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CUTLER SCHOLARS ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



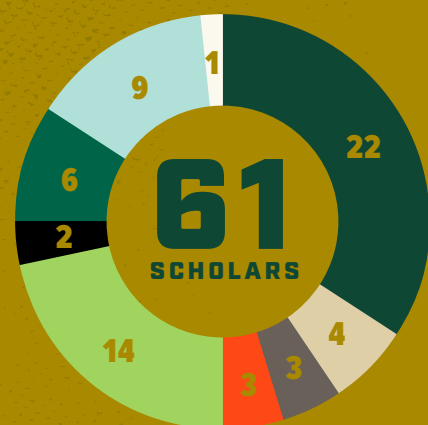
OHIO
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2020-2021 STATISTICS



3.63
CURRENT SCHOLARS
AVERAGE GPA

COLLEGE BREAKDOWN



- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Business
- Scripps College of Communication
- Patton College of Education
- Russ College of Engineering and Technology
- College of Fine Arts
- College of Health Sciences and Professions
- Honors Tutorial College
- University College

Breakdown includes students pursuing more than one major

SCHOLAR DIVERSITY

15
FIRST
GENERATION

15
HISTORICALLY
UNDERREPRESENTED
GROUPS

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

CUTLER SCHOLARS Update

As the Cutler Scholars Program continued to navigate academic and community life in a global pandemic, it was fitting that our program theme for the year was “health,” a lens that shaped our first year, colloquium, and guest speaker programming. As with last year, Cutler scholars met the challenges of virtual and modified in-person learning with passion and creativity.

Colloquium

First-year scholars opened the year with a colloquium taught by Rebekah Perkins Crawford, a faculty member of the College of Health Sciences and Professions. An expert on community-engaged mental health services, particularly among religious groups, Professor Crawford brought special insight into the role of health in the creation and care of community relationships.

Our spring colloquium series delved into “health” even further, focusing on topics such as “Race Justice and Health Activism,” “Twentieth-Century Diseases,” and “Healthy Democracies.” The program welcomed faculty from the Honors College, Biological Sciences, the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the College of Health Sciences and Professions to explore how we define and pursue health in our communities. Together students asked how health might be affected through dimensions beyond medicine; including housing, the environment, access to public services, and participation in democratic institutions.

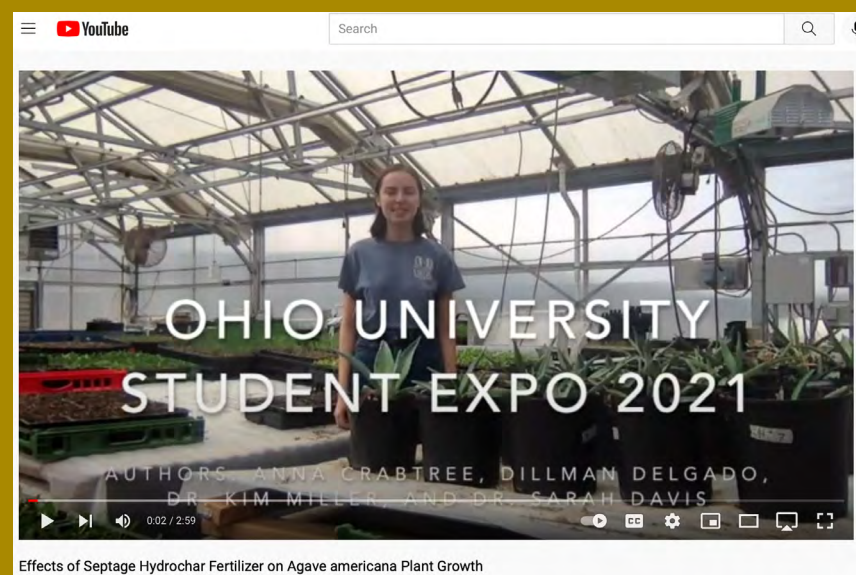
Virtual and Summer Programming

Virtual settings provided opportunities for the program to gather together during the summer, and to welcome speakers beyond Ohio University. We supported online learning for scholars with small grants to cover the cost of technology, as well as summer course work. In June of 2020, we met for a special summer colloquium on the history of race in the United States, in response to the wave of social protests in the wake of the murder of George Floyd. Responding with thoughtfulness and care to the urgent problems of our day is a hallmark of the Cutler Scholars ethos, and we were grateful for the chance to gather as a program at such a time.

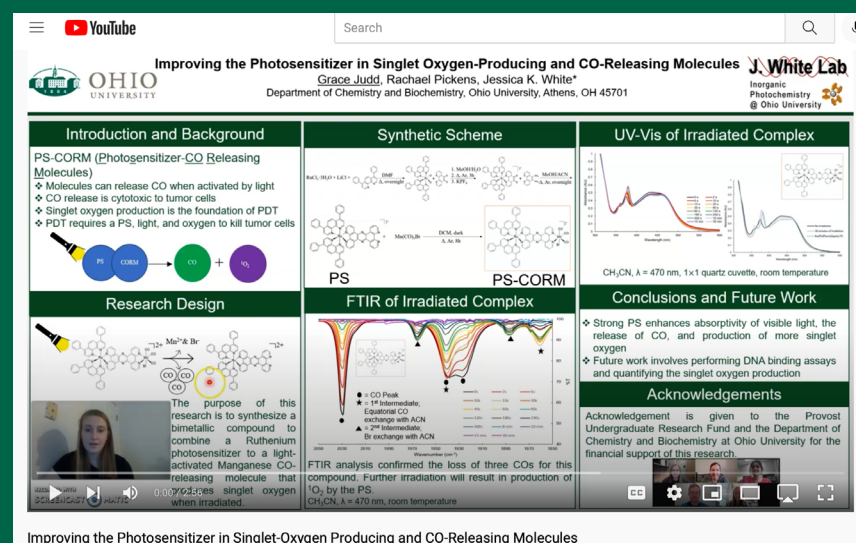
During the academic year, we were delighted to welcome two experts on the history of race and medicine in the United States to our colloquia. In the fall, Rana A. Hogarth of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign shared with us her research on the history of slavery and yellow fever in the eighteenth century Caribbean, and in the spring Wangui Mughai gave a talk on her historical study of infant mortality in the African-American community in the United States.

STUDENT RESEARCH & CREATIVITY

Cutler Scholars are nothing if not innovative, and they pursued every possible option to move their research and creative activity along this year, despite challenges presented by the pandemic. One such opportunity was Ohio University's virtual version of the annual Research and Creative Activity Expo. Here are just a few of the submissions by Cutler Scholars.



Effects of Septage Hydrochar Fertilizer on Agave americana Plant Growth
Anna Crabtree '24 (Russ Legacy)
ohioopen.library.ohio.edu/studentexpo/2021/presentations/172/
youtube.com/watch?v=_QOSitVhyR8



Improving the Photosensitizer in Singlet-Oxygen Producing and CO-Releasing Molecules
Grace Judd '20 (Russ Legacy)
ohioopen.library.ohio.edu/studentexpo/2021/presentations/201/
youtube.com/watch?v=plIKW0m1uc0



Jordan Pazol '20 (Grasselli Brown)
ohioopen.library.ohio.edu/studentexpo/2021/presentations/79/
twitter.com/Pazologist

EXPLORATION Grants

To support Cutler Scholars' pursuit of challenging, innovative educational experiences, the program invites scholars to apply for individual Exploration Grants. Any Cutler Scholar can apply for an Exploration Grant to support research, creative activity, regional community engagement projects, conference presentations, professional development activities, or travel associated with eligible projects.

SIX GRANTS APPROVED FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,891

EXPLORATION GRANT LIST

Research/Scholarly Activity

- Alexis Eberlein '22 (Emrick)**
War Memorialization Research in Washington, DC
- Ellen Gill-Franks '22 (Ping)**
War Memorialization Research in Washington, DC
- Moss Nash '21 (WR & AL Konneker)**
HTC Thesis, Came to Be

Professional Development

- Carlee Dempsey Roberts '21 (Hughes)**
Animal Nutrition Course at Purdue University
- Zach Perie '21 (WR Konneker)**
LSAT Preparation
- Simar Kalkat '23 (COB EAB)**
San Francisco Networking



"I used my exploration grant funds to pay for the tuition of an asynchronous, virtual animal nutrition course that is offered through Purdue University. This course will have a major impact on my understanding of the health and nutrition requirements of various species of animals as I continue my education at the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine this fall to follow my dream of becoming a veterinarian."

— Carlee Dempsey Roberts '21 (Hughes)

STUDENT Achievements

Provost Undergraduate Research Fund

Moss Nash '21 (WR & AL Konneker)

Rudy Leadership Award

Faith Laughlin '23 (Bush)

Young and Gifted Diversity First Leadership Award and Ohio University Student Trustee appointment

Sarah Ladipo '23 (Ping)

Charles J. Ping International Leadership Award

Laura Ndoigo '22 (Russ Legacy)



ENRICHMENT Experiences

Public Service Internship

- BCASA of Licking County
- Compassion Prison Project
- Heart House
- Jobs4U
- Rapid Response West Virginia
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Tenderfoot Fair Trade Learning Lab
- The Reflect Organization

International Internship

- Loop Abroad

Professional Internship

- Atomic Credit Union
- Breakthrough New York
- Christi Lukasiak Internship
- Independent Experiential Learning: Robotics Project
- LUMCON REU / Ohio University Plant Biology Research
- MetLife Investment Management
- Ohio Innovation Fund
- Research Apprentice with Professor Haviland
- Research Apprentice with Dr. Kruse Daniels
- Research Apprentice with Dr. Perez Sheldon
- Ohio University Chemistry Department
- Rising Appalachia
- Shrivens Pharmacy and Wellness
- The Next 50/West Virginia Can't Wait



PILLARS in Action

INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY



Ellen Gill-Franks '22 (Ping) and Alexis Eberlein (Emrick) '22 completed an independent research project analyzing the word choice and design elements of memorials in Washington, D.C. Ellen and Alexis focused specifically on the language of forgetting present in a number of war memorials, in order to draw conclusions as to the intentions of the word 'forget' when used in the memorialization of wars and other historical occurrences where American lives have been lost.

“This was Ellen's and my first experience with observational field research, and we were both able to grow our academic skill set immensely. Our hands-on research allowed us to immerse ourselves within the physical space of several war memorials to make observations that are not apparent through digital photo archives alone. This experience will lend well towards the successful implementation of future research endeavors as we seek to make a positive impact and represent the core pillars of the Cutler Scholars program.”

—Alexis Eberlein

LEADERSHIP

"I am so very honored to be a student trustee. I want to engage with Bobcats in the community, to listen to them, and help them feel like their voices are being heard. I think the pandemic and being away for a year has definitely brought up problems [for many people]. I want to be intentional with doing diligent work in trying to know what messages I can pass on and be that bridge from the students to the Board of Trustees."



Sarah Ladipo '23 (Ping) was appointed as a student member of the Ohio University Board of Trustees in May 2021.

SERVICE



Nick Pittman '24 (Jewell) continued serving as a volunteer firefighter in Vinton County while living at home during Fall semester 2020. Nick managed to make the third most runs of the department (70%) while enrolled in full-time classes.

“I continued to volunteer because I was one of the few that could respond during the day. We are a volunteer department, which means that there is no one that is guaranteed to show up. During the day most of the other members work away from home or at a place they can't leave. During times when I could go, I would. I have learned a lot about the different people that make up our community. Also what first responders have to go through mentally and physically. I hope to continue to volunteer on the fire department for as long as I am able.”

CHARACTER

“This job was particularly intimidating at first because approaching strangers is a hard task, especially if you want to talk to them about something that is as sensitive as the pandemic and vaccination. It was valuable learning how to connect and communicate with other people. Though being a health ambassador was incredibly appealing to me as a pre-med student, I've realized the lessons I've learned as being part of Bobcat Health Ambassadors apply to all facets of life. Connecting with another person is key in understanding yourself, and you must know your foundations if you want to grow and challenge your own character.”



Melanie Ahmetspahic '24 (Emrick) served as a Bobcat Health Ambassador in Spring 2020. As a Bobcat Health Ambassador, Melanie approached students on campus to talk about COVID safety and vaccinations.

SENIORS 2020-21



Will Brumfield
 Russ Legacy
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.S.C.E. in Civil Engineering
 (expected December 2021)
 Cum Laude



Georgia Hilliard
 Jack G. and Sue Mathis Ellis
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.S. in Biological Sciences -
 Marine, Freshwater
 & Environmental Biology
 Minor in Chemistry



Claire McGee
 Kenner and Margene Bush
 Cutler Scholar
 B.S.H. in Community
 & Public Health;
 B.A in Spanish



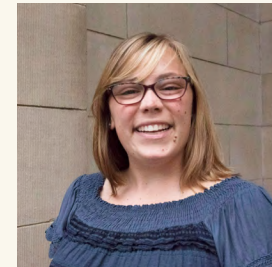
Jordan Pazol
 Jeanette Grasselli Brown
 and Glenn R. Brown Cutler
 Scholar
 B.A. in Environmental
 Studies
 Minor in Biological Sciences
 Cum Laude



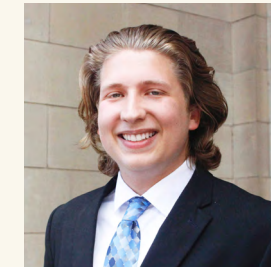
Carlee Dempsey
 Leona and Lewis Hughes
 Cutler Scholar
 B.S. in Biological Sciences -
 Pre-Professional Minors in
 Chemistry and Psychology
 Magna Cum Laude



Grace Judd
 Russ Legacy
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.S. in Chemistry
 Cum Laude



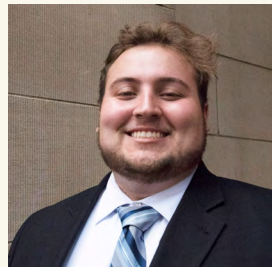
Rynne Morr
 Gibby Cutler Scholar
 B.A. in French
 B.S.Ed. in French
 Minor in Linguistics
 Summa Cum Laude



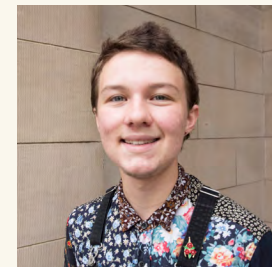
Zach Perie
 Wilfred R. Konneker
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.A. in English Culture,
 Rhetoric & Theory
 Certificate in Law, Justice
 & Culture
 Minor in Political Science
 Summa Cum Laude



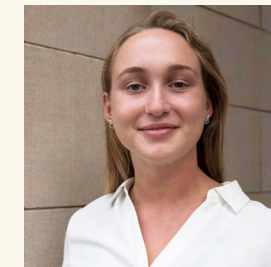
Emily Gayton
 Ann Lee Hancock Konneker
 Cutler Scholar
 B.S. J. in Journalism
 News & Information
 Minors in Political Science
 and Psychology
 Cum Laude



Justin Kelley
 Paul F. and Gwyneth G.
 Hoff Cutler Scholar
 B.B.A. in Accounting,
 Business Pre-Law,
 Marketing, and Finance
 Magna Cum Laude



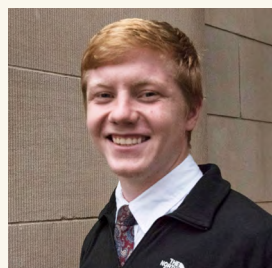
Moss Nash
 Wilfred R. and
 Ann Lee Konneker
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.F.A. in Studio Art
 Minor in Outdoor
 Recreation & Education
 Cum Laude



Hannah Posedel
 Lizabeth K. and
 Charles R. Emrick, Jr.
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.A. in Spanish
 B.S.Ed. in Spanish
 Magna Cum Laude



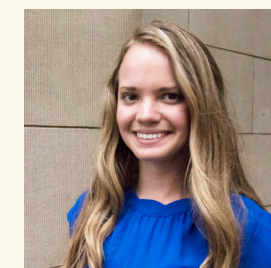
Oliva Hersman
 Claire O. and Charles J. Ping
 Cutler Scholar
 B.A. in Philosophy
 Cum Laude



Dillon Mahr
 Russ Legacy
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.S.E.E. in Electrical
 Engineering
 Magna Cum Laude



Maria Onusko
 Wilfred R. Konneker
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.S. in Biological Sciences
 Summa Cum Laude



Lexi Smith
 Dr. James H. and
 Nellie Rowley Jewell
 Cutler Scholar Award
 B.S. in Forensic Chemistry
 Cum Laude

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GIVING DAY 04.21.21

\$15,246.21
TOTAL GIVING DAY
2021 GIFTS

TOTAL DONORS
74

35 SCHOLAR ALUMNI
9 SCHOLAR PARENTS
7 SCHOLAR STUDENTS

Cutler Scholar Alumnus John '07 (Hoff Cutler Scholar) and Katie '06 Dravenstott provided a 1:1 match, up to \$5,000, for gifts designated for the Cutler Scholars Program. The Dravenstotts are supporters of OHIO's Cutler Scholars Program, Marching 110, College of Business, School of Dance, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, and Honors Tutorial College. John is a CFA charterholder and Credit Portfolio Executive for KeyBank. Katie is a freelance dance journalist and dance instructor and choreographer. They enjoy cheering for the Bobcats' athletic teams from Dallas with their two daughters.

Thank you to John and Katie for their generosity!



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One of Ohio University's most dedicated supporters, Ann Lee Hancock Konneker, passed away on July 14, 2020 in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 95.



Born and raised in Olean, New York, Ann Lee Hancock, HON '80, graduated from Ohio State University in 1945 before marrying OHIO alumnus Wilfred Konneker, BS '43, MS '47, HON '80, in 1946. The couple would go on to become two of Ohio University's most visionary and impactful benefactors.

The Konnekers supported Cutler Scholars from both Wilfred's high school in Greenfield, Ohio, and Ann Lee's Olean High School in New York, taking pride in these students' accomplishments and forming personal connections with many of the recipients.

"The Konnekers' generosity has been such a blessing on my life and the life of many others," said Sophia Hendrix, BA '17, BSCSD '17, an Ann Lee Hancock Konneker Cutler Scholar. "I go through each day knowing that the experiences and opportunities I have been given are truly a gift. With every place I go and every person I meet, I bring the Konnekers with me."

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