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Harlos House in bloom.

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Welcome



I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our newest members of the Wells Scholars Program, as well as our current and alumni members. I would like to thank Professor Irmscher, our past directors, and the staff and faculty for their leadership and commitment to the success of the program. In this inaugural newsletter is a collection of wonderful life stories, all of which capture the breadth of interests, accomplishments, and aspirations of our amazing students. Please, everyone, keep writing and letting us know how you are.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis".

Dennis Groth, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education



It is my great pleasure to present to you the first issue of our newsletter, celebrating the retirement of Tim Londergan and the accomplishments by our past and current students. It has been a great privilege to serve as Tim Londergan's successor, although, as I am nearing the end of my first year as Director, I am beginning to realize just how much I am standing on the shoulders of giants. I am profoundly grateful for the help I have received from our wonderful staff, Charlene Brown, Rachel Lawmaster, and Chris Shipman. A number of exciting changes are ahead of us, and we are hoping to update you more regularly with installments of this newsletter, sent right to your inbox as pdf-files. A number of print copies will also be available; if you would like to receive one, please email us. Our contact information, along with short biographies of the current staff, is available on our website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~wsp>. Please contribute often and frequently—with updates about what has been happening in your life, suggestions on what to include, and memories of your time in the Wells Scholars Program. This newsletter is for you!

We are, of course, always grateful for your monetary contributions too; note the form at the end of this inaugural newsletter, and please be aware that you can easily donate to the program through our website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~wsp>. Please make sure that you keep your contact information up to date! Our website is also a great place to learn more about the history and the goals of our program as well as about our current staff.

With all best wishes for continued success in your lives and careers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christoph".

Christoph Irmscher, Wells Scholars Program Director

Note on class identifications: The Wells Class identification reflects the year in which a Wells Scholar entered Indiana University.

Honoring Tim Londergan

By Breon Mitchell, Wells Program Founding Director

Remarks made on Friday, October 13, 2013, at the director's retirement celebration at Wells House, 3–5 p.m. Other speakers at this event included Provost Lauren Robel of Indiana University and Tim's son Ben Londergan, WSP 1994. While Tim stepped down as the Director of the Wells Scholars Program, he continued to serve as Professor of Physics at Indiana University until his retirement in May 2014. He remains a member of the Indiana University Center for Exploration and Energy and Matter.



Breon Mitchell, Wells Scholars Program Founding Director



Londergan and Scott Russell Sanders, Wells Scholars Program Director, 1998–2003



Tim Londergan, wearer of many ties.

I'm pleased and honored to say a few words of thanks to Tim on behalf of his colleagues and the Wells Scholars. I had originally prepared a half-hour speech, but then was told I should say only good things about him, so I've shortened it to three or four minutes.

It's not easy to gain perspective on someone you know as well as I know Tim. For years we played tennis once a week, and the image of him rushing the net and putting away a volley is still so vivid that I find it hard to believe a man of such energy and determination could ever contemplate retirement. Once my failing eyesight put an end to my tennis days, Tim and I have continued to have lunch together each Tuesday, for over ten years now. So I feel in a good position to thank him for all he has done for the Wells Scholars Program.

But first, I want to say that the Wells Scholars Program has been blessed since its very inception with the presence of another very special person—Charlene Brown, and I would be remiss not to say how often during his tenure as Director Tim has spoken of Charlene with admiration and respect, emotions I'm familiar with from my own 12 years with the Program. I say this not just to recognize once more the pivotal role Charlene has played in the Wells Scholars Program, but also to indicate Tim's good judgment and appreciation of others. I see Pat Jennings is with us today and I would like to extend again our thanks to her for all her years as administrative assistant to the Program prior to her own retirement.

Tim was not simply an appreciative colleague, but a mentor and scholar with a special attachment to his students. His yearly seminar with Wells Scholars Freshmen, with its emphasis on the origins of the universe and the nature of scientific enquiry, was a perfect starting point for their quest for knowledge at our university. And it certainly was more upbeat than my own gloomy Wells seminar on Nietzsche, Freud, and Wittgenstein. The Program was of course privileged to have for its second director a distinguished scholar and creative writer who turned resolutely toward the light—Scott Sanders, whose own seminar awakened a sense of ethics and sensitivity in his students. But in Tim, the program had its first true scientist, a past chair of the Physics department, and a man gifted with a fine mind for nuclear theory.

But as the Wells Scholars soon learned, Tim was a scholar with unusually wide interests, including an intimate knowledge of rock and roll, an entertaining ability to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of our various sports teams, and an incisive view of the political and cultural life of our nation. He was always able to relate to students from any discipline, and to discuss their work with true understanding.

I know from first-hand experience that Tim cares deeply, first and foremost, for his family and for his students. I've felt privileged to remain in touch with the Wells Program through Tim. His commitment to the Wells Scholars was profound and genuine—he cared for the Wells Scholars not just as students, but also as human beings. He took pride in their accomplishments and if they had problems, he shared those too, not simply from a sense of duty, but from a heartfelt sympathy. As a member of the Wells Faculty Advisory Committee, I can attest to Tim's fairness, his flexibility, and his constant desire to do the right thing. His tenure as Director has been outstanding in every way, and he turns over to the new Director, Christoph Irmscher, a vibrant Program with the brightest of futures.

I've reached the end of my brief remarks about a special friend and colleague. I'm grateful to him, and the Wells Scholars Program has been blessed by the decade and more he gave to them. If any of you want to read the other twenty-five minutes I mentioned at the outset just send me an email.

Alumni Tributes to Tim Londergan

Compiled by Tim Lemper, WSP 1991



Londergan at the Wells Scholars Senior Dinner, May 3, 2014.

Several alumni sent along their congratulations and best wishes:

“Well-wishes for your future and my sincerest appreciation for the time and effort you put into the Wells Scholars Program.” — Dave Rooda, WSP 2003

“I recall Tim as being a supremely kind and thoughtful person, sincerely interested in promoting what was best for students and going out of his way to think about how he could help each individual.” — Pai-Ling Yin, WSP 1991

“Tim always put the Wells Scholars first. Despite being a bright, respected, and incredibly accomplished professor, he was never too busy or too important to spend time with his students. I remember sitting down with him as a senior, after a summer interning at an investment bank. I had always wanted to pursue a biochemistry PhD, but now I was asking him whether it was ‘ok’ to go into business instead of science. I had a lot of guilt about choosing a career in business over research, because it felt selfish. He smiled and encouraged me to do what I wanted, not what I felt like I should be doing, and it set me free. I will always appreciate him relieving me of that burden.” — Dan Stanko, WSP 2003

“I have incredibly fond memories of Tim as director of the Wells Scholars Program. His overwhelming friendliness and affability made my freshman year in Harlos House one I will never forget. When I arrived at IU, I was half a country away from my home and knew absolutely no one on IU’s campus. Tim’s presence and warmth made my transition from home to Bloomington an easy one. My memories of his class on the cosmos are some of my favorite academic moments from my time at Indiana. Tim helped the Wells Program feel like a family to me, and I am thankful for the years of dedicated service he has given to me and my fellow scholars. Thank you for being such a blessing to me and others. You will be missed.” — Mark Johnson, WSP 2003

“It really touched me when Tim and Charlene came to my wedding reception last year. I loved the camaraderie of the Wells Program that existed while I was there (thanks in no small measure to Tim’s personality and influence), but I was really touched to realize how deeply that genuine care about every individual extended, even years after we had left Bloomington.” — Carolyn Homer Thomas, WSP 2005

“Some of my favorite memories include being Tim’s student during the freshman seminar on the History of the Universe. The topics we covered were fascinating, and while we were stuck to our seats at the Harlos House, our discussions led our minds light years away, wrapped around quasars and supernovas. I’m thankful that Tim led both our class and the Wells program in a way that encouraged our spirits of curiosity and supported each of us in our own creative pursuits. His wisdom and guidance have not gone unappreciated, and most of all, his kind and caring personality continue to make him a trusted mentor for all of his students.” — Desirée Cossyleon, WSP 2007

“Tim joined the program midway through my class’s time as Wells Scholars, succeeding Scott Sanders. The two men seemed different—one an English professor, the other a physicist—but as everyone who knows them will recognize the differences were much less than they appeared. Tim is the kind of scholar that scholars want to be: innovative, careful, and collegial while still being profound, patient, and warm. One of the handbooks my Ph.D. program recommends to aspiring political scientists like myself says that the best thing you can be is a mensch. Tim is one of the mensches who I try to model myself on.” — Paul Musgrave, WSP 2000

“Thank you so much for your leadership of the Wells Program over the past ten years. These years saw some very difficult economic times for the country; we are thankful for your steering the program through them so that it can continue to thrive. We benefited tremendously from your guidance and support as students, and from your outreach to graduates as alumni. We will always be grateful for everything you have done for us, and for your encouragement, kindness, and good cheer.” — Michael (1995), Martha (1995), Christine (1997), Joseph (2004), and Luke Pacold (2007)



Former Chief Justice Shepard Teaches Wells Senior Seminar

By Meredith McKay, WSP 2010



Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard

The graduating class of Wells Scholars was honored to host Randall T. Shepard for their 8-week Senior Seminar, “Legal Reform in Indiana: Rarely First, Occasionally Last, Frequently Early.” Justice Shepard is the former Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, serving the state from 1987 until his retirement in 2012.

Originally from Evansville, Chief Justice Shepard earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his J.D. from Yale Law School. Shepard was awarded an LL.M. from the University of Virginia Law School before he served at special Assistant to the Under Secretary in the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. Justice Shepard returned to his Hoosier roots in 1974 to serve as the Executive Assistance to the Mayor of Evansville. He went on to serve as the judge at the Vanderburgh Superior Court in Evansville before starting his tenure as Chief Justice. Justice Shepard has not only made a positive impact on Indiana’s judicial climate, but he has also been recognized for his contributions to historic preservation, local politics, civil rights, education, and other areas.

His experiences and expertise were reflected in the topics covered throughout the seminar. During our time with Justice Shepard, we debated the application of law to community and economic development, Indiana’s infrastructure, family law, poverty, and criminal law. We also delved into the history and legislation that pertains to Indiana University and the Kinsey Institute.

The Senior Wells Seminar served as an excellent capstone to our Wells Scholar experience. Justice Shepard’s explanations of the laws and history surrounding our education here at Indiana University and our roles and responsibilities as residents of the state were an appropriate conclusion as we approached graduation and as the state of Indiana itself nears its 200th anniversary.



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Class of 1990



Jay Krutulis married his wife Christy in April 2012. Their wedding at the Seattle Aquarium was everything they could have hoped for—a big party filled with friends, family, and great food. In 2013 they escaped urban life to move to Walla Walla, WA, the heart of Washington wine country. Christy is a principal at one of the local elementary schools. Jay continues to operate his solo law practice, doing lots of work for Amazon and other corporate clients. This fall, he plans to return to school in Walla Walla for a two-year program in viticulture and enology (i.e. grape growing and wine making). Jay hopes to open his own winery in a few years.

Class of 1991



Darcie (Tomasallo) Chan was in the second class of Wells Scholars, entering IU in the fall of 1991. After graduating in 1995, with a B.A. in English, she attended law school and worked as an attorney for a nonpartisan office in the U.S. Senate for 14 years drafting environmental and natural resource legislation. In May 2011, she self-published her first novel, *The Mill River Recluse*, as an e-book; in April 2012, she resigned her legal position so she could write fiction full time (her dream since childhood). *The Mill River Recluse* spent 30 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and has sold more than 700,000 copies to date. It has been sold in 10 foreign territories so far and was released in print and re-issued in electronic form on June 17, 2014, by Ballantine Books. Darcie's second novel, *The Mill River Redemption*, will be published two months later, on August 26. She is currently working on a third Mill River novel. Her website is at <http://www.darciechan.com>.



Jean Keener, CFP®, received the Best Financial Planner award from the Keller Citizen for the fifth consecutive year in October 2013 and was recognized by *D Magazine* as one of the Best Financial Planners in Dallas in November 2013. Jean is Principal of Keener Financial Planning, a fee-only financial planning firm serving more than 200 families last year. With her husband, Mark, and her dog Elwood she lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where they enjoy hiking, cooking, and visiting “Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives” restaurants.

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Kyle Kramer continues organic farming in southern Indiana and directing graduate theology programs at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Following his *A Time to Plant: Life Lessons in Work, Prayer, and Dirt* (Sorin Books, 2011), he has just completed a novel and is seeking a publisher. After four years as a columnist for *America* magazine, this year he began writing a monthly column for *Saint Anthony Messenger*. He also continues to serve as a Catholic Climate Ambassador, giving presentations on environmental issues for the Catholic Climate Covenant, most recently to over 1500 people at the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Arlington, VA. Kyle and his wife Cyndi lead music at their local Catholic parish and are raising three homeschooled children, Eva (10), Clare (10), and Eli (7). In true eco-geek fashion, Kyle recently added an expanded array of solar panels to their self-built, environmentally friendly home; they now sell back to the grid more electricity than their farm consumes. Having read too much Michael Pollan and craving quiet time in the woods, Kyle took up crossbow hunting last year and has filled the family freezer with venison; he's now trying to pass it off as beef to the kids.

Dr. Katherine (Kougias) Temprano is assistant professor of internal medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO. She is the Rheumatology Fellowship Program Director and enjoys her work as a clinician educator. She lives in St. Louis with her husband, Dr. James Temprano (IU, BA'95), and their two sons, ages 9 and 6.

Class of 1992



Sarah Brown Ferrario is an associate professor of Greek and Latin at The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, DC. She was awarded tenure in 2013. Her book, *Historical Agency and the "Great Man" in Classical Greece*, will be released later this year by Cambridge University Press. In 2009-10, she was a Residential Fellow at Harvard's Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, DC, and in 2013 she received the Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence in Early Career at CUA. Sarah and her husband, composer and pianist Andrew Earle Simpson (D.M., IUB '95, Ordinary Professor of Music at CUA), live in Maryland with their nearly three-year-old son, Oliver. In the fall of 2012 they taught together on Catholic University's study-abroad program in Rome. Sarah's faculty page can be found at <http://greeklatin.cua.edu/faculty/ferrario.cfm>.



John Pula married Katherine Kwan in 2012. He has been awarded the Curriculum Innovation Award from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He is the neurology medical school course director and has received the medical student "Golden Apple" award. His recent publications include articles in the journals *Neurology*, *Stroke*, and *Neuro-Ophthalmology*.



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Khozema Shipchandler, after spending the last 3 years in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is returning to the US with his family. They are relocating to the Fairfield, CT area. He will now be running the GE Corporate Audit Staff, reporting into both GE's CFO and the GE Board of Directors.

Karl Torke lives in Berkeley, California with his wife, Rochelle Frey Torke (also an IU graduate), and two sons, Jonas and Abram. He has spent his career in the legal industry, first as a practicing litigation attorney, followed by 10 years as a legal consultant in e-discovery. His parents and the parents of his wife live in Indiana, and Karl is grateful for the few days he gets to spend in Bloomington after Christmas every year. He has fond memories of his time at IU and with the Wells Program.

Class of 1993



Seth Gillihan is in his second year at Haverford College as a visiting assistant professor of psychology. He teaches and supervises seniors' thesis projects. He has a private practice in clinical psychology across the street from the college and specializes in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) for anxiety, depression, insomnia, and related conditions. He also has a clinical appointment at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches medical students and psychiatry residents and supervises residents in their delivery of CBT for anxiety and depression.

Jerome L. Rekart will publish his first book, *The Cognitive Classroom* (Rowman and Littlefield Education), in August 2014. This book describes how cutting-edge research findings from the fields of brain science and cognitive psychology may be applied to classroom teaching in order to achieve the type of "deep" learning sought after by teachers. Additionally, this book discusses recent findings showing how the brains and cognitive processes of today's students have been impacted by technology and proposes actions that educators can take to optimize teaching in a digital world.

James Longwell-Stevens is currently serving as assistant principal at Martin Van Buren High School in Queens, New York City, where he recently helped bring in a 3-year, \$4.3 million school-wide improvement grant from New York State to develop literacy and community outreach programs for the school's struggling students. He has also sought out ways to develop the school's faculty by coaching six of them to achieve National Board Teacher Certification, and works with the next generation of school leaders through an adjunct role at Teacher's College, Columbia University. When not at work on education projects, he continues playing blues/rock/bluegrass guitar, taking in new Opera productions at the Met and BAM, and enjoying what New York has to offer with his wife, Sarah, and their two children.



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Ward Myers is an assistant professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at Boston University/Boston Medical Center. He is active in resident education and has ongoing research in mapping violence and youth alcohol use. When not at work, he and his wife, Andrea, are kept very busy by their two children, Clara (5) and Lewis (4).

Class of 1994



Russell DiSilvestro and his wife Heather welcomed the birth of their daughter Abigail in November 2013. Abigail joined Hannah (14), Grace (12), Bethany (10), Joshua (7), Mary (5), and Susanna (2). Russell continues to teach in the Philosophy Department at California State University-Sacramento. In August 2012, he became associate professor and director of Sacramento State's Center for Practical and Professional Ethics.



Will Stephens is living in Washington, DC and working as a Native American rights attorney (www.sonosky.com) and part-time jazz drummer (www.willstephensdrums.com). Will recently received a renewed grant from the DC Arts & Humanities Commission for the "DC Jazz Jam" project, a free and open jazz jam session on DC's historic U Street jazz corridor, former home of Duke Ellington and others. Will is also serving as an elected "Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner" in the Dupont Circle neighborhood and chairs the Dupont Circle ANC. Hit Will up if you are in DC!

Class of 1995



Rachel Chrastil is a writer and teacher. She earned her Ph.D. in history from Yale University and has researched as a Fulbright Scholar in France. In her first book, *Organizing for War: France, 1870-1914* (Louisiana State University Press, 2010), she grappled with a question that had intrigued her since college: how could European countries have caused the Great War? Her second book, *The Siege of Strasbourg* (Harvard University Press, 2014), tells the story of besieged civilians on the French border as the Prussians bombarded their city. Her current project examines childlessness, past, present and future, and has received support from the Stanford University Libraries. Chrastil has tenure at Xavier University. Her courses include "A History of Saving the World," a course in which students study the history of humanitarianism and human rights while working with local nonprofits. Her current teaching project incorporates quantitative literacy into history courses. She and her partner John Fairfield live in Cincinnati.

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Susan (Barker) Yeley is still living and working in Bloomington. She writes that she couldn't ask for a better balance these days. Susan is a 1/3 stay-at-home mom to three kids ages 8, 6 and 3—and, as she puts it, “wife to one more, middle-aged one”; 1/3 Owner and Principal Designer at Susan Yeley Interiors, which is growing steadily despite its relegation to a back bedroom-cum-kids' craft space; and 1/3 President of the Board at Bloomington's 200-student Bloomington Montessori School. You can find Susan online at www.susanyeleyinteriors.com, and she asks that you give her a ring when visiting the alma mater.



Shana Brodnax, after graduating from IU in 1999, participated in the Jane Addams-Andrew Carnegie Fellowship program at the IUPUI Center on Philanthropy. She then moved to New York City in 2000 to get her master's degree in nonprofit management from The New School. She spent two years working with a 9/11 recovery organization, coordinating services for those affected by the attacks, and then spent three years as department director over the workforce development programs at Catholic Charities Community Services. More than six years ago, Shana started her dream job as Senior Manager of the Harlem Children's Zone—a groundbreaking nonprofit working to break the generational cycle of poverty by getting the 12,000 children in the community to and through college. She oversees the elementary, middle, and high school programs that serve 4,000 children. Her home is in Harlem as well, and she has found it very fulfilling to be a part of healing her own community. She is currently participating in the Annie E. Casey Children and Family Fellowship, which trains leaders to make large scale efforts to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families.

Martha Pacold has been in Chicago since 2007, practicing commercial litigation at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott. She finds Chicago a wonderful place to live but also says that she still has many happy memories of Bloomington.

Michael Pacold is an instructor in radiation oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and a postdoctoral fellow at the Whitehead Institute at MIT, where he works with David Sabatini and Nathanael Gray. He has been studying the altered metabolism of cancer cells and trying to develop small molecules to block this process. During medical school and his post-doc, he has been supported by a Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship and a Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship, and he wishes to express his gratitude to both foundations for their generosity, as well as to the Wells Scholarship Program and Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for laying the foundations for the research that he is currently pursuing.

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Class of 1996



Kara Kapke (née Moorcroft) is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis, where she focuses her practice on product liability defense and complex commercial litigation. Kara was selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2013 and 2014. She and her husband Geoff (B.A., 1999; M.S., 2002) are the proud parents of their precocious and handsome toddler, Neil.



Nicholas J. Niespodziani and his wife live in an old Victorian home in midtown Atlanta, GA. He sings in the Yacht Rock Revue (a 70s light rock band) and he owns PleaseRock, a music management and booking company. As Nicholas states: “We’re lucky to make music for a living, and we’ve had many cool experiences ranging from playing with guys from Chicago and Toto to performing at the Playboy Mansion.” This year he is releasing an album with his indie rock band Indianapolis Jones, following his passion for food by opening a restaurant and music venue called Venkman’s, and serving as Vice President of the Board of Live Thrive Atlanta, a non-profit building a household hazardous waste recycling center for Atlanta. He also hosts a radio show and wants his fellow alumni to know that he still jumps rope.



Emily (Chui) Webber is an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at the IU School of Medicine and physician lead for pediatric informatics at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health. Emily completed medical school at Indiana University in 2004 and her residency training at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles before joining the faculty at the IUSM. She is a pediatric hospitalist at Riley, and her research interests include clinical applications of electronic medical records and information technology (IT), patient engagement and access to medical records, and pediatric safety. She also serves on the American Academy of Pediatrics Executive Council on Clinical Information Technology. She was an American Medical Informatics Association iHealth Pi2 Innovation Award Finalist in 2014. In addition, she won the Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health Red Shoes Award for Excellence in Pediatric Care (2013) as well as a Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics (2010). Her research has appeared in *Medical Education*, *Applied Clinical Informatics*, *Hospital Pediatrics*, and the *American Academy of Pediatrics News: Health IT Trends*.



Ryan Tierney, MD, after his residency at Washington University in St. Louis, moved to Austin, Texas, where he has been practicing as a radiation oncologist with Texas Oncology for the last five years. He and his wife Regan have a six-month-old daughter at home and are enjoying every minute as new parents.

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Melanie (Pikul) Carter, after completing her IU music degree, went on to earn an MBA. Music, however, remains large part of her life: for the last thirteen years, she has been married to a fellow IU Music School graduate, Nate Carter. A few years ago, Nate and Melanie decided to transition from their urban life in Dallas, TX to a life that was more sustainable and closer to nature. Melanie has been fortunate to be able to continue a challenging corporate career (as a Senior Vice President with Bank of America) from her 36-acre rural Wisconsin homestead. Her most recent and exciting news is the birth of her first child, Rosie, in September 2013. Interested “Wellsies” can find her on Facebook, LinkedIn or at melanecarter79@gmail.com.



Brian G. Hartz is currently Vice President of Client Services for Indianapolis-based TORQworks, a workforce development software company founded in 2009. TORQworks builds software that helps job seekers plan career transitions based on transferable skills. Brian helped found the company with Richard Judy, former Hudson Institute economist and co-author of the seminal study *Workforce 2020*. Prior to 2009, Brian worked with Judy as a consultant for Workforce Associates, Inc., a labor economics research firm. In August 2013, Brian was named to the Science & Engineering Human Resources Expert Panel (HREP) of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The HREP, tasked with improving the quality and relevance of national information in the higher education pipeline and in the workforce, meets biannually to develop surveys, analyze data, and discuss current issues affecting the science and technology workforce. Brian has also remained active in theatre in central Indiana, with credits in over 50 professional and community theatre productions since graduating from IU in 2001. He served on the board of Heartland Actors’ Repertory Theatre from 2006 to 2009. Brian lives in Indianapolis, where he and his wife Monica are expecting their first child in July 2014. Email Brian at bghartz@gmail.com.



Erica Rose Jeffrey, the first professional dancer to be selected as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, has completed a master’s degree in International Relations-Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, with a research focus on partnering conflict resolution with dance education, integrated arts and embodied facilitation. As part of this program, she completed research in the Philippines on the island of Mindanao focusing on the use of movement in peace education. Erica Rose has been awarded a full Ph.D. scholarship to continue her research on the connections of dance, empathy and peace at the Queensland University of Technology in Australia. While in Australia, she has been active in the Community Café Dialogues program working to bring together diverse communities in a safe environment to build relationships, learn about and from each other, and discuss challenging issues, while working towards a more cohesive and friendly community. Erica Rose is also working in partnership with the founders of the Dance for Parkinson’s disease program in New York to launch a nationwide Dance for Parkinson’s program in Australia. This includes programs with the Queensland Ballet in Brisbane, as well as programs through arts and community centers in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. She is enthusiastic about dialogue in all its forms, spoken and artistic,



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and believes dance brings creative perspectives to peace. Originally from Montana, she has worked as a performer, choreographer, educator, and arts leader in the United States and internationally. Involved in multiple communities, Erica Rose has taught for the San Francisco Ballet program in public schools, Luna Dance Institute and directed Marin Dance Theatre's Let's All Dance! Outreach program. She was instrumental in launching the Parkinson's Dance Project, Marin County's first Dance for Parkinson's program. In addition to performing, she co-directed the dance company COUNTERPOINTE. While living in the San Francisco Bay area she was actively involved in the IU Alumni Association as the President for the Bay area alumni chapter. For more information on Erica Rose, go to www.peacemoves.org, www.danceforparkinsonsaustralia.org, or <http://communitycafes.wordpress.com>.



Jamie Ponce currently serves as Chicago City Director for the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, working in Mayor Emanuel's office to drive environmental and economic benefits in the City of Chicago and across a network of global megacities. Focus areas include energy efficiency and clean energy, sustainable infrastructure finance, and market-driven resource stewardship. Prior to this role, Jamie spent 10 years with A.T. Kearney, a global management consulting firm, where he specialized in corporate strategy, economic development, and natural resource efficiency. Fueled by graduate M.B.A. and M.P.A. studies at Harvard—including work with The Rocky Mountain Institute, Environmental Defense Fund, The Packard Foundation, and Africare—Jamie is grateful to be building a career that helps address some of the planet's most pressing challenges. He is thrilled to share news of his engagement to Greta Schoon in February 2014.



Lucas Schroeder is currently living in Bloomington, IN, where he teaches Spanish and coaches football at Bloomington High School South. He and his wife Nancy welcomed their daughter, Adele, in October 2013. Lucas was recognized this past year as an Indiana University Armstrong Teacher Educator. He works with classes of pre-service teachers in the School of Education as well as hosting student observers in his classroom. Lucas, Nancy, and Adele are proud to be Hoosiers!



Rob Tayon recently moved to Singapore as an economist/strategist with Barclays, after spending four years in the New York office. He and his wife, Vanvimon Saksmerprom (IU Ph.D. 2005), welcomed their first child, Ratchavin Milo Tayon, to the world in Bangkok a few months ago. They often talk about how much they enjoyed their years on the Bloomington campus, and they look forward to visiting again someday.

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Lisa (Yu) Russo and her husband celebrated the first birthday of their son, Caleb, in January. Lisa is the Special Assistant to the Chief and Deputy Chief of International Operations at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Class of 1998



Jae Chung is currently working as strength and conditioning coach at Indianapolis Fitness and Sports Training, which has been featured several times as one of the country's top gyms by *Men's Health* and *Women's Health* magazines. At IFAST, Jae has worked with athletes of all levels (most notably, Roy Hibbert of the Indianapolis Pacers) as well as everyday folks who are looking to get in shape or get out of pain. As a former philosophy major who stumbled into the fitness industry just three years ago, Jae feels very fortunate to be working in such a prestigious gym that regularly attracts clients from as far away as New York, California, Australia, and Japan.

Suchi Rudra won a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship in 2006 and left the US to spend a thrilling year in Prague studying at Charles University and FAMU, the world famous film institute. But entranced by Prague, she remained until 2010, started a band (Given the Circumstances) and finally moved to the sunnier skies of Lisbon. After half a year in Portugal, she continued her travel adventures, including volunteer work in Bulgaria and Turkey and house-sitting in north Cyprus. She now runs a travel blog (<http://travelnaturally.wordpress.com>) to share her tips, tricks, and inspiration so that she can, in her own words, "help others stop making excuses and turn their travel dreams into reality." At the moment, Suchi is taking a break from travel in Buenos Aires and seeking an agent for her novel, *Homeless*, which is based loosely on her last few years of travels. Go to her website at www.suchirudra.com or check out her travel blog at <http://travelnaturally.wordpress.com>.

Class of 1999



Carson Stewart, after six years practicing law at a large firm and then Citibank in New York City, has relocated to Louisville, Kentucky in August 2013. Rather than fly or drive, Carson made the journey by bicycle over a two-week period. The solo trip, which he documented by blog (www.countoursofthecountry.com), took him over one thousand miles through six states. Highlights of the trip included a flat tire in Harlem, a visit to Penn State and Pennsylvania Amish country, and tastes of Akron-style pizza in northern Ohio. Carson now serves as in-house corporate counsel to YUM! Brands in Louisville.

Lem Vawter works as a physician in Minneapolis, MN, and can be reached at 5017 14th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417, lemuel.vawter@gmail.com.

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Class of 2000



Libby (Lewis) Baney, JD, after six years at a large law firm, recently started her own consulting company, FWD Strategies International (www.fwdstrategies.com) in Washington, DC. For FWD clients, she typically advises on public policy matters related to the Internet, including the online sale of health products and services, Internet governance and new top-level domains, and the protection of intellectual property rights online. She also helped launch a new nonprofit in 2013, the Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (www.safeonlinerx.com), and she now serves as its Executive Director. Keeping it “in the family,” as Libby phrases it, she hired an IU Law graduate as her first employee. In her own words, she feels “lucky to be working with clients on projects that I truly believe will improve human health, expand knowledge, and enhance well-being.” In October last year, Libby and her husband, Nathan, celebrated the birth of their first child, Lucas. According to Libby, “Luke has brought a whole new level of joy to our lives. We hope to introduce him to other Wellsie legacy kids someday!”



Dr. Susan Cook-Patton was awarded a two-year postdoctoral fellowship (2012-2014) to conduct research at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, just outside of Washington, DC. She has tackled two major projects as a fellow. The first project looks at how mangrove forests are affected by climate change. Mangroves are extremely important ecosystems that buffer coasts from storm surge, serve as habitat for economically important species, and provide trillions of dollars in ecosystem services. However, mangrove forests are shifting as the world’s climate warms. Susan studies the mechanisms underlying those migrations to try to predict where the mangroves will wind up in the future. The second project involved planting 17,850 trees to create a 30 acre experimental forest. This experiment is the first of its kind in North America and will show how tree diversity impacts forest health over the next 100 plus years.

Class of 2001



Karen Olsen has spent the last four years serving the community of Schiller Park, IL as their head band director, teaching students in grades 5-8. During her time there, the band program has grown nearly 40%. Last summer, Karen toured Italy with the Mount Prospect Band while playing trombone, and in 2012 she was a featured soloist on slide trumpet with the Wheaton Municipal Band. That same year, she also performed on trumpet with the Chicagoland Educators’ Orchestra and the Wheaton Municipal Band at the prestigious Midwest Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, IL. On the side, she has continued to be an avid runner. Karen has completed the Chicago Marathon, several half marathons, and numerous shorter distance races, earning several age group awards along the way. As Karen says, “It has been an enormous privilege and true blessing to enrich and change the lives of hundreds if not thousands of students.”



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Class of 2002



Sara Phillips-Bourass finished her master's degree in linguistics at The Ohio State University in 2012, completing her research on Moroccan Arabic prosody and the imitation of regional dialect variation by adults with autism. After completing her thesis, she returned to Indiana to teach at the Signature School, a nationally recognized charter high school in Evansville. She is currently teaching French immersion classes and acts as Extended Essay coordinator for the school's International Baccalaureate program. Karen and Soufyane welcomed the birth of their first child, Zahra, in February.

Kathleen Claussen is still in The Hague working at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Peace Palace. She is very pleased to see more and more classmates relocating to her side of the pond.



Class of 2003

Dan Stanko graduated last summer with his MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In the fall, he returned to Bain Capital in Boston as a Senior Associate in Private Equity. Dan recently proposed to his girlfriend of two years (whom he met at Stanford) in Sonoma, California. He will be getting married in India on Thanksgiving. He recently completed his first deal since rejoining Bain Capital.



Laura Malament graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in May 2014 and will be joining Jones Day in their Washington, D.C. office at the end of the year. Her note, "Making or Breaking Your Billion Dollar Case: U.S. Judicial Assistance to Private International Arbitration and 28 U.S.C. § 1782(a)," was published in the *Vanderbilt Law Review* in May 2014.



Joe Mazur married the love of his life, Stephanie, in July of 2011. Stephanie gave birth to their first child, Isabelle, in May 2013. The three of them live in North Carolina, where Joe is completing his Ph.D. in economics at Duke University. He plans to graduate in 2015 and wouldn't mind coming back to IU to teach.

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Class of 2004

Megan Robb submitted her Ph.D. thesis at the University of Oxford in the Oriental Institute, entitled “Interpreting the Qasbah Conversation: Muslims and Madinah Newspaper, 1912-1924.” She is also Junior Dean of New College at Oxford and will be starting a Junior Research Fellowship at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. Megan is currently working on an English translation of Pakistani poet Sohail Anwar’s most recent book of poetry for publication next year by Manohar Press in Pakistan.



Class of 2005

After graduating from IU in 2009, **Seth Bowers** joined Teach for America and spent two years teaching science to seventh-graders in Las Vegas, Nevada, earning an M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction in the process. He is now a third-year law student at the University of Michigan Law School, where he works as an Articles Editor with the *Michigan Law Review* and a member of the Executive Board for the Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition, now in its 89th year. He spent last summer working for the law firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington, DC. Seth is now clerking for Chief Judge Mary Beck Briscoe on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

David S. Pavkovich, M.D. graduated from Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine in May and has started his residency at Detroit Medical Center in combined internal medicine and pediatrics.



Class of 2006

Kate Goeller has just completed her final year of medical school at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Throughout her medical student career, Kate served as President of the Pediatric Student Interest Group and actively volunteered at the Indiana University Student Outreach Clinic, which facilitated the availability of free medical care to the underserved of Indiana. Of note this year: Kate participated in the American College of Physicians Indiana Chapter Abstract Competition, where she was the first place winner for Original Research Abstract for her project entitled, “Young Women & Skin Cancer: Are we doing enough?” Kate also published an article in the *American College of Physicians Newsletter* regarding tips for completing a stress-free and well-balanced interview season for a medical residency position. Kate plans to complete her residency in dermatology and believes she will additionally subspecialize in pediatric dermatology. Furthermore, Kate is getting married this spring!

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Dr. Alexander Sheppe, M.D. is a recent graduate of the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and began his psychiatry residency this summer. His clinical interests include child and adolescent psychiatry, depression and suicide prevention, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, global mental health, and evidence-based psychotherapies including cognitive behavioral and dialectical behavior therapy. He was valedictorian of his high school class and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa as a Herman B Wells Scholar and Founders Scholar from IU in 2010 with triple degrees in biology, philosophy, and religious studies. He was awarded the full-tuition Dean's Scholarship for Outstanding Promise in Medicine from the University of Chicago and will graduate in May as a published lead author with the Program on Medicine and Religion and the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics (PubMed ID 23820319). Dr. Sheppe has traveled to more than two dozen countries on five continents, joined medical relief efforts in South Africa and the Dominican Republic, and coordinated activities for teenagers living with HIV at the Body&Soul charity in London, for which he was twice awarded the Dona Robert Biddle Undergraduate Service Award. He writes short stories and poetry, has played the piano since the age of 7, enjoys bungee jumping and skydiving, is a member of Mensa International, and is passionate about exploring the interface of religion, philosophy, literature, and medicine.

Miles Taylor is currently completing graduate study at Oxford University on a Marshall Scholarship, where he is in the early stages of writing a book, *Retreat from the Last Frontier: The Rise and Fall of America's Post-9/11 "Freedom Agenda."* Miles splits his time between the UK and Washington, where he is also working to open a charter school. He is about to complete production on a documentary he started in 2012, which explores the 200-year history of young people working as "Pages" on Capitol Hill. The film, *Democracy's Messengers*, is narrated by ABC's Cokie Roberts and features interviews with Microsoft Co-Founder Bill Gates, senators, congressmen, presidential advisers, and other civic and business leaders who started their careers as Pages.

Class of 2007



Laura Frances Callahan (formerly Laura Goins), currently a postgraduate student in philosophy at Oxford University, has co-edited a volume of new essays by different philosophers titled *Religious Faith and Intellectual Virtue*. Oxford University Press is releasing the book this summer. The essays address the question whether religious faith is consistent with being an intellectually virtuous thinker, as well as related questions: Under what circumstances is a person justified in believing something based on trust? Can belief in the face of widespread disagreement on a topic be rational? Laura and her co-editor, Professor Timothy O'Connor of Indiana University, have also co-authored the introduction and one of the essays included in the book, looking at potential parallels between appropriate trust in interpersonal relationships and rational theistic faith.

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CJ Lotz lives in Charleston, SC where she writes and edits for *Garden & Gun* magazine. She recently moved from New York City where she freelanced for a year in media at *BuzzFeed* and *Adult Swim*. In the past year, she worked as a research assistant on *The Big Truck that Went By*, a book about the 2010 earthquake in Haiti by Jonathan M. Katz. For that book, she interviewed Sean Penn about his role in the reconstruction of Haiti. She also assisted *Rolling Stone* editor Michael Hastings on *Panic 2012: The Sublime and Terrifying Inside Story of Obama's Final Campaign*, contributing a section on the aftermath of the 2012 Benghazi attack.



Luke Pacold recently joined AvantCredit, a Chicago-based online lending startup, as its 37th corporate employee. He started in the finance department and helped close the company's most recent equity deal in January. He will also rotate through Avant's operating, marketing, and product management departments. Outside of work, Luke has continued the bag collection program he started at IU to provide bags for a local soup kitchen to package take-out meals. He also reports that he started to repaint his parents' garage last fall. Adds Luke, "I've learned that completely preparing a surface to be painted is harder and more time-consuming than I thought! I'll resume once it warms up a bit."

Class of 2008



Candace Borders, WSP class of 2008, is currently a first-year student at the University of California Irvine School of Medicine, after having graduated from IU with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience with honors. She has recently been awarded the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Research Fellowship for medical students and will be conducting research this summer in the laboratory of Dr. Gerald Shulman, M.D./Ph.D., at Yale University School of Medicine. Candace's project will investigate the biochemical mechanisms by which cells become resistant to the hormone insulin—the basis for development of Type 2 diabetes mellitus. In particular, she will conduct preclinical studies of compounds shown to have promise in the reversal of the adverse biological effects of insulin resistance. This field of research aims to generate new avenues for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes, which will affect an estimated 250 million people by the year 2020. Candace hopes to continue pursuing pharmacological research beyond this summer and is currently interested in the medical fields of endocrinology, anesthesiology, and pain medicine.



Amy Fuhs is a second-year medical student at the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend, where she is the Director of Research for the student outreach clinic her class is opening this spring. She is also the founder of a medical Spanish journal club, and she has been involved in her American Medical Women's Association chapter and the Medical Student Alumni Council. While shadowing doctors in various specialties this past May at Starke Hospital in Knox, Indiana, she also lived on an organic farm and honed her gardening skills during the evenings and weekends. She then interned at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, where she gained clinical experience



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with the general rehabilitation and spinal cord injury services and did research examining factors affecting return to work in patients with chronic pain. She traveled to Nicaragua at the end of the summer and reconnected with people she had worked with as part of her Wells Summer Experience grant, which she used in 2009. She volunteers as an SOS advocate for the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County and qualified for the Boston Marathon in October. Amy remains undecided as to what she will pursue upon graduation from medical school but is currently very interested in OB/GYN.

As a second year medical student of Indiana University School of Medicine, **Mary Mattern** stays rather hidden behind a pile of books. Fortunately, there have been a few exciting and unique experiences throughout the year. On the Terre Haute campus (campus for Rural Health Education), Mary and some fellow classmates are in the midst of starting a student-run free health clinic. The grand opening is projected for the beginning of next year. She feels fortunate to have worked through the obstacles together with fellow Wellsie Amy Fuhs, who has been involved in the same endeavor for the South Bend campus. During a trip to Washington, DC, for the National Rural Health Association, Mary had the chance to help advocate for some important rural health policies as well as meet various congressmen for future policy making. She also received a scholarship from IU this year, the Dr. Ernest O. and Nelly G. Nay Scholarship.

Class of 2010



Michael Auslen graduated from IU in May with majors in journalism and political science and a certificate in informatics. In his four years at IU, Michael was involved primarily with the *Indiana Daily Student*, including as editor-in-chief, a member of the investigative reporting team he helped create, and a political reporter. The *IDS* won a Pacemaker, the highest national prize in collegiate journalism, for the year that included Michael's term as editor, and Michael won the Robert D.G. Lewis First Amendment Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. He was a member of the Board of Aeon and helped to found the IU Journalism Student Advisory Board. After graduation, Michael will work as a Pulliam Fellow for *The Indianapolis Star* and plans to continue his career in political and investigative journalism.



Steven Brisley majored in economic consulting and international business in the Kelley School of Business. Steven also diversified his academic experience by taking part in some interesting classes such as Advanced Basketball, Piano, and Data Management. During his time at IU, Steven dedicated much of his time to Kelley's Trockman Microfinance Initiative and Sigma Phi Epsilon's Indiana Beta Chapter. His other involvement included leadership roles within Kelley's Technology Management Club and the Indiana University Student Association Communications Cabinet. Like many Wells Scholars, Steven loves to travel and has visited more than eighteen countries during his time at IU, including a summer internship in Spain and a semester in London studying film and architecture. Last summer, Steven interned with Bain & Company in Chicago. Upon graduation, he has now returned to Bain & Company's Chicago office as an associate consultant.



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Adam Coey majored in biochemistry, neuroscience, and biology, with an additional minor in mathematics. During his time at IU, Adam pursued neuroscience research in the Hetrick Lab, volunteered with WAVE, and trained to run multiple marathons. He finished the 2011 USAF Full Marathon, his first, with a time of 3:19:34, and he hopes to run two more this summer. Adam studied abroad in Copenhagen last summer and in London during the 2012 Olympics the summer before. Adam was accepted into medical school this past fall.



Elizabeth Davis graduated this May with degrees in environmental science and mathematics. Her research interests primarily concern the collection of geologic data in hard-to-reach places: underwater, inside the earth's crust, and on extraterrestrial planets. She is also interested in the quantification of naturally occurring visual patterns. During her four years at IU and with the grace of the Wells Scholars Program, Elizabeth studied environmental science abroad in Bonaire, an island in the Dutch Caribbean; in Seville, Spain; at the Indiana University Geologic Field Station in Montana; and on the big island of Hawaii. While in Bonaire in 2012, she undertook a SCUBA-based research project analyzing the water quality off the coast of Bonaire's capital city. Her work was cited in the Dutch government's environmental monitoring report published in 2013. Last summer she studied seismology as a part of the Oregon State University and National Science Foundation REU program. She was a member of the science team on a research cruise off the coast of Oregon, which used the JASON Remotely-Operated Vehicle to recover ocean-bottom seismometers. Elizabeth presented her subsequent thesis research analyzing activity on the Cascadia plate boundary at the 2013 American Geophysical Union's Fall Meeting in San Francisco. Her future plans include continuing to pursue her research interests in either academia or industry. She is currently looking for opportunities in environmental science labs around the country. She would like to visit Antarctica, the bottom of the ocean in a deep sea submersible, and Mars.



Aaron Dy completed a B.S. in physics with an applied physics concentration and minors in mathematics and biology. He has largely split his activities between scientific research and political activism. In research, he worked for four years at the IU Biocomplexity Institute, interned with medical physicists at IU Health Proton Therapy Center, and spent a summer doing research at the University of Colorado. This research led to poster presentations at two national conferences as well as one publication that is currently in review. Outside of science, he has served as an organizing fellow with Obama for America, as the Political Affairs Director for the College Democrats at IU, and as the President of the College Democrats at IU. He is now pursuing a Ph.D. in bioengineering.

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Sidney Fletcher majored in mathematics and the parts of chemistry that don't involve doing actual experiments. During his four years at IU, Sidney participated in various parts of campus, including IU's Global Village, serving as a columnist for the *Indiana Daily Student*, and participating in the Indiana University Student Association. Currently, Sidney is weighing options for post-graduation plans, considering everything from a STEM graduate program to Teach for America. In the meantime, he plans to take a gap year to do some physical chemistry work.



Kristin Froehle majored in business economics and public policy in the Kelley School of Business. She also received minors in Spanish and history. During her time at IU, Kristin was deeply involved in Kelley's Alternative Break Program, the Hutton Honors College, and the Indiana University Student Association Funding Board. She was also a member of the Kelley Consulting Workshop, the Scholarship Advisory Committee, and Kelley Student Ambassadors. At IU Kristin liked to complete all kinds of bucket list items, including serving on the IU Homecoming Court, challenging the IMU Starbucks baristas on how much coffee they can serve her per day, or planning a retreat for Wells Scholars. Kristin loves to travel and has visited over thirteen countries through IU programs, including two summer internships abroad. Last spring, Kristin traveled to Washington DC for an internship with the White House's Domestic Policy Council. She has returned to DC to work for PricewaterhouseCoopers as a public sector consultant.



Liron Ganel majored in biochemistry, computer science, and mathematics with a minor in biology. He has been a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society since 2012 and is a National Merit Scholar. At IU, he was heavily involved in teaching: he was an undergraduate instructor for MATH-M119, Brief Survey of Calculus I, for three semesters and also worked as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for BIOL-L211, Molecular Biology. Also, he has been involved with scientific research since his freshman year. His projects have studied cell membrane proteins as well as patterns in the occurrence of single nucleotide mutations across the human genome. This past summer, he performed research at Vanderbilt University as part of the Vanderbilt Summer Research Internship Program in Biomedical Informatics. During that time, he used a novel method to create prognostic models for stage II colorectal cancer patients based on gene expression data. Liron is pursuing a Ph.D. in Bioinformatics.



Rachel Green is a junior majoring in sociology and economics and receiving a certificate in the Liberal Arts and Management Program. She is the 2013 Undergraduate Research Prize Winner for "The Ethics of the Social Worker" from the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions. As part of a six-member team, she received first place in the Crestmont Boys and Girls Club Case Competition in 2013 for designing and developing a user-friendly database. She is the Co-Chair of Culture of Care, a student-led and staff-supported initiative attempting to transform IU's culture by raising awareness of and teaching bystander intervention in four focus areas: drug and alcohol abuse awareness, respect, mental health awareness, and sexual well-being. This year, she is conducting research with Justin Garcia, the Kinsey Institute, and the Dean of Students Office to evaluate the environment of hookup culture and sexual assault on IU's campus. She is also a member of the IU Ethics Bowl Team and is the Co-Director of the Wells Mentor Program.

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Scott Kennedy double majored in economics and philosophy and double minored in history and political science. Scott was awarded an IU Economics Achievement Award and served as a teacher's assistant for Intermediate Microeconomics (E321). During his time at IU, Scott was actively involved in various activities at IU and won the self-awarded "best intramural basketball captain" accolade after the Herman B Ballers finished well above a career .500 winning percentage under his four-year tenure. After two study abroad terms in Europe and a summer internship in our nation's capital, Scott has become an established jetsetter and citizen of the world.

Shannon Manley majored in international studies and linguistics, with minors in mathematics and French. She has enjoyed gallivanting around the globe, including summer teaching in a chicken-coop-turned-school in Tanzania, where she bucket-"showered" with remarkable infrequency and wouldn't have wanted it any other way. She studied abroad for a semester in Aix-en-Provence, France, and quickly learned to appreciate vineyards, café au lait, butter, and croissants. Last summer, Shannon returned to Africa for a Department of State internship at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal—perfect timing for President Obama's visit. At IU, Shannon was involved in the Collins LLC Board of Governors, the Ultimate Frisbee club team, and executive positions in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Shannon enjoys long walks on the beach (or the shore of the Jordan River) and practices yoga every day as a means to combat the Type-A tendencies inherent in the Wells Scholars Program. Shannon dreams of one day joining the Foreign Service, but she's taking life one adventure at a time and is excited by a variety of post-grad possibilities.



Najja Marshall pursued dual degrees in physics and mathematics with a minor in German. Since his freshman year, Najja worked with Dr. John Beggs in his biocomplexity lab on topics ranging from information theory to the critical dynamics of neural networks. As a result of his research, Najja received an honorable mention from the Goldwater Scholars Program in 2011. Outside of the classroom and laboratory Najja was also involved with his fraternity, Theta Chi, as well as the student-run photography club, having served as president of both organizations between his sophomore and junior years. After IU, Najja is now enrolled in the neuroscience doctoral program at Columbia University.



Meredith McKay is grateful for the four wonderful years she had at Indiana University as a member of the Wells Scholars Program. She made the most of her last semester on campus by serving as the Vice President of the Board of Aeons and through her contributions to Kappa Delta Sorority. In addition, Meredith was active in the Kelley School of Business as a member of the Honors Leadership Team. Through Kelley, she studied in London last spring and traveled extensively in Europe before heading to Chicago to work for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Meredith was a member of the Kelley Consulting Workshop and will be joining the Boston Consulting Group after graduation. On campus, she regularly volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club as a member of WAVE and with local Girl Scout troops. She recently secured a \$2,500 Metz Grant from the Indiana University Student Foundation to support WAVE's work at the Club. Originally

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from Indianapolis, Meredith has stayed true to her Hoosier heritage by serving as an Indianapolis 500 Festival Princess and through her time working for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. In her free time, Meredith enjoys playing the French horn and has performed with the Jacobs School of Music Concert Orchestra and Wind Ensemble.



Andrew McLaren was a double major in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (with a focus on Arabic language) and Islamic Studies (through the Individualized Major Program). He was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa at IU. He served as secretary on the Board of Aeons and as president of the Wells Activism and Volunteer Effort (WAVE). With gracious support from the WSP, Andrew was able to study abroad in Amman, Jordan (Fall 2012), and Paris, France (Summer 2013). He will be joining the Ph.D. programs in religious studies at Columbia University.



Ray Parrish majored in biology, with minors in music, chemistry, and animal behavior. As part of his studies of the biological sciences, Ray worked in the laboratory of Distinguished Professor of Biology Curtis M. Lively, investigating topics related to host-pathogen coevolutionary dynamics and the evolution of sexual reproduction. In this capacity, Ray has co-authored three manuscripts that have been published in the journals *Science*, *Evolution*, and *The American Naturalist*, as well as being covered by media outlets including the BBC, NPR, the Washington Post, and Discovery's Science Channel show *Through the Wormhole*. Outside of the lab, Ray co-founded and served as President of the philanthropic student organization *Folding@IU*, which provides distributed computing resources to a project at Stanford University that studies protein folding and misfolding-related diseases. In addition, Ray served as a teaching assistant for courses on biological mechanisms and the study of evolution and diversity, as a senior advisor to the *Indiana University Journal of Undergraduate Research*, and as a member of the Board of Aeons. Following graduation, Ray will be attending Harvard Medical School, where he will pursue his interests in health administration as well as public policy surrounding the epidemiological consequences of the evolution of drug resistance.



Rahaf Safi majored in political science and philosophy, with a certificate in political science and civic engagement. Rahaf is the founder of Oxfam Club at IU, a student organization that provides opportunities for students to learn about international human rights and what their role is in advocating for those whose rights have been violated. She was a member of the Hutton Honors College Funding Board, the PACE student advisory board, and an associate justice on the IU Supreme Court. Rahaf was awarded the Harry S. Truman Scholarship in 2013, and she is also the winner of several other awards, including the Onward! Curtis R. Simic Scholarship for Leaders, Donna Roberts Biddle Award in Philosophy, and PACE Hutton Internship Award. In her free time, Rahaf enjoys reading. Rahaf is traveling to Jordan this summer to work with Syrian Refugees. She hopes to start law school in the fall of 2015 to learn more about constitutional design and writing in order to work with governments, civil society groups, and reformers.

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Anup Segu majored in finance, economics, and mathematics with a minor in Spanish and general honors and business honors notations. On campus, he was a director for the Kelley student diversity council and a treasurer for Technology Management Club. Anup collaborated with the Kelley School of Business for three years to earn over \$150,000 in corporate donations for diversity initiatives by leading Kelley's first national diversity case competition. During his time at IU, Anup studied at the London School of Economics, led microfinance initiatives in Honduras, and supported the school's investment banking network. Anup will be joining Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. as a leveraged finance analyst in New York City.



Brianna Terrell majored in finance and international business and completed a minor in Spanish. She was involved with the Kelley Student Diversity Council as the VP of Membership and Co-Director of Speaker Series. She acquired additional experience as a member on the Hutton Honors Dean's Student Advisory Council, mentor in the Kelley Triad Mentoring Program, student participant on the Kelley Academic Fairness Committee, member of the Undergraduate Consulting Workshop, and as the Co-Director of the Wells Mentor Program. Some of her most memorable college experiences include studying abroad in Seville, Spain, attaining internships all three summers in both New York City and Chicago, and winning first place in the Brigham Young University Business Language Case Competition, completed entirely in Spanish. After graduation, she will begin her career as a business analyst at Deloitte Consulting in Chicago.



Sydney West majored in telecommunications and English and minored in art history and informatics. While at Indiana, she had the opportunity to complete an internship at Walt Disney World, to study abroad in Stirling, Scotland, and to become involved in a number of wonderful organizations on campus. She served as an Indianapolis 500 Festival Princess and was very excited to be a part of the program and all that it entails. This summer she is completing an internship in Sydney, Australia. She plans to enroll in graduate school to further study media and production management.



Will Zhao graduated from IU with a major in finance and accounting in the Kelley School of Business. He will also receive a major in mathematics and a minor in economics from the College of Arts and Sciences. During his time at IU, Will was involved with the IU Student Supreme Court, the Investment Banking Workshop, the Patten Committee, and the Kelley Student Government. He also placed second in the IDEA Business Competition. In summer 2012, Will studied abroad in London and was able to see the Summer Olympics while he was there. Will is headed to New York City to work as an investment banking analyst for J.P. Morgan.

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Radhika Agarwal is a junior double majoring in biochemistry and biology and minoring in mathematics and Spanish. Her most-donned piece of clothing is a lab coat, as she dedicates a large portion of her time trying to understand how bacteria swim and stick to surfaces. Grants from the IU Integrated Freshmen Learning Experience (IFLE) program, Science Technology and Research Scholars (STARS) program, and Women in Science Program (WISP) have facilitated this passion. Radhika's bacterial strains from IU have been shipped overseas and now, as she continues research at the University of Oxford, she gets to employ some cutting-edge techniques (like using the most powerful laser in the physics department!). Radhika has greatly enjoyed being part of the IU Raas team (a competitive Indian dance troupe), and sponsorship from the Hutton Honors College and the Wells Program has allowed her to share her love for dance and Indian culture by teaching Bollywood moves to the Bloomington community at-large. In England, Radhika loves rowing for her college and going for long runs in the Hogwarts-lookalike parts of town in the hopes of encountering a real witch or wizard. She was recently named a 2014 Goldwater Scholar.



Nandita Chittajallu is a junior majoring in biology with a certificate in animal behavior and minor in psychology. Last year, Nandita acted as a peer instructor for a Collins Living Learning Center course titled Q-Class. She has become part of the Q-advisory board at Collins in order to advise future Q-instructors on helpful teaching techniques. Nandita also continues to work in an animal behavior research lab under the guidance of Jeff Alberts. Through the lab she participated in both the Hutton Honors College Research Symposium and the Animal Behavior Conference Poster Session. Nandita is also engaged in the Northern Saw-whet Owl banding program taking place in the Yellowwood State Forest which will allow her to gather data on the migration patterns of the nocturnal predators. She has been involved with the WAVE since her freshman year and continues this involvement as a WAVE Coordinator. She also participates in philanthropy independently through various organizations, such as Bell Trace, PALS, and WildCare. Additionally, Nandita served as the Collins Intramural Frisbee team captain.



Reece Clark is a junior majoring in biology with a minor in Spanish. He spent the 2013-2014 academic year studying at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England, thanks to the Wells Scholars Program. Reece is an ex-Indiana high school ballplayer, and he enjoyed something of a revival of his career at UKC playing for the men's basketball team. The team was extremely diverse, including players of Greek, Cypriot, Italian, American, Spanish, Finnish, Hong Kong, and English backgrounds. Reece and his friends (an eclectic mix of Norwegian, Finnish, German, Polish-Canadian, and American individuals) spent their time eating Nutella waffles, watching movies, and enjoying England. At IU, he works in Dr. Dan Kearns' laboratory on a bacterial motility project and is an active member of his two favorite organizations, the WSP and his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon.



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Ian Clarke is majoring in music composition and working with department heads within the Jacobs School to build a minor in electroacoustic music. Ian's music has appeared in music festivals around the country, including two N_SEME festivals, the Atlantic Music Festival, Midwest Composers Symposium, and EABD festival. It has been performed by world-class ensembles including the So Percussion Quartet and Ensemble Dal Niente. In his freshman year, Ian traveled to Australia to relocate, study, and preserve the vastly undiscovered body of work of the 20th century composer John Antill, and he brought back over 9,000 documents. Last summer he lived in Paris for a month and studied at the IRCAM, the world's foremost center for electroacoustic music research, additionally participating in its ManiFeste Music Festival. Ian serves as the undergraduate representative in the Jacobs School of Music Council, the elected faculty governance body of the JSOM. He is additionally a founder and the president of the Jacobs Student Representative Council, an incipient group that gives students a voice in determining JSOM policy, and will serve as next year's undergraduate leader of the Student Composers Association, an organization for which he has written multiple art pieces, film scores, and short ballets.



Saleh ElHattab is pursuing a B.S. in computer science, a B.A. in mathematics, a certificate in business, and a minor in Spanish at Indiana University. He is the chief of technology for the Indiana University Student Association, a founding father for the Phi Delta Epsilon premedical fraternity, an alum of the Kelley Investment Management Workshop, a champion of the Intra IU Debate tournament, and he will begin serving on the Indiana University Ethics Board in the Fall of 2014. Aside from being an avid intramural soccer player, Saleh won a handful of computer programming competitions as well as placing second in the prestigious RPS Cool Room Contest during his freshman and sophomore years. He interned with venture technology firm DeveloperTown (a venture technology firm), ExactTarget (a digital marketing company), and he is interning with Salesforce in San Francisco during the summer of 2014. Hoping to take a step out of the traditional American classroom, Saleh during the last year explored Catalonia through an overseas study program in Barcelona, Spain.



Casey Goodall is a junior Wells Scholar majoring in neuroscience and dance, with a minor in chemistry. She spent the last semester studying in Copenhagen, Denmark with a concentration in psychopharmacology, which was one of the best experiences of her life, both culturally and academically. Casey hopes to attend pharmacy school after she graduates. At Indiana University, Casey is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, a social sorority, and Phi Delta Epsilon, a medical fraternity. She also dedicates a good deal of time to Indiana University Dance Marathon; this is her second year on the Riley Development Committee. When Casey is not in class, she can probably be found in the studio, dedicating hours upon hours to the Indiana University Contemporary Dance Theatre. Performing with the program has been one of her most cherished undergraduate experiences thus far.



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David Gordon-Johnson is a junior Wells Scholar from Cincinnati, OH. He is pursuing a B.Mus. in voice and a B.A. in theatre and drama. David has been actively involved in both the IU Opera Theater and productions at the department of Theatre, Drama, & Contemporary Dance, as well as independent theatrical projects and shows through the University Players. He has been a member of the stage crew and a supervisor at the Musical Arts Center since his freshman year. David is a second-year member of the IU Ethics Bowl Team.



Jonathan Hawkins hails from quaint cornfields near Charleston, IL and triple majors in mathematics, economics, and computer science. Last summer, his Davy Crockettesque upbringing came in handy as he undertook a 120-mile trek across the English countryside. 40 miles in, he tired of walking and spent several days enjoying the collegiate charms of Oxford prior to attending the London School of Economics. As one of the first peer advisors for MoneySmarts, IU's financial literacy initiative, and as a charter member of the Hoosier Social Impact Fund, a student-run microfinance non-profit, Jonathan has explored new (this time metaphorical) frontiers in his three years at IU. He is proudest of his role as founding president of the Economics Club, which brings students and professors together over delicious pizza to explore the cutting-edge research and brings financial literacy education to Bloomington High School South. Occasionally, Jonathan walks trails blazed before him. He serves as treasurer of the Math Club and volunteers with WAVE at the Monroe County Community Kitchen. He received the Cora B. Hennel Memorial Scholarship for excellence in mathematics and often argues with his roommate about what mathematics would look like if Évariste Galois could shoot like Wyatt Earp.



Nick Kolar is a junior major in finance in the Kelley School of Business. He is also completing pre-dental coursework at IU. Some noteworthy accomplishments of Nick's include being elected best new member for Indiana Chapters of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and receiving an IU Chemistry Department Scholarship. Nick currently is an active member of Phi Gamma Delta and the vice president of external affairs for the Indiana University Dance Marathon. Nick studied in Florence in summer 2013. He also conducted lumbar spine research and has developed a business case for an immigrant health clinic in summer 2012.



Grant Manon is a member of the Hutton Honors College and a part of the Kelley School of Business Honors Program. Grant coordinates a cooking club at the Bloomington Boys and Girls Club, serves as the public relations consultant for Trockman Microfinance Initiative, a Kelley School of Business activism and philanthropy group, and is the team captain of the Indiana University Ethics Bowl Team. During his freshman year, the Ethics Bowl team won the 2012 Central States Regional, and placed in the top eight at the national competition. Grant also studied abroad at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is interested in finance, strategy, and ethics. Grant is currently working on an international finance book with Kelley School of Business Professor Andreas Hauskrecht. He has previously researched cultural theory topics with Kelley School of Business Department of Legal Studies professor Timothy Lemper. Grant is also a member of the Kelley School of Business Consulting Workshop. Grant interned at GEICO in Tucson, Arizona last summer.



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Marjorie Richards is a junior majoring in studio art with a concentration in graphic design, earning a certificate in journalism, and minoring in international studies. This past summer Marjorie travelled to Singapore where she took two classes and interned as a PR photographer for the National University of Singapore Business School. Through her classes, Marjorie travelled to Thailand and Cambodia to learn about Southeast Asian culture, heritage, history, economy, and religion. Her studies took her to several heritage sites including Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat, and Ayutthaya. Marjorie recently started working as a photographer for the Office for Experience. Last semester she spent a considerable amount of time working on an intensive photo story, *The Life of Food*, with a reporter and a multimediaist. This story was published in the *Indiana Daily Student* mid-February and the team is looking into magazine publication. Marjorie plans to travel to Florence, Italy for the fall 2014 semester.



Aaditya Shah is a junior majoring in neuroscience with minors in Spanish and religious studies. He is also a member of the Liberal Arts and Management Program at IU. Aaditya serves as the co-chief of outreach for the Indiana University Student Association and the president of the Indian Student Association. Some interesting things from Aaditya's last few years include helping bring the first pre-medical fraternity Phi Delta Epsilon to IU, conducting interesting research in many different fields (cognitive science, pediatric neurosurgery, neuroscience, and transcultural psychiatry), and trying to do a lot of work on campus around student engagement and involvement (both through IUSA and ISA). He is currently studying in Barcelona, Spain.

Daniel Smedema is a junior on track to get a cognitive science B.S. and a computer science B.S. in May 2015, with a minor in economics, although he is considering the accelerated master's program in computer science. Daniel was a part of the Wells intramural basketball team (the Herman B Ballers) when they won their first game in February 2014. Dan enjoys tongue-in-cheek humor and long walks on the beach. Last year Daniel was a co-president of the Student Organization for Cognitive Science (SOCS) with fellow Scholar Sandhya Sridhar. He won the Cognitive Science Program's 2013 Outstanding Contribution award for his work on SOCS and on the research in which he participates, which is developing a canine eye-tracking system. Preliminary results suggest that Psych and Brain Sciences faculty and graduate students are not very good at convincing dogs to sit still, $p < 0.05$.



Sarah TeKolste is a junior majoring in Spanish and theatre and drama at Indiana University. She will also receive a minor in English and a certificate in Latin American studies. Sarah is very involved in student theatre, as a stage manager for the Department of Theatre and Drama and a student director for University Players and Grupo de Teatro VIDA. Last year, she worked on the recruitment team for Teach For America, helping IU students learn about inequality in public education and encouraging talented seniors to look into teaching in low-income schools upon graduation. Sarah was able to study in Madrid, Spain for the 2013-2014 academic year!

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Emma Winkler is a junior majoring in biochemistry and microbiology and minoring in Spanish and art history. Since sophomore year, she has worked extensively on the norovirus in Professor Cheng Kao's biochemistry laboratory on the IUB campus. She has received the IU Women in Science Program fellowship and the Hutton Honors College Research Grant for her work. She is also president of the IU student organization, Global Public Health Brigades, which works to design and implement sustainable public health solutions in developing nations. She led a student group to rural Honduras during spring break and has received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award through Global Brigades for her leadership and service. Perhaps her greatest adventure so far has been the summer she spent in Santiago, Chile as part of a health studies program. She was able to do eighty hours of shadowing in hospitals and clinics as well as travel to some of the most breathtakingly beautiful parts of the world, such as Pucón and San Pedro de Atacama. She was recently named a 2014 Goldwater Scholar.

Allison Winstel is a junior majoring in nonprofit management with a certificate in business and minors in health systems administration and fundraising and resource development. Most of the time, she can be found in the Indiana University Dance Marathon office. This was Allison's third year participating in IUDM, including serving on the 2013 Executive Council as the director of fundraising. In 2013 IUDM raised \$2.6 million for the Ryan White Infectious Disease Center at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. This year Allison has had the honor of returning to the executive council as the vice president of finance. If not there, Allison is spending her time at the Delta Gamma house or at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs where she acts as a student ambassador to prospective students and distinguished visitors. Last summer, Allison had the opportunity to study for 6 weeks in Copenhagen, Denmark. She fell in love with the city and cannot wait for the day when she can return.

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Deepti Bansal is a business student majoring in finance and sustainable business and minoring in Spanish and computer science. She was a semi-finalist for the Target Case Competition and was a member of the committee for planning the National Diversity Case Competition, the largest student-run case competition in the United States. Deepti is involved with Kelley Student Diversity Council, Hutton Honors Council Association, IUSA Funding Board, and Hutton Philanthropic Initiative. Through the Wells Scholars program, Deepti was able to spend the summer after her freshman year studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain.



Tyler Barnes is a sophomore in the Wells Scholars Program majoring in chemistry and economics with a certificate in business from the Liberal Arts and Management Program (LAMP) and minoring in mathematics. Since coming to IU, Tyler has been involved with electrochemical research in the Chemistry Department in the laboratory of Dennis G. Peters as a part of the Science, Technology, and Research Scholars (STARS) Program. This has been a very rewarding experience, and he has had the opportunity to present his research at multiple conferences, including the Electrochemical Society (ECS) meeting



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this May in Orlando. Most recently, Tyler was a contributor to a review article of the group's field of electrochemistry. He is also involved with a broad range of other clubs and activities here at IU. Related to his experience in research, Tyler is on the student editorial board of *IUJUR* (*Indiana University Journal of Undergraduate Research*), an undergraduate research journal preparing to launch within the next year. In LAMP, he is a part of the Virtu Project, which is a group that operates a mock portfolio and seeks donations for the Timmy Foundation based on the returns of the portfolio. Lastly, Tyler is involved with IU Cru, a Christian group on campus.



Andy Braden is a sophomore from Elkhart, Indiana studying policy analysis in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. In addition, he is also pursuing a minor in theater. In his time at IU, Andy has become involved with the Indiana University Student Association. He is one of the co-chiefs of Culture of Care—an initiative to educate students about bystander intervention and how to intervene in difficult situations. Andy was elected president of IUSA for next year. At IU Andy also participates in improv comedy, performing weekly with the group Awkward Silence Comedy.



Christy Chang is a current sophomore in the Kelley School of Business studying finance and legal studies with a minor in Spanish. Christy is the Vice President of the Honors Student Organization through the Hutton Honors College. She is also the Vice President of her sorority on campus, Alpha Xi Delta, and the Director of Mental Health for IUSA's Culture of Care. During her time at IU, Christy enjoys trying new restaurants and spending time with friends at different popular areas on campus. This summer, Christy is travelling to Johannesburg, South Africa to study human rights. Immediately after, she will be working in Jabalpur, India at an international litigation firm as an analyst intern.



Becky Ferber is a sophomore at IU majoring in English, history, and comparative literature, with the goal of becoming an English professor so that she never has to leave college. At the end of the fall semester, in addition to making the Dean's List, Becky was hired by Indiana University Outdoor Adventures as a trip leader. Through Outdoor Adventures, Becky is currently teaching a snowshoeing course and has plans to lead backpacking trips throughout the summer. When she's not writing essays or hiking in Brown County, Becky serves on the executive board of the Phi Eta Sigma Honors Fraternity. Through Phi Eta Sigma, Becky plans both local and national community service activities for the organization's 2,000 members. She also volunteers with the Wells Activism and Volunteer Effort (WAVE) at Pages for Prisoners, a volunteer-run organization that sends books and letters to prisoners across the country. Her weekends are consumed by her love of Ultimate Frisbee, as Becky plays for the IU women's club team, Calamity Jane Ultimate. The team recently travelled to Asheville, North Carolina for a tournament in which it placed first.

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Hannah Fidler is a sophomore pursuing a B.S.O.F. in jazz bass and pre-medicine. Her original compositions have been performed at the MAC by university ensembles, and she has been a member of the Latin Jazz Collective directed by Michael Spiro and the Wayne Wallace Big Band. Hannah performs as a freelance bassist with numerous musical groups off-campus and writes/performs music for her own band called Queen Anne's Lace. Hannah has also had original poetry published in the Hutton Honors College literary magazine called *Labyrinth*. Her interests extend beyond music, however, and she is a passionate advocate for social justice and ethical food. Hannah is in charge of the "urban garden" at IU Hilltop Garden & Nature Center and a board member of Fair Trade Bloomington. She is a guest lecturer on fair trade for International Studies classes and also conducts educational seminars on fair trade for K-12. She is a co-coordinator for the Wells Activism and Volunteer Effort (WAVE). On a more personal note, Hannah was diagnosed this year with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a very rare connective tissue disorder. One is likely to see her zooming around campus in her specially designed motorized wheelchair!



Halle Hill is a sophomore Wells Scholar majoring in French and minoring in fashion design, Spanish, and Italian. Halle serves as a co-coordinator for the Pages to Prisoners sector of the Wells Activism and Volunteer Effort and works as volunteer usher at the IU Auditorium. Halle is also involved with a start-up organization called CultureU. The organization's primary objective is to provide students with funded internships for traditionally unpaid positions, and the group is currently working with a software company in India to develop its platform. Halle plans on studying abroad in Paris next semester.



Owen Hoepfner is a sophomore Wells Scholar majoring in economic consulting and public policy analysis with a minor in geography. He is a part of the Kelley School of Business Honors Program as well as the Hutton Honors College. During his freshman year, he served as the Kelley Living Learning Center's Judicial Board Chair and as the social chair in the McNutt Hutton Honors Council Association. Currently, Owen is the senior vice president of his professional business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, vice president of programming for the Trockman Microfinance Initiative, and an associate justice on the Indiana University Supreme Court. In addition, he is a peer tutor for introductory computer classes. In his free time, Owen participates in business case competitions, attends IU basketball games, and plays trumpet. Last summer he played trumpet and marched with the competitive La Crosse Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps. Owen looks forward to traveling to South Africa this summer as part of one of his courses and finding a summer internship. In the future, he intends to work in the field of education consulting.

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Kristie Hsu is a sophomore majoring in neuroscience and Spanish with minors in chemistry and psychology and a certificate through the Liberal Arts and Management Program. She serves as founder and editor-in-chief of IU's first undergraduate research journal, *IUJUR*, which aims to publish its premiere issue in Spring 2015. Currently, she is an undergraduate research assistant in Dr. Anne Krendl's social neuroscience lab. In IU Student Association, Kristie co-directed the Fall Freshman Internship Program and continues to be involved in outreach to ensure student voices are heard. Apart from research and improving IU's campus, Kristie is passionate about traveling. Last summer, she spent seven weeks in Santiago, Chile completing the IES Health Studies Program. During spring break 2014, she volunteered with IU Global Public Health Brigades in Honduras to improve a rural community's basic infrastructure. And next year, she hopes to return to South America for a semester-long study abroad program. At IU, Kristie also enjoys playing tennis and is attempting to cook.



Bridget Kelly is a sophomore working on an anthropology major and on minors in folklore and ethnomusicology, Spanish, and Russian and Eastern European Institute, with a certificate in Romanian language. Bridget is an executive board member of the Committee on Multicultural Understanding (COMU) and works on increasing student involvement in COMU. She is the head of the Sociocultural Subcommittee of the Undergraduate Anthropology Association, and she also works with Dr. Ray Demallie at the American Indian Studies Research Institute as a part of the STARS program. Last summer Bridget participated in the Summer Workshop in Slavic and Eastern European Languages (SWSEEL) and began studying Romanian; this summer she gets to live in Cluj Napoca, Romania for three months and then hopefully go to Vienna for the fall semester to study German.



Adam Kruchten is a sophomore majoring in mathematics with a minor in philosophy. While at IU, Adam has participated as a member of the Women's Student Association, a feminist organization on campus, and served as the president of Alpha Sigma Phi, a fraternity he helped to re-start on campus. Adam also participated in the STARS program through which he did research in theoretical chemistry in the Ortoleva lab. Recently Adam joined the IU Math Club and Active Minds, an organization seeking to raise awareness about mental illness.



Kevin Kuo is a sophomore studying chemistry with plans of pursuing a career in medicine. Kevin is also receiving a certificate from the Liberal Arts and Management Program (LAMP) and a minor in geology. At IU, Kevin conducts biogeochemical research under Dr. Lisa Pratt. Additionally, he is involved in the Arts Council of the Collins Living-Learning Center, the design team of the upcoming *IU Journal of Undergraduate Research*, and the All-Campus Band where he plays trombone. Last spring, Kevin was very excited to travel to Honduras with the IU Global Public Health Brigades, where the team helped improve the residential health infrastructure and educate residents on public health practices. This summer, he is studying abroad in Santiago, Chile in a health-studies program. The picture of Kevin in Yosemite (shown here) was actually taken during a geology field course he took last summer, where the class spent two weeks in the beautiful Eastern Sierra Nevada learning about the geological history of the region.

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Lori Lovell is a sophomore Wells Scholar pursuing a B.S. in environmental science with a minor in mathematics. As a part of Northern Illinois University's NSF REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) cohort, Lori spent summer 2013 studying the microbial ecology of a steel slag dumpsite in Calumet City, Illinois. Since returning to IU in the fall, Lori was hired by the Indiana Geological Survey to assess seasonal activity of Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria in an Acid Mine Drainage Bioreactor through use of sulfur isotope analysis and various geochemical parameters. Lori has applied to SPEA's Accelerated Master's Program and is hoping to begin graduate studies at IU in the fall.



Lucy Morrell is a sophomore majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing, as well as theatre and drama with a concentration in playwriting. She is minoring in studio art. She focuses on printmaking, specifically intaglio, which is a form of copperplate etching. She may also pursue a minor in Norwegian. On campus, Lucy is active in the Student Cinema Guild, which focuses on producing student films. For the past year and a half, Lucy has been an editor of the *Labyrinth Literary Magazine*, an undergraduate publication funded through the Hutton Honors College. This year she was also chosen to be the head of *Labyrinth's* marketing committee. Over the past summer, Lucy was able to share her love of film with the Bloomington community through her involvement with the *Ryder* magazine. Besides helping with the magazine's flyer distribution, Lucy contributed written pieces, including a section of film reviews.

Janit Pandya is currently a sophomore progressing towards a B.S. in neuroscience, a certificate through the Liberal Arts and Management Program, a Spanish minor, and chemistry minor. At IU, Janit has been involved in multiple organizations in a variety of roles. He currently serves as the chair for the Union Street Center Conduct Board, after serving as a member on the Teter Judicial Board last year. Janit is an active member of Timmy Global Health, through which he has had the opportunity to travel twice to Guatemala on medical brigades. He has also helped start an undergraduate research journal on campus called the *IUJUR* alongside two fellow Wells Scholars. Janit currently serves as the Student Liaison to the Faculty Advisory Board for the organization. He also conducts research on campus in Dr. Heather Bradshaw's lab through the STARS program. Outside of IU, Janit is a regular volunteer in the Johnson Memorial Hospital Emergency Department, and is collaborating on a research project with Paws & Think related to the human-animal bond. He also had the wonderful opportunity to study abroad this past summer in Santiago, Chile through a Health Studies Program, which was an amazing experience. Janit hopes to be able to return sometime soon.



Jane Reagan is a sophomore studying political science with minors in mathematics and French at Indiana University. She is also a member of the Liberal Arts and Management Program (LAMP). This past semester, Jane became president of Nourish International, an organization that puts on business ventures to raise money for an international project to fight poverty. Before that, she was the ventures director for Nourish. Jane is on the Undergraduate Advisory Board for the Political Science Department, a member of the Scholarship Advisory Committee, and as Pages to Prisoners coordinator for WAVE. She is planning to do an internship in Dublin this summer through the IES program.

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Adriana "Dri" Rivera is a sophomore studying secondary English education with minors in counseling and education policy. She is also a National Hispanic Recognition Scholar and has been working with the Office of Scholarships to recruit new scholars for IU. She leads a Bible study with one of the campus ministry groups. Dri devotes the majority of her time to being a Resident Assistant. She serves 50 freshmen as well as being on the leadership team for the Staff of Color Caucus. Dri loves the community the residence halls foster. With her floor she has traveled to New York City and Chicago. This summer she is studying abroad in London.



Kishan Sangani is a neuroscience and Spanish major at Indiana University. He is also a STARS Research Scholar. During his time at IU, Kishan has co-founded *IUJUR*, the undergraduate research journal at IU, where he currently serves as managing editor. He is also involved in the Honors Student Organization as the historian and treasurer, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity as scholarship director, and the Indiana University Student Association (IUSA) as an outreach officer. Kishan also participates in undergraduate research on campus.



Samyuth Subramanian is a sophomore currently studying neuroscience. He is also in the Liberal Arts Management Program (LAMP) and in addition is studying for a minor in Spanish. Last spring, Samyuth went on a trip to Panama with the IU Global Medical Brigades. He is a member of the Virtu Club, which teaches stock investment strategies while donating profits made from practicing these strategies to Timmy Global Health.

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Martin Aguinis, from Boca Raton, FL, is double majoring in finance and technology management at Kelley. He is involved in the Hutton Honors Council Association as McNutt President, a position for which he organized an event where George Taliaferro, the first African-American to be drafted into the NFL, spoke to students about his experience with diversity, breaking the color barrier, and his ties to Herman B Wells and IU. He is also his floor's president for the Kelley Living Learning Center at the McNutt Residence Hall. He joined Sigma Phi Epsilon (known to many as SigEp) and is now part of the Wells lineage within the house (there is at least one Wells scholar at SigEp each year). This summer, Martin will be traveling to India for 10 days through the class "Business in a Flat World" taught by Ramesh Venkataraman. He is truly enjoying his time at IU so far and looks forward to three more remarkable years in Bloomington.



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Michelle Aguinis was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and immigrated to the United States at the age of five. She is currently majoring in finance and economic consulting at the Kelley School of Business. She is a member of the Corporate Sponsorship team for Indiana University's Women in Business Club, an exclusive organization that prepares some of Kelley's brightest young women to refine the skills necessary to succeed in the ever-changing business world. She has also been competing in many case competitions hosted at Kelley and recently placed first in the 2014 Hutton Honors Case Competition. Her other involvements include being a BUS-K201 (The Computer in Business) peer tutor, a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, a scholar in the Scholarship Advisory Committee (SAC), and a consultant in the 180 Degree Consulting Club. Her IU experience thus far has been precious, and she is looking forward to developing both personally and professionally in her next four years at the university.



Roshni Bag is a freshman from Carmel, Indiana. She is majoring in cognitive science with a concentration in neuroscience, minoring in psychology, and is part of the Liberal Arts and Management Program. Roshni is a research assistant in a Mind and Cognition lab and serves on the Executive Board of Indiana University's Human Trafficking Awareness club. She plans to pursue a career in medicine.



Elisa Dickey majors in international studies, minoring in African languages and African studies, and studies the Ghanaian language Akan. She is excited to be a part of the inaugural class of the Civic Leaders Living Learning Community, a residential program centered on the theme of social engagement. As a part of this community, she belongs to a small group of students that, together with the Non Profit Leadership Alliance, is working to introduce Bloomington children to community service by pairing middle school students with local non-profits in honor of Global Youth Service Day. Furthermore, she is exploring her passion for African Studies by collaborating with the African Languages and Culture Club and by working to fundraise for Books and Beyond, a student lead organization that provides books and teaching materials to the Kabwende Primary School in Kinigi, Rwanda.



Alex Dunn is majoring in biology. He is from Portland, Indiana and a graduate of Jay County High School. In the summer of 2013, Alex was selected as the head coach of the Special Olympics Team Indiana basketball team after winning the Special Olympics Indiana State Championship with the Jay County Panthers. He and his team will represent Indiana in the 2014 National Special Olympics Games in Princeton, New Jersey with hopes of bringing home a gold medal. At IU, Alex has been working tirelessly to gain practice time for Team Indiana inside Assembly Hall and is hoping for an opportunity for the team to receive special instruction from Indiana Head Coach Tom Crean. He is also the Vice President of Community Service for Rose Hall Student Government. With this position, he has orchestrated a number community building activities that have benefitted many local charities. Alex hopes to intern for Special Olympics Indiana this summer, and his future plans include attending medical school, with a specialization in ophthalmology.

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Michael Glennon is a freshman Wells Scholar from Cincinnati, Ohio, majoring in chemistry and physics with a minor in mathematics. During his time at IU he has become involved with the campus in a few ways, including ushering for the auditorium, participating in the IU Mock Trial Team, and volunteering as a Resident Liaison for Teter Boisen Honors Community. As an usher, Michael volunteers time to the campus and is able to witness some of the greatest productions touring the country! As an attorney on the Mock Trial Team, Michael is able to get a better understanding of the American legal system by thoroughly examining legal documents and crafting appropriate arguments to present in competition with other college teams around the country. Lastly, as part of the Teter Boisen Honors Community, he helps plan events for both his floor and the entire building, including a building trip to New York City this past Martin Luther King Day weekend.



Shawn Gompa hails from Clinton, Mississippi. He is currently an undecided major and is taking a survey of courses at Indiana University. He volunteers at the Disciples of Christ Church homeless shelter as well as a Brain Club teaching program as part of which he visits Fairview Elementary School in Bloomington to educate young people about science. Another Wells Scholar (Morgan Mohr) recruited Shawn to work in the leadership of the Freedom Indiana campaign against HJR-3. With the help of the Wells Scholars, Freedom Indiana defeated the bill and helped protect social rights of gay and lesbian Hoosiers.



Jenny Huang is currently pursuing a neuroscience B.S. and a French Minor, though a plethora of prospective majors and minors are swirling around in her head. In addition to being an undergraduate researcher in the Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory of Dr. Olaf Sporns, she is involved with the Communication and Student Editorial Boards of the *IU Journal of Undergraduate Research* and is the community outreach director for the IU Chapter of Oxfam America. She enjoys volunteering and mentoring for The Rise, a housing operation through Middle Way House that serves women and children of domestic violence and poverty. Jenny is looking forward to her summer in Paris, during which she will study abroad through Duke University's Neurohumanities in Paris Global Education Program.



Jake Huff, from Noblesville, Indiana, is majoring in English and is exploring an individualized major that would combine elements of political science, philosophy, and religious studies. During his first year at Indiana University, Jake served as an Assistant Director of *Canvas Creative Arts Magazine*, as well as a Publicity and Media Director for the IU Christian Student Fellowship. He recently became a member of a student sketch comedy team, the University tWits, for which he works as both a writer and an actor. In his free time, Jake enjoys writing and performing music with friends from his hometown. His band, A Boy's Will, was chosen to perform for the opening gala of the Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis last October.

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Dana Khabbaz is a freshman from Valparaiso, Indiana. She is pursuing a major in political science and a minor in Spanish. She is currently involved in Oxfam at Indiana University, the Muslim Student Union, and the Arab Student Association. She hopes to practice law in the future.



Victor Lu intends to major in finance and economics and obtain a minor in mathematics. He has sought to gain hands-on business experience through numerous case competitions, including the PwC xTax case competition, in which he was fortunate enough to team up with other motivated underclassmen to win second place. Victor is also involved in Net Impact, a sustainable energy organization that collaborates with the Office of Sustainability on researching and planning methods of creating a more sustainable campus. Additionally, he has been elected to the Hutton Honors College Career Programming Board, which consists of five students and various administrators responsible for increasing the quality of professional opportunities available to students in the honors college. Lastly, he is pledging the social fraternity Delta Upsilon, taking on responsibilities as pledge class VP of Finance. Initiation can't come soon enough. Victor is incredibly thankful to be part of the Wells Scholars Program and to have so many opportunities to be meaningfully engaged on campus.



Morgan Mohr is majoring in political science, history, and feminist policy and minoring in economics. Last summer, she interned for the Office of Senator Donnelly, and for the past five months she has been working as a field organizer for Freedom Indiana, the campaign fighting HJR-3- the proposed amendment to Indiana's state constitution that would ban marriage equality. After passing the measure 70-26 and 40-10 in 2011, the Indiana General Assembly deleted the second sentence banning civil unions and indefinitely delayed a referendum, signaling a resounding victory for Freedom Indiana. After volunteering as an intern and getting hired as a field organizer last fall, Morgan became the full-time lead campus organizer for IU, one of the most important advocacy centers in the state. She is currently the Political Affairs Director of the IU College Democrats and Campus Co-Director of the Indiana Federation for Democratic Women, and she volunteers as a Patient Escort for Bloomington's Planned Parenthood.



Sai Nelanuthala is a freshman studying neuroscience and biochemistry. During the past academic year, he worked in the Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience lab, dealing with the effects of tyrosine kinases on memory and perception. He plans to pursue a career in medical research.

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Samantha Strong is pursuing majors in journalism as an Ernie Pyle Scholar within the School of Journalism and bioethics through the individualized major program. She is an active member in the Indiana University Student Association, where she served as a freshman intern. She is also the Humanities Chair of *IUJUR*, the *IU Journal of Undergraduate Research*. Samantha has completed research for David H. Smith, Nelson Poynter Senior Scholar for the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions. Samantha also shares her passion for Bloomington as a member of the Scholarship Advisory Committee, recruiting prospective scholars to join the IU community. In addition to academics, Samantha is an avid triathlete. She is a member of Team USA within USA Triathlon and has qualified to compete in the 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final in Edmonton, Canada representing the United States. Samantha is ranked first in the Mideast region for her age group and placed tenth in her age group at Age Group Nationals in August 2013. She is in the process of presenting a proposal to Indiana University Athletic Department for the inclusion of women's triathlon as an NCAA Division 1 sport.



Emily Sullivan is a freshman theatre and English double major from Cincinnati, Ohio. In past years, she has performed at Lincoln Center for the National Shakespeare Competition Semi-finals, received the Jefferson Book Award, volunteered regularly at a local homeless shelter for the mentally ill, worked for the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, and completed her Young Feminist Leadership training with Women Writing for (a) Change. Here at IU, she is continuing her studies, and delving deeper into her passions. She recently appeared in her first short film, *Flick*, and *Picasso's Women*, an avant-garde, all women stage production. She is also currently taking operatic voice lessons and has recently completed her first, hand-bound collection of her own poetry.



Lucas Tang, from Portage, IN, majors in biology with a minor in religious studies. As a STARS Scholar and a member of the IFLE Program, he is actively involved in research at IU. Working in the Kao Biochemistry Laboratory, Lucas is interested in DNA mutations that affect the innate immune system. In addition, he is using scanning electron microscopy to investigate the 3-D structure of gluten complexes for advancing the field of celiac's disease treatment. Outside of the classroom, Lucas plays on IU's Club Baseball team as well as the IU Club Table Tennis team. Since he enjoys working with children, he has joined the Autism Mentorship Program and assists elementary children to read in the Hutton Literacy and Life Skills Program. With the IU Science Outreach Society, he brings science experiments to local schools and supervises events during Science Olympiad competitions. As a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity and WAVE, Lucas reaches out to the surrounding community and volunteers with local programs such as Pages to Prisoners. Among Lucas' favorite classes at IU have been Ice Skating 101 and the Wells Seminar. His future plans include attending medical school and becoming a physician.

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Vinayak Vedantam dual-majors in biochemistry and computer science and minors in music, Spanish, and chemistry. He is an Eagle Scout, a Black Belt in the South-Korean marital art Kuk Sool Won, a state award-winning flutist, and a previous member of the 2010 state-champion science academic team. He has been involved in organic chemistry research through Dr. Silas Cook's laboratory and has co-founded the Google Society of Indiana University, a group devoted to the development of mobile applications and the promotion of Google services.



Ernest Xi is a finance, finance real-estate, and international business major at Kelley. He has been involved in several groups on IU's campus, notably Culture of Care and the IUSA Funding Board. Culture of Care is an initiative part of IUSA that is focused on changing the culture here at IU in four major focus areas: mental health, sexual well-being, drug and alcohol awareness, and respect. The IUSA Funding Board is responsible for allocating funds to student groups on campus. During his freshman year, Ernest trained for a powerlifting meet in mid-May, a qualifier for USPA's (United States Powerlifting Association) Nationals in Las Vegas.

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