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CUTLER SCHOLARS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



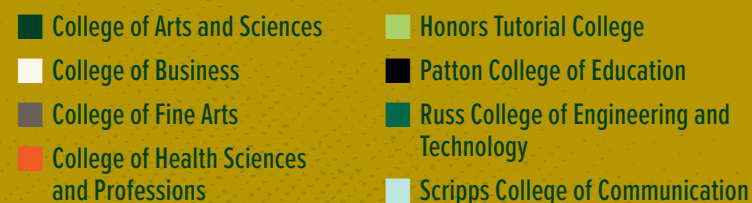
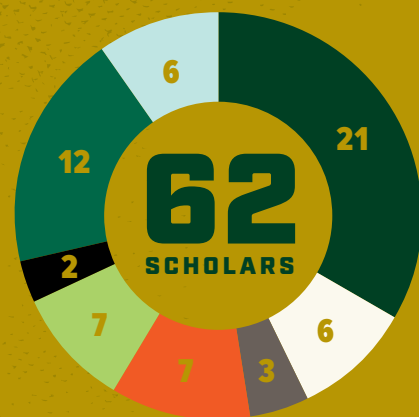
OHIO
UNIVERSITY

2019-2020 STATISTICS



3.69
AVERAGE GPA

COLLEGE BREAKDOWN



INCOMING CLASS

4.08
AVERAGE GPA

43%
1ST GEN

25%
HISTORICALLY
UNDERREPRESENTED
GROUPS

12
OHIO COUNTIES

2
OUT OF STATE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

CUTLER SCHOLARS Update

The Cutler Scholars Program experienced unprecedented challenges this year. From responding to Covid-19 to staff changes, the unofficial theme became flexibility. Naturally, the scholars adapted well and seized the opportunity to share their hopes for the future of the program.

Staffing Updates

Dr. Margaux Cowden, Cutler Scholars Program director, was selected as director of the Emory Scholars Program at Emory University, and Sharon Romina accepted a position with Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Cleveland, allowing both to move closer to family. Makenzie "Mak" Olaker '17 (Konneker) supported the Cutler Scholars Program in a temporary role as acting selection coordinator before accepting a full-time position with the University of Colorado Boulder. The impact these three left on the program is immense, and scholars and staff alike wish them well.

Kristine Hoke stepped in as interim director of the Cutler Scholars Program to complete the year and currently serves as interim director of operations and scholars experience.

With the advent of the new year, the program welcomed Dr. Myrna Perez Sheldon as executive director. An assistant professor in the Department of Classics and World Religions and the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program, Dr. Perez Sheldon has primary responsibility for the oversight and development of the Cutler Scholars Program's academic curriculum.

Covid-19

The global coronavirus pandemic necessitated a move to remote learning for all Ohio University students in March, and scholars gained first-hand experience in adjusting to different modalities and witnessing the shift in university processes. As they approached their work about "work" in new ways, many also had their enrichment experience plans derailed as all international and most domestic travel shut down. Staff and students continue to identify alternative opportunities and shift requirements as needed.

Colloquium

The Cutler Scholars are grateful to Drs. Julie White, Charles Lester, Fred Drogula and Jan Huebenthal who guided scholars through this spring's colloquium, focusing on "work." They tackled questions, such as:

- Who is a "worker" and who is not?
- How do issues of race, class, and gender impact societal perceptions of "work"?
- What alternative economies and workplaces have been implemented, and what made them successful?
- What do our utopian (and dystopian) fantasies suggest about the culture and politics of work in the contemporary U.S.?
- If the Time/Work Relationship is technologically determined, structural, and cultural, what does it mean to use our time wisely?
- When is time "wasted"? Is time valuable if it is not productive?

We were also lucky to have Drs. Theo Hutchinson, Katie Hartman, and Erin Jordan teaching our enrichment colloquia in the fall.

Continued Success

Despite unexpected challenges, Cutler Scholars and program staff remained steadfast in their commitment to the program, their communities, and the scholars' education. Read on to learn how they put the pillars into action.

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 submissions by Cutler Scholars.



Danielle Klein '22 (Stuckey Russ College)



Carlee Dempsey '21 (Hughes)



Jordan Pazol '21 (Grasselli Brown)



Winter Wilson '20 (McClure & Fuller)



Moss Nash '21 (WR & AL Konneker)

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.

19 GRANTS APPROVED FOR A TOTAL OF \$25,696

EXPLORATION GRANT LIST

Research/Scholarly Activity

Dominic Detwiler '20 (WR & AL Konneker)
Bridging the Queer-Green Gap: LGBTQ & Environmental Movements in Canada, Ireland, The United Kingdom, and the United States

Danielle Klein '22 (Stuckey Russ College)
Investigation into Primate Bioselection Habits and OneHealth theory in Kibale National Forest

Lydia King '20 (RT AE Riedel)
Food Insecurity in Zagreb, Croatia

Study Away

Carlie Tianello '20 (Emrick)
Ohio University Capital Internship Program

Abbey Marshall '20 (Wood)
Ohio University Scripps Semester in D.C.

Ben Beaty '20 (Adler)
Global Consulting Program Brazil

Georgia Hilliard '21 (Ellis)
Animal Diversity and Ecology in the Caribbean
Global Opportunities Program

Abby Jeffers '21 (Wood)*
Eternal Rome - Piety & Power Global Opportunities Program

Madison Foltz '20 (WR Konneker)*
South By Southwest Global Opportunities Program

Professional Development

Maria Onusko '21 (WR Konneker)
Exploring public health in South Africa

Dillon Mahr '21 (Russ Legacy)
Reishauer plant visit

Emily Gayton '21 (AL Konneker)
Thirst Project Gala Volunteer

Sophie Carleton '22 (Jewell)
American Speech Language Hearing Association Convention

Lydia Seiter '20 (Russ Legacy)
Society of Women Engineers National Conference

Winter Wilson '20 (McClure & Fuller)
University Innovation Fellows Program - Alps Regional Meetup

Emily McCarty '23 (Russ Legacy)
Salon des TEQ

Olivia Hersman '21 (Ping)
Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certification

Claire McGee '21 (Bush)*
University Innovation Fellows Silicon Valley Meetup

Simar Kalkat '23 (COB EAB)*
MoneyLIVE Spring 2020

*Canceled due to COVID-19



STUDENT Achievements

Provost Undergraduate Research Fund

Grace Judd '21 (Russ Legacy)

John J. Kopchick Molecular and Cellular Biology (MCB)/Translational Biomedical Sciences (TBS) Undergraduate Student Support Fund

Maria Onusko '21 (WR Konneker)

CAMPUS AWARDS & HONORS

Outstanding Senior Leader Award

Winter Wilson '20 (McClure & Fuller)

Ruby Leadership Award

Abby Jeffers '21 (Wood)

Student Sustainability Leader Award

Winter Wilson '20 (McClure & Fuller)

Women's Issues Leadership Award

Claire McGee '21 (Bush)



ENRICHMENT Experiences

Outdoor Leadership

- Blue Ridge Mountains Backpacking and Rock Climbing
- Blue Ridge Mountains Backpacking and Whitewater Canoeing
- Chesapeake Bay Sea Kayaking and Appalachian Trail Backpacking
- Glacier National Park Hiking
- Mount Baker Mountaineering
- North Cascades Alpine Backpacking for Adults
- Oregon Rafting and Alpine Backpacking
- Outer Banks Sea Kayaking
- Salmon River Rafting for Adults
- Sangre de Cristo Alpine Backpacking

Public Service Internship

- Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ecuador Tropical Disease Research and Service Learning
- Family Navigator Program
- Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity
- "I Have a Dream" Foundation
- Jackson County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center
- Kaleidoscope Youth Center
- Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
- Ohio Innocence Project
- Peter Paul Development Center
- Ross County Health District
- Vanessa Grant Trust
- Welcome House, Inc.
- White Ribbon Alliance

International

- Eoin Syron Lab at University College Dublin
- Russ College Global Engineering Projects
- The Maternity Foundation
- WWOOF Germany
- Study abroad in:
 - Chaing Mai, Thailand
 - Florence, Italy
 - Donegal, Ireland
 - Sorrento, Italy
 - Stellenbosch, South Africa
 - London, England
 - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
 - Berlin, Germany
 - Grenoble, France

Professional Internship

- Akron Children's Hospital, Corporate Alliance and Special Events Division
- American Heart Association Columbus
- Aware
- Crank & Kirkpatrick Animal Hospital
- Darmouth College Advancement Division
- Five Guys Enterprises, LLC
- Ford Motor Company
- IBI Group
- Kroger
- Ohio University - Chemistry Labs
- Sumo Logic
- The Drugstore at O'Bleness



PILLARS in Action

INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY



As an extension of her study abroad, Maria Onusko '21 (WR Konneker) took on an independent project to gain a deeper understanding of public health in South Africa. Maria completed site visits in the Western Cape, including the Cape Town branch of the Human Rights Commission, to explore the societal factors that influence the health of a country, the barriers to care, and how to research and problem solve to develop creative solutions to health issues.

“These visits enabled me to develop a deeper knowledge of healthcare in South Africa, experience the work being done on a community level and a national level, and learn about strategies to bring equitable care to all South Africans. I had hoped to utilize these lessons back home to address the shortcomings of our healthcare and continue to seek out opportunities to learn how the world can be a healthier place for everyone.”



LEADERSHIP

“The ECO Challenge was an incredibly rewarding experience that gave me the opportunity to interface with other majors and explore different approaches to complex problems.”

Aidan Crowl '20 (Robe) participated in the 2019 Ohio University ECO Challenge, an annual, months-long sustainability competition in which interdisciplinary teams to identify sustainability needs on campus and work with relevant stakeholders to devise a solution which is presented in a Shark Tank-style sales pitch to a panel of judges. The winning proposal receives funding from the university and is implemented by the relevant department. Aidan and his team's plan to begin replacing gas-powered utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) in OHIO's Facilities Management fleet with cheaper, more sustainable electric models won first place in the competition.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY



Evan Gilland '22 (WR & AL Konneker) completed his public service internship with the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC), a community and membership-based organization focusing on environmental advocacy in the Ohio River Valley. As a film student, Evan used his talents to make a series of short documentaries for OVEC. Evan created a series of five five-minute informational documentary videos on the Appalachian Storage Hub, a network of plants designed to make plastics from ethane, and the associated problems this causes. One of Evan's videos was screened at the Athena Cinema before the documentary feature “The Story of Plastic”, as part of their sustainability film series.

“When I was planning this experience, I was thinking mostly about how I could bring my skill set to an organization and provide a service to them, learning along the way from the work. I hadn't considered the amount that I would learn, though, through research and travel throughout the Appalachian communities.”



CHARACTER

“I left feeling humbled and transformed by what I could do when I focused on my strengths and didn't view my weaknesses as faults, but rather as positive opportunities for improvement within myself. I stumbled, but did not fall, because I was rooted in patience, self-discipline, optimism, and great company that wanted to see me succeed. As I started my freshman year, I had to completely embrace a mindset that would shift the question of “why me?” into “why not me?”.”

Madison Wilson's '23 (Stuckey College of Arts & Sciences) outdoor leadership experience set the tone for how she would think and navigate her first year at OHIO. She learned to be comfortable with taking risks and the importance of determination.

SENIORS 2019-20



Rosa Avina
James E. Daley Cutler
Scholar
B.B.A. in Marketing
Minor in Spanish &
Business Analytics



Madison Foltz
Wilfred R. Konneker Cutler
Scholar
B.A. in English – Cultures,
Rhetoric & Theory
Minor in Communication
Studies
Magna Cum Laude



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Magna Cum Laude



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Magna Cum Laude



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Business – Pre Law
Summa Cum Laude



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Ruby Tignor and Alan E.
Riedel Cutler Scholar
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Nutrition



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Engineering
Minor in Chemistry
Cum Laude



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Henry W. and Edith
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Minor in German
Magna Cum Laude



Aidan Crowl
T. Richard and Eleanora K.
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Engineering with Computer
Engineering Track
Minor in Spanish
Summa Cum Laude



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Beth K. Stocker
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Communication Sciences
and Disorders
Minor in Marketing
Magna Cum Laude



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Studies
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Minor in French
Summa Cum Laude



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Konneker Cutler Scholar
B.A. in Sociology
Minors in Music,
Psychology, and Political
Science
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Magna Cum Laude



Abbey Marshall
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B.S.J. in Journalism News
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Magna Cum Laude



Lydia Seiter
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In the fall, Scholars competed by grade level to see who could bring in the biggest number of food and personal hygiene items to donate to the Cats' Cupboard. The freshmen won, and all of the Cutler Scholars collected a wide variety of foods and personal hygiene items to benefit fellow Bobcats.

Dominic Detwiler '20 (WR & AL Konneker) coordinated an event with the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Honors Tutorial College, Margaret Boyd Scholars Program, and Equality Ohio to bring Samantha Allen to OHIO's campus to discuss her book *Real Queer America*. *Real Queer America* follows Dr. Allen's 2017 road trip across conservative states with one rule: do one queer thing a day. From Utah to Indiana and Texas to Georgia, Dr. Allen's book speaks to rural queer people across the country and provides many parallels between Athens and other American towns.

Moss Nash '21 (WR & AL Konneker) organized an event with the School of Art and Design, BSCPB, the Multicultural Center, the WGSS department, the Retail Merchandising and Fashion Product Development program, and the LGBT Center at the Athena Cinema to bring LGBTQ+ activist and artist Alok Vaid-Menon to campus for both a student workshop and a public performance.

During Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November, pairs of Cutler Scholars took turns tabling outside of Baker Center for two hours every weekday to raise awareness for food and housing insecurity on campus and the resources that are available to address both.

Cutler Scholars and other members of the Ohio University community worked in pairs to stand outside of the dining halls during mealtimes and raise awareness for the Meal Swipe donation program. Volunteers encouraged students entering the dining halls to donate up to three meal swipes during that week and provided information about how to donate and how to apply to receive meal swipes.

After the coronavirus outbreak left scholars learning from home, Cutler Council hosted a virtual book club for current scholars as well as any alumni who wanted to participate. The book club read *Normal People* by Sally Rooney and participated in a group discussion via zoom. This was a great way to keep in touch and have a little fun while staying home.

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The Manasseh Cutler Scholars Program General Scholarship Endowment:
\$134,796 (total cash & commitments since conception)

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FY20 Fundraising Data

\$51,457 - total gifts to the Cutler Scholars Program
(cash & commitments July 1 - June 30)

\$1,225 mean gift amount
\$200 median gift amount
42 Total Donors

While Giving Day 2020 was canceled due to the pandemic, the University looks forward to Giving Day 2021.

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