fall River, MA (Summer 2019)

SHARE Award Recipient (Spring 2019)

New England Scholar (2017, 2018)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Crystal Park, PSYC

Thesis: Childhood Toxic Stress, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Well-Being of College Students

Amanda Clark

CLAS IMJR: Consumer Behavior (BA)

Double Major: Economics

Minor: Real Estate

Primary Advisor: Janet Barnes-Farrell, PSYC

Nicole Gagnon

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

Double Major: History

Honors Program

Dean's List 1 Semesters

Study Abroad: Lorenzo de'Medici Institute, Florence, Italy (Summer 2017)

Internship: Office of the State's Attorney, Middletown, CT (Summer 2018); Survivors of Homicide, Inc.,

Wethersfield, CT (Summer 2019); Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Legal Affairs Unit, Middletown, CT (Summer 2019); Division of Public Defender Services, Danielson, CT (Summer 2019)

Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl, POLS

Thesis Supervisor: Melanie Newport, HIST

Thesis: "All the Protection that a Court Can Throw": *Buck v. Bell*, *Skinner v. Oklahoma*, and the Persistent Progression of Eugenic Sterilization Laws in the 1930s

Laura Jones

CLAS IMJR: Biodiversity and Visual Media (BS)

Honors Program

Dean's List 3 Semesters

Study Abroad: University of Hong Kong (Spring 2018)

Internship: UConn Extension, New London Branch: Sustainable Turf and Landscape Management

(Summer 2019); UConn Natural History Research Collections, Army Ant Guest Project (Summer 2016)

Academic Excellence Scholarship (2013-2017)

SURF Award (2018)

Supply Grant Recipient (2019)

Excellence in Chinese Language (2016)

Global Citizen Award (2018)

Primary Advisor: Chris Elphick, EEB

Thesis Supervisor: Robert Bagchi, EEB

Thesis: Effect of Mycorrhizae on Growth in Prairie Grass along a Soil Moisture Gradient

Cezar Nedelcu

CLAS IMJR: Film and Literary Studies (BA)

Minor: French

Dean's List 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Patrick Hogan, ENGL

Imani Vaught

CLAS IMJR: Health, Wellness, and Reproduction (BA)
Primary Advisor: Shannon Weaver, HDFS

Wanqiao Wang

CLAS IMJR: Behavioral Neuroscience (BA)
Double Major: Philosophy
Dean's List 1 Semester
State of Connecticut Governor's Office (Fall 2019); State of Connecticut Judicial Branch (Summer 2019);
State of Connecticut General
Assembly, Representative Mary Mushinsky's Office (Spring & Summer 2019); Chicago City Council,
Committee on Finance (Summer 2018);
UConn PIRG, Antibiotic Campaign (Spring 2018); Tianjin Union Medical Centre (Fall 2017)
Phi Sigma Pi
National Society of Leadership and Success
Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Heather Read, PSYC
Thesis: Neuromechanism of Perceptual Bias

Damian Williamson

CLAS IMJR: Family Health (BS)
Honor's Program
Dean's List 1 Semester
Primary Advisor: Crystal Park, PSYC
Thesis Supervisor: Alison Kohan, NUSC
Thesis: Nutrition Initiative in University Dining Halls

Deyi Xin

CLAS IMJR: Sport Promotion (BA)
Primary Advisor: Thomas Miceli, ECON

May 2020 Graduates

Carolina Amigo

CLAS IMJR: Film Studies (BA)

Double Major: Communication

Honors Program

Internship: ITV America, Stamford, CT

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)

Thesis: Risen

Daasebre Asante

CLAS IMJR: Comparative Law and Society (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Mathew B. Schechter Scholarship

Internship: Collins Aerospace

Primary Advisor: Charles Venator (POLS)

Madeleine Aseltine

CLAS IMJR: Community Health and Wellness (BA)

Double Major: Communication

Honors Program

Dean's List 1 Semester

Internships: CT Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Primary Advisor: Leslie Snyder (COMM)

Thesis Supervisor: Michael Puglisi (NUSC)

Thesis: Social Determinants of Health in a Clinical Setting

Julia Audibert

CLAS IMJR: Law and Gender (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Internship: Virtus Investment Partners, Hartford, CT; District Attorney's Office, Hartford, CT

Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl (POLS)

Dylan Barret

CLAS IMJR: Sport Analysis (BA)

Dean's List 1 Semester

Internship: Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Jun Yan (STAT)

Thesis: When is the Best Time to Steal Bases?

Colby Benedict

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BS)

Double Major: Mathematics-Statistics

Dean's List 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Jun Yan (STAT)

Thesis Supervisor: David Gregorio (PUBH)

Thesis: Data Science and Lyme Disease Prediction

Amelia Rae Bowman

CLAS IMJR: Young Adult Fiction: Identity and Diversity (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List 6 Semesters

IDEA Grant Recipient (Summer 2018)

Study Abroad: University of Auckland, New Zealand (Spring 2018)

Internship: Neuwirth and Associates, New York, NY

Primary Advisor: Barbara Gurr (WGSS)

Thesis Supervisor: Victoria Smith (ENGL)

Thesis: The Creation of Spark: Crafting a Young Adult Novel

Mead Bragdon

CLAS IMJR: Marine Fisheries Policy and Management (BA)

Internships: USS Niagara; Erie Maritime Museum

Primary Advisor: Matthew McKenzie (HIST)

Haley Brennan

CLAS IMJR: Spirituality, Culture, and Health (BA)

Double Major: Environmental Science

Dean's List 7 Semesters

Study Abroad: Patagonia, Chile

New England Scholar

Presidential Scholarship

Phi Beta Kappa

Primary Advisor: Merrill Singer (ANTH)

Thesis Supervisor: Pamela Erickson (ANTH)

Thesis: Preparing Future Health Care Workers: An Assessment of Undergraduate Integrative Pre-Health Education

Isheeka Bruce

CLAS IMJR: Sports Operations (BA)

Internship: UConn Athletics; UConn Softball

Primary Advisor: David Atkin (COMM)

Courtney Canterbury

CLAS IMJR: Sports Operations (BA)

Primary Advisor: Janet Barnes-Farrell (PSYC)

Leelakrishna Channa

CLAS IMJR: Healthcare and Society (BA)

Double Major: Molecular and Cell Biology

Honors Program

Special Program in Medicine

Dean's List 4 Semesters

New England Scholar

Phi Beta Kappa

Student Leader of Character Award

CLAS Award for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Connecticut Area Physicians of Indian Origin Undergraduate Award

Internship: Health Research Program, Center for Quantitative Medicine, UConn Medical School; Pre-Med Research Program, Hartford Hospital

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Spencer Nyholm (MCB)

Thesis: Role of Multidrug Resistance Protein 4 in the Pathogenesis of Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Diseases

Taaj Cheema

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BS)

Double Major: Molecular and Cell Biology

Internship: CertaScan Technologies; Gartner

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Jun Yan (STAT)

Thesis: The NBA's Offensive Revolution: An Analysis of Oliver's Four Factors in the Golden Age of NBA Offense

Laura Cody

CAHNR IMJR: Community Nutrition and Wellness Education (BA)

Study Abroad: Florence, Italy

Internship: Natchaug Elementary School

Primary Advisor: Gerald Berkowitz (PSLA)

Annie Coleman

CLAS IMJR: Consumer Behavior (BA)
Double Major: Communication
Dean's List 1 Semester
Primary Advisor: Thomas Meade (COMM)

Emily Cote

CLAS IMJR: Social Branding and Visual Media (BA)
Double Major: French
Dean's List 2 Semesters
Study Abroad: Paris, France
Fanny Hathaway Academic Achievement Award (LCL)
Primary Advisor: Anke Finger (LCL)

Ashlee Dahman

CLAS IMJR: Criminal Behavior and Language (BA)
Double Major: Psychological Sciences
Primary Advisor: Brad Wright (SOCL)

Semir Dervisi

CLAS IMJR: Law and Society (BA)
Double Major: Political Science
Dean's List 1 Semester
Primary Advisor: Evan Perkoski (POLS)

Brooke Foley

CLAS IMJR: Consumer Behavior (BA)
Primary Advisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)

Yvoneed Francois

CLAS IMJR: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Healthcare (BA)
Study Abroad: South Africa
Primary Advisor: Marysol Asencio (SOCL)

Nicole Gagnon

CLAS IMJR: Crime, Justice, and Law (BA)
Double Major: History
Honor's Program
Dean's List 2 Semesters
Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl (POLS)
Thesis Supervisor: Melanie Newport (HIST)
Thesis: Eugenics and Criminal Justice

Taylor Globelnik

CLAS IMJR: Fashion Merchandising (BA)
Minor: Communication
Study Abroad: London (Spring 2019)
Internships: Tablelist; Bitemojo
Primary Advisor: Svetlana Kalnova (COMM)

Chelsea Hopper

CLAS IMJR: International Commerce and Promotion (BA)
Study Abroad: New South Wales, Australia (Spring 2019)
Primary Advisor: Cindy Zhang (GEOG)

Kyla Irwin

CLAS IMJR: Youth Development and Disability (BA)
American Athletic Conference Honor Roll
Athletic Director's Honor Roll Team Impact Fellow

Primary Advisor: Shannon Weaver (HDFS)

Sydney Katz

CLAS IMJR: Neuroscience (BS)

Honor's Program

Dean's List 5 Semesters

New England Scholar

Internship: New England Institute for Clinical Research

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: John Salamone (PSYC)

Thesis: Reversal of Amotivational Effects of Lipopolysaccharide-induced Inflammation by 2-Deoxyglucos

Grayson Keith

CAHNR IMJR: Exercise Physiology and Sports Nutrition (BS)

Primary Advisor: Robert Huggins (KINS)

Caitlin Keith

CLAS IMJR: Nutrition, Food Policy, and Sustainability (BS)

Internships: Waterford Country School Dietetics; Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity; Parkville Market, Hartford, CT

Primary Advisor: Maria Luz Fernandez (NUSC)

Nadia Koltchine

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

Double Major: Sociology

Primary Advisor: Brad Wright (SOCl)

Helen Li

CLAS IMJR: Computational Linguistics (BA)

Honor's Program

Dean's List 1 Semester

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Stefan Kaufmann (LING)

Thesis: Hate Speech Classification

Yixiao Liu

CLAS IMJR: Sport Promotion (BA)

Dean's List 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: David Atkin, COMM

Spencer Low

CLAS IMJR: Computational Neuroscience (BS)

Minor: Psychology

Honor's Program

Dean's List 7 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar

New England Scholar

Study Abroad: UConn Neuroscience in Salamanca Spain (Summer 2019)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Advisor: Fumiko Hoeft (PSYC)

Thesis: Applying Machine Learning to Neuroimaging Data to Identify Predictive Models of Reading Disorder

Jacquida Mars

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

Double Major: Psychology

Primary Advisor: Brad Wright (SOCl)

Jillian Mazon

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BA)

Study Abroad: Sevilla, Spain

Internships: United Bank and ESPN

Primary Advisor: Jun Yan (STAT)

Thesis Supervisor: Jennifer Dineen (PP)

Thesis: Public Opinion and the Framing of School Shootings: A Comparison of the Sandy Hook and Parkland Massacres

Marie-Claire Meadows

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)

New England Scholar

Individual Husky Pride Award

Study Abroad: Switzerland (Spring 2019)

Internship: One Heart Source, Hout Bay, South Africa

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Chrystal Smith (ANTH)

Thesis: Epidemiological Challenges of Disaster Response

Lhaze Metok

CAHNR IMJR: Community Health and Wellness (BS)

Primary Advisor: Rhonda Brownbill (NUSC)

Avery Miller

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BA)

Internship: Suanda Communication and Development Lab

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Alexandra Paxton (PSYC)

Thesis: Predicting Meme Success with Linguistic Features

Annette Montoya

CAHNR IMJR: Landscape Design for Cognitive Development (BS)

Internship: Perennial Harmony, East Lyme, CT (Summer 2016); Outdoor Lifestyles (Spring 2017)

IDEA Grant Recipient

Primary Advisor: Gerald Berkowitz, PSLA

Thesis Supervisor: Gerald Berkowitz PSLA

Thesis: The Cognitive Garden: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Designing Spaces for Children that Encourages Cognitive Development

Adrienne Nguyen

CLAS IMJR: Health in the Environment (BA)

Double Major: Molecular and Cell Biology

Honor's Program

Dean's List 2 Semesters

Study Abroad: Katowice, Poland

Internships: UConn Migrant Farm Worker's Clinic; Health Research Program, UConn Health Center;

UConn Brownfield Redevelopment

Primary Advisor: Mark Boyer (GEOG)

Thesis Advisor: Maria Chrysochou (CE)

Thesis: Environmental Justice in Brownfield Redevelopment

Jacob Notinger

CAHNR IMJR: Athletic Physiology (BS)

Primary Advisor: Lindsay Distefano (KINS)

Kiana Nowlin

CLAS IMJR: The Black Experience and Global Health (BA)

UNCF STEM Fund Award Recipient

Study Abroad: South Africa (Summer 2019)

Primary Advisor: Chrystal Smith (ANTH)

William Padilla

CLAS IMJR: Fashion Merchandising (BA)
Study Abroad: London College of Fashion
Primary Advisor: Svetlana Kalnova (COMM)

Nicolle Pereira

CLAS IMJR: American Sign Language and Deaf Studies (BA)
Dean's List 3 Semesters
New England Scholar
Primary Advisor: Doreen Simons (LING)

Caitlyn Pesavento

CLAS IMJR: Crime, Law, and Gender (BA)
Additional Degree: Finance
Honor's Program
Dean's List 1 Semester
Special Program in Law
Accelerated Program in Law
Hubbell Richard W. Davies Scholarship
New England Scholar
Best Finance Thesis Award
Internships: Aetna; CT Division of Public Defender Services
Primary Advisor: Christine Sylvester (POLS)
Thesis Supervisor: Mary Bernstein (SOC)
Thesis: The Impact of Implicit Bias on Mandatory Arrest Policy

Madison Richardson

CLAS IMJR: Consumer Behavior (BA)
Primary Advisor: David Atkin (COMM)

Abigail Roth

CLAS IMJR: Global Health and the Environment (BA)
Dean's List 2 Semesters
Study Abroad: University of Wollongong, Australia (Spring 2019)
Primary Advisor: Mark Boyer (GEOG)

Nicole Sacilowski

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)
Study Abroad: Switzerland
Primary Advisor: Sarah Willen (ANTH)

Benjamin Saltzman

CLAS IMJR: Health Policy in Sport (BA)
Honor's Program
Dean's List 3 Semesters
Internship: Korey Stringer Institute
Primary Advisor: William Simonsen (PP)
Thesis Supervisors: Douglas Casa & Samantha Scarneo-Miller (KINS)
Thesis: The Influence of Required Policies on Local High School Adoption in the United States

Jack Schooley

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BS)
Double Major: Applied Mathematical Sciences
Honors Program
Dean's List: 7 semesters
STEM Scholar
Phi Beta Kappa
Babbidge Scholar
New England Scholar
Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Jun Yan (STAT)
Thesis: Predicting the Outcome of Soccer Games

Ava Stavris

CLAS IMJR: Criminal Behavior and Law (BA)
Double Major: Psychological Sciences
Primary Advisor: Bradley Wright (SOCI)

Serena Thadani

CLAS IMJR: International Relations (BA)
Double Major: French
Dean's List: 4 semesters
New England Scholar
Study Abroad: Paris, France
Internships: Cravath, Swaine, and Moore; United Nations Population Fund; Pfizer
Primary Advisor: Alexander Anievas (POLS)

Jeremie Tomkins

CLAS IMJR: Information Systems and Analytics (BA)
Co-op of the Year Award
Internship: Pratt and Whitney
Primary Advisor: Owen Svalestad (ECON)

Matthew Valdes

CLAS IMJR: Philology and Historical Linguistics (BA)
Dean's List: 5 semesters
Primary Advisor: Hendrikus van der Hulst (LING)
Thesis Supervisor: Andrea Calabrese (LING)
Thesis: The Morphosyntax of Verb-Initial Compounds in Ancient Greek

Michelle Veliz

CLAS IMJR: Crime and Justice Studies (BA)
Double Major: Communication
Primary Advisor: Bradley Wright (SOCI)

Anusha Vissapragada

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BA)
Primary Advisor: Jun Yan (STAT)
Thesis Supervisor: Jennifer Eigo (OPIM)
Thesis: Predictive Model for Trending Videos on YouTube

Emma Zeiger

CLAS IMJR: Healthcare Operations (BA)
Dean's List: 1 semester
Study Abroad: London
Internship: Dana Farber Cancer Institute; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Connecticut Children's Hospital
Primary Advisor: Pamela Erickson (ANTH)

August 2020 Graduates

Taylor Bradley

CLAS IMJR: Crime, Law, and the Family (BA)
Primary Advisor: Bradley Wright (SOCI)

Christopher Maddox

CLAS IMJR: Sport Operations (BA)
Double Major: Communication
Internships: UConn Athletic Fields; UConn Football
Primary Advisor: David Atkin (COMM)

Vanice Rodriguez

CLAS Major: East Asian Studies (BA)
Double Major: Communication
Study Abroad: Seoul, South Korea
Primary Advisor: Alexis Dudden (HIST)

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