

Individualized Major Graduating Seniors



May 2022

December 2021 Graduates

Deborah Amponsah

CAHNR IMJR: Health and Wellness

Primary Advisor: Denise Anamani (AHS)

Sabrina Baez

CLAS IMJR: Health and Social Inequalities (BA)

Double Major: Latino and Latin American Studies

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

New England Scholar (2020, 2021)

Cohen Leadership Scholarship Recipient (2020)

Leadership Scholarship Recipient (2017 – 2021)

Internships: Yale New Haven Hospital Office of Health Equity (May 2021 – December 2021), UConn

Community Medicine and Health Care Community-Based Research (May 2019 – August 2019)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Anne Gebelein (LLAS)

Thesis: Healthcare Inequity and the Interconnections between Ethnicity, Race and Socioeconomic Status Related to Health Disparities and Quality of Care in the U.S. Latinx Populations

Romario Hana

CLAS IMJR: Information Systems and Financial Analysis (BA)

New England Scholar (2020)

Primary Advisor: Richard Langlois (ECON)

Diana Hart

CLAS IMJR: Visual Media (BA)

Dean's List: 2 Semesters

Internship: UConn Department of Communications Multimedia Intern

Primary Advisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)

Zarmeen Hasan

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BA)

Double Major: Economics

Honors Program

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

New England Scholar (2019, 2020)

Internship: Early Career Leadership Development Program at The Hartford (Summer 2021)

Primary Advisor: Ofer Harel (STAT)

Thesis Supervisor: Minh Kim (ECON)

Thesis: An Analysis of Boston's Home Value through Econometric Processes

Daniel Lesh

CLAS IMJR: Information Systems and Analytics (BA)

Double Major: Economics (BA)

Minor: Political Science

Dean's List: 4 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2021)

New England Scholar (2020)

Awards: Leadership Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Internship Experience: Google - gTech gCare BOLD Intern (June 2021 - August 2021, continuing as a full-time employee in June 2022), MassMutual - Systems Engineer Intern (June 2020 - April 2021)

Primary Advisor: Subhash Ray (ECON)

Samuel Porto

CAHNR IMJR: Animal Care and Maintenance

Primary Advisor: Jenifer Nadeau (ANSC)

Adriana Sowell

CLAS IMJR: Sociomedical Sciences (BS)

Awards: Health Disparities Clinical Summer Research Fellow

Internship: Connecticut General Assembly Legislative Internship (2018)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Sarah Willen (ANTH)

Thesis: Death by Racism: An Autoethnography About the Power of Naming Systems of Oppression

May 2022 Graduates

Fatima Abu Bakr

CLAS IMJR: Medical Ethics and Genetics (BS)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

New England Scholar (2020, 2021)

Awards: Avery Point Academic Excellence Award (2019), Student Employee of the Year (2021)

Internship: Health Resources Program at UConn Health (May 2021 – December 2021)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Thomas Bontly (PHIL)

Thesis: An Islamic Perspective on Refusal of Treatment Using Casuistry and Principlism

Nabilah Ahmed

CLAS IMJR: Visual Media and Social Inequality (BA)

Primary Advisor: Martha Cutter (ENGL)

Alyssa Arnista

CLAS IMJR: Health and Social Justice (BA)

Minor: Sociology

Primary Advisor: Rachel Tambling (HDFS)

Nicole Asamoah

CLAS IMJR: Law, Family, and Social Policy (BA)

Dual Degree: Social Work

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

New England Scholar (2019, 2020)

Awards: Mortensen Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Internship: Academic Achievement Center (January 2022 – April 2022)

Primary Advisor: Preston Britner (HDFS)

Thesis Supervisor: Tanya Rhodes Smith (Social Work)

Thesis: Engaging Young People of Color in the Political Process

Maria Baratau

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)

Double Major: Human Development and Family Sciences

Minor: Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Honors Program

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

New England Scholar (2020)

Primary Advisor: Jane Pryma (SOCI)

Thesis Supervisor: Jessica Beaudet (AH)

Thesis: Assessing Knowledge of HPV and the Vaccine in Underrepresented Populations

Joshua Bryant

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

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Awards: Scholar All American Honors by the CSCAA for 3 years

Internship: Catania, Mahon & Rider Law firm (July 2018- August 2020)

Primary Advisor: Darrell Irwin (SOCI)

Kara Burkholder

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

Minor: Sociology

Dean's List: 2 Semesters

Internship: Research Assistant at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health (May 2021 – Present)

Primary Advisor: Andrew Deener (SOCI)

Zoe Butchen

CLAS IMJR: Social Impact and Organizational Leadership (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 7 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2020, 2021)

Phi Beta Kappa

Award: UConn Center for Fraternity & Sorority Development - Outstanding Council Officer Award

Internships: The LEGO Group Social Impact & Partnership (Summer 2021- Present), virtual Internship with FareShare UK (Spring 2021), virtual Internship in Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility

Analyst with Accent Solutions in Dublin (Summer 2021)

Study Abroad: European Center in Heidelberg, Germany (Summer 2019)

Primary Advisor: Janet Barnes-Farrell (PSYC)

Thesis Supervisor: Travis Grosser (MGMT)

Thesis: Strategic Innovation within Corporate Social Impact and Responsibility (CSIR) Through People, Planet and Profit

Ariana Buterbaugh

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2020, 2021)

Primary Advisor: Sarah Willen (ANTH)

Thesis Supervisor: Jessica Beaudet (AH)

Thesis: The Role of State Vaccine Policies and Mandates on the Awareness and Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus in the US

Sai Mahima Cielappa

CLAS IMJR: Healthcare Systems and Human Health (BS)

New England Scholar

UConn National Health Service Corp

Primary Advisor: Anastasios Tzingounis (PNB)

Katrell Clay

CLAS IMJR: Visual Media and Entrepreneurship (BA)

Internships: Massachusetts Pirates (2022), IBM (2022)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)

Thesis: W.H.Y. Video Project

Kenniece Coker

CAHNR IMJR: Community Health and Wellness

Minor: Chinese

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Cheryl Eckert (AH)

Taylor Coonan

CLAS IMJR: Sports Media (BA)

Double Major: Human Rights

Minor: Political Science

Dean's List: 1 Semester

New England Scholar (2019, 2020)

Internships: UConn Athletics, On Her Turf (via NBC Sports)

Primary Advisor: Marie Shanahan (JOUR)

Thesis Supervisor: Eli Wolff (EDLR)

Thesis: Media Reporting on Human Rights Violations in Sports

Amayia Cordova

CLAS IMJR: Healthcare Analysis (BA)

Double Major: Mathematics

Minor: Health Care Management and Insurance Studies

Awards: FYE mentor of the Year

Internship: Financial Analyst Intern at Yale University (June – August 2021), Group Benefits Claims Intern at The Hartford (May – August 2021)

Primary Advisor: David Simon (ECON)

Matan Doron

CLAS IMJR: Science, Medicine, and Ethics

Double Major: Biology

Minors: Physiology and Neurobiology, Molecular and Cell Biology

Honors Program

Dean's List: 2 Semesters

Phi Beta Kappa

University Scholar (2021)

IMJR Thesis Supervisor: Sarah Willen (ANTH)

IMJR Thesis: Soul Searching: A Reflection in Breath, Body and Spirit

BIOL Thesis Supervisor: Akiko Nishiyama (PNB)

BIOL Thesis: VAMP2/3 and Neuronal Excitation: Intrinsic and Extrinsic Mechanisms of OPC/NG2 Cell Dynamics

Sarah Dowling

CLAS IMJR: Criminology (BA)

Double Major: Psychology

Minor: Sociology

Dean's List: 4 Semesters

Internship: Esperanza Attorneys at Law (May-August 2021)

Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl (POLS)

Zoey England

CLAS IMJR: Population Health, Disease, and Policy (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 1 Semester

New England Scholar (2021)

Awards: Gilman-McCain Study Abroad Scholarship (2022)

Study Abroad: Interdisciplinary Ethnography Field School (Mauritius, 2022)

Internships: Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (Sept. 2020-2022), United States

Geological Survey (2021-2022), United States Department of State (2021-2022)

Primary Advisor: Debarchana Ghosh (GEOG)

Thesis Supervisor: David Gregorio (UCHC)

Thesis: Harnessing Slime Mold to Map Infectious Diseases

Tianna Felder

CLAS IMJR: Consumer Behavior (BA)

Primary Advisor: Mary Bernstein (SOCL)

Ellie Fitzgerald

CLAS IMJR: Arts Administration (BA)

Dual Degree: Art History

Honors Program

Dean's List: 7 Semesters

SHARE Award

Babbidge Scholar (2020, 2021)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Alexis Boylan (ART/ARTH & AFRA)

Thesis: Constructions of American Quilting Narratives: An Exhibition Analysis of the Museum of Fine Art's 2021-2022 "Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories"

Madyson Fitzner

CAHNR IMJR: Exercise Physiology, Nutrition, and Health

Primary Advisor: Robert Huggins (KINS)

Ellen Fuller

CLAS IMJR: Speculative Fiction for Young Audiences (BA)

Double Major: Chemistry

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

Phi Beta Kappa

New England Scholar (2019, 2021)

Primary Advisor: Sean Forbes (ENGL)

Thesis Supervisor: Darcie Dennigan (ENGL)

Thesis: Social Activism through Young Adult Speculative Fiction

Mickey Glazier

CLAS IMJR: Consumer Behavior (BA)

Primary Advisor: Anne Oeldorf-Hirsch (COMM)

Rachel Gordon

CAHNR IMJR: Health, Fitness, and Nutrition

Primary Advisor: Rhonda Brownbill (NUSC)

Thesis Supervisor: Michael Puglisi (NUSC)

Thesis: Indoor vs. Outdoor Exercise Impact on Mood

Keely Greiner

CLAS IMJR: Health Systems and Disparities (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Sarah Willen (ANTH)

Thesis Supervisor: Terry Berthelot (HDFS)

Thesis: An Intervention to Increase Rates of Hospice Care Enrollment for Connecticut Nursing Home Residents

Bhavana Gunda

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)

Double Major: Physiology and Neurobiology

Honors Program

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2021)

New England Scholar (2019, 2020)

Primary Advisor: Anastasios Tzingounis (PNB)

Raymond Hagan

CLAS IMJR: Public Administration (BA)

Honors Program

Dean's List: 6 Semesters

Internship: International Studies Association (Fall 2019)

Primary Advisor: Deneen Hatmaker (PP)

Thesis Advisor: Gerlinde Berger-Walliser (BLAW)

Thesis: Remedy and Accountability Across Borders: Modeling an Adjudication Body for Corporate Human Rights Abuses

Abigail Harrison

CLAS IMJR: Cybersecurity, Law, and Ethics (BA)

Research: Undergraduate Research Assistant for the UConn Voter Center

Primary Advisor: Kristin Kelly (POLS)

Thesis Supervisor: Benjamin Fuller (CSE)

Thesis: Risk-Limiting Audits in Connecticut

Nailah Hutchinson

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BS)
Minors: Computer Science, Analytics
Honors Program
Dean's List: 5 Semesters
STEM Presidential Scholar
LSAMP Scholar
New England Scholar (2020, 2021)
Internship: Synchrony Financial
Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Ofer Harel (STAT)
Thesis: Modelling Tools for NBA Data

James Hyde

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

Mason Kane

CLAS IMJR: Crime and Justice (BA)
Primary Advisor: Darrell Irwin (SOCI)

Kynza Khimani

CLAS IMJR: Global Health (BA)
Double Major: Physiology and Neurobiology
Honors Program
Dean's List: 5 Semesters
New England Scholar (2020)
Awards: Health Research Program (Summer 2021), IDEA Grant (Fall 2021)
Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: César Abadía Barrero (ANTH & HRTS)
Thesis: A Mixed Method Study of Health Diet Challenges in Children Affected by PANS

Cameron Klemme

CLAS IMJR: Law, Justice, and Society (BA)
Double Major: Psychological Sciences
Honors Program
Dean's List: 5 Semesters
Internship: Connecticut Judicial Branch (June 2021- December 2021)
Primary Advisor: Kimberly Bergendahl (POLS)
Thesis Supervisor: Jamie Kleinman (PSYC)
Thesis: The Relationship between the Internalization of Racial Stereotypes and Individual Democratic Participation and Civic Engagement

Brian Krikorian

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BS)
Minor: Computer Science
Dean's List: 1 Semester
Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Jun Yan (STAT)
Thesis: Points Above Replacement: A New NBA Metric to Evaluate Player Performance

Gabriella Lott

CLAS IMJR: Human Health and Development (BA)

Primary Advisor: Edna Brown (HDFS)

Macie Mancini

CLAS IMJR: Plants and Human Health (BA)

Minor: Anthropology

Dean's List: 2 Semesters

New England Scholar (2020, 2021)

Internship: Running Brook Hemp Co.

Primary Advisor: John Salamone (PSYC)

Thesis Supervisor: Steven Kinsey (NURS)

Thesis: Microbiome Effects of Repeated Cannabinoid Exposure

Thomas Minicucci

CLAS IMJR: Artificial Intelligence (BA)

Dean's List: 2 Semesters

Primary Advisor: Ian Stevenson (PSYC)

Angelo Rodriguez

CLAS IMJR: Community and Youth Development through Sport (BA)

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Marlene Schwartz (HDFS)

Celia Ryan

CLAS IMJR: Sport and Media (BA)

Minor: Communication

Primary Advisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)

Cheyenne Smith

CLAS IMJR: Film Studies (BA)

Double Major: English

Dean's List: 4 Semesters

New England Scholar (2020, 2021)

Primary Advisor: Gregory Semenza (ENGL)

Sara Tomis

CAHNR IMJR: Agricultural Education and Outreach

Honors Program

Babbidge Scholar (2020, 2021)

Dean's List: 5 Semesters

Internships: UConn Extension: New London County 4-H (2019-2022), Healthy Homes Social Media Specialist (2020-2022), Sustainable Landscapes Written Communications Assistant (2021-2022).

Primary Advisor: Sheila Andrew (ANSC)

Thesis Supervisor: Amy Safran (ANSC)

Thesis: Effects of Feeding Probiotics to Pre-Weaned Dairy Calves

Julia Vassallo

CLAS IMJR: Disability and Law (BA)

Double Major: Political Science

Dean's List: 6 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2019)

New England Scholar (2020)

Phi Beta Kappa

Awards: Slavik Family Endowment Scholarship, Patrick M. Campion Scholarship, Roy H. and Hilda M. Merolli Scholarship, Ridgway Davis Pre-Law Scholarship

Primary Advisor: Kristin Kelly (POLS)

Thesis Supervisor: Anna Mae Duane (ENGL)

Thesis: Setting Up Camp: Establishing an Interdependent Society

Weiyu Wang

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BS)

Double Major: Economics (BA)

Minor: Computer Science

Internship: Sales Analyst for DeWu in Shanghai, China

Primary Advisor: Jun Yan (STAT)

Thesis Supervisor: Dongjin Song (CSE)

Thesis: Exploring the Relationship between Internet Trends and Price of Concepts Stock

Sydney Watson

CLAS IMJR: Crime and Justice (BA)

Double Major: Human Development and Family Studies

Minor: Psychology

Primary Advisor: Brad Wright (SOCI)

Solange Wright

CLAS IMJR: Digital Media & Applied Communications (BA)

New England Scholar (2020)

Internship: Marketing and Web Design for Emerson Collective (Summer 2021)

Primary Advisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)

Thesis Supervisor: Joel Salisbury (DMD)

Thesis: Digital Product Development Practicum

Yaochen Yu

CLAS IMJR: Sport Promotion (BA)

Primary Advisor: David Atkin (COMM)

Humza Zaidi

CLAS IMJR: Global Health and Reproduction (BA)

Double Major: Molecular and Cell Biology

Honors Program

Dean's List 6 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2020, 2021)

Awards: Office of Undergraduate Research SURF Award (2021), Individual Community Service Award (2021), STEM Scholarship (2018-2022)

Primary Advisor: César Abadía Barrero (ANTH & HRTS)

Anthony Zeimbekakis

CLAS IMJR: Data Science (BA)

Honors Program

Double Major: Statistics

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Internship: Traveler's Insurance Business Intelligence & Analytics Leadership Development Program, Business Insurance Data Prototyping (Summer 2021), Personal Insurance Claim Analytics (Summer 2020)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Jun Yan (STAT)

Thesis: Survey of Misuses of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

August 2022 Graduates

Victoria Gutowski

CLAS IMJR: Human Health and Development (BA)

Primary Advisor: Keith Bellizzi (HDFS)

Alex Hernandez

CLAS IMJR: Sport Operations (BA)

Primary Advisor: Laura Burton (EDLR)

Johnson Hoang

CLAS IMJR: Intersectionality and Health (BA)

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: Bandana Purkayastha (SOCI & AAAS)

Arianna Saxton

CLAS IMJR: Entrepreneurship and Digital Communication (BA)

Internship: Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (2021-2022)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Rory McGloin (COMM)

Thesis: The Role of Communication in the Entrepreneurial Journey

Collin Singleton

CLAS IMJR: Sport Operations (BA)

Minor: Business Fundamentals

Primary Advisor: David Atkin (COMM)

Jesse Stanhope

CLAS IMJR: Cognitive Neuroscience (BA)

Dean's List: 1 Semester

Primary Advisor: John Salamone (PSYC)

Sophia Stoll

CLAS IMJR: Human Culture, Sustainability, and Ecology (BA)

Dean's List: 3 Semesters

Babbidge Scholar (2019)

Internship: Grow Windham (January-May 2022)

Primary Advisor and Thesis Supervisor: Phoebe Godfrey (SOCI)

Thesis: Mitigating Invasive Species through the Use of Indigenous Science

Taylor Vinales

CLAS IMJR: Fashion Merchandising (BA)

Study Abroad: London College of Fashion (2022)

Internships: RDG Global (2019), SALUTE for STYLE (2021)

Primary Advisor: Stephen Stifano (COMM)