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A Word From Dr. Khorassani



Dear Friends,

As we wrap up the 2024–25 academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible presenters who made our BIG Workshop and other professional development events so impactful.

BIG Workshop Keynote Speaker

Dr. Doan Winkel

BIG Workshop Presenters

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Speed Mock Interviewers

Louise Cruz, Dr. Greg Delemeester, Ann Nicely, Mike Workman, Suzanne Schultz, Rachel MacLeod, Larry Heiser, Patrick Moran, and Linda Roesch.

Life After Graduation Mini-Series Presenters

Brett Burns and Caprice Hudson.

Job Talk Workshop Presenters

Dr. Bev Hogue, Dr. John Rogers, and Franci Bolden.

PioSolve Hackathon Judges

Dr. Greg Delemeester, Alex Hogan, Linn Yost, Amanda Sutphin.

PioBiz Judges

Eric Little, Jason Nulton, Jesse Roush, Dr. Tao Wu, Dr. Jim Morell, Rocky Peck, Mike Workman, and Dr. Julie Wilkes.

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Looking ahead, we invite individuals and organizations—both for-profit and nonprofit— to collaborate with us by sponsoring the PioSolve Hackathon and PioBiz Competition. Our goal is to open these competitions to students from other colleges and universities in the region. If interested, please contact me.

We are currently developing our 2025–26 workshops. In addition to our regular sessions, we will offer special workshops on proper email etiquette, building an effective LinkedIn profile, and leveraging LinkedIn's features to advance careers.

Finally, we are always seeking new mentors. Joining our mentoring program is a great way to connect informally with future interns and employees while making a meaningful impact.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community and continued success!

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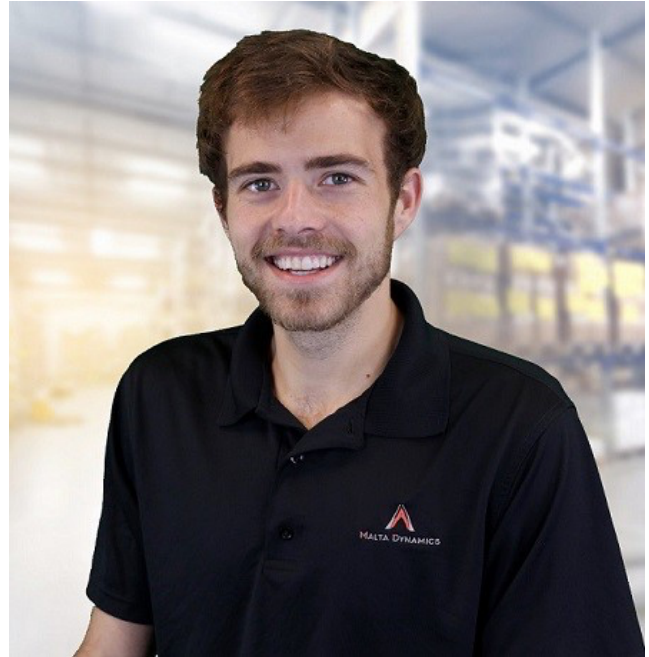
Jacqueline Khorassani, Ph.D.

Senior Director, Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development, Marietta College

From Academic Probation to Professional Triumph: A Journey of Resilience and Strategic Growth

By: Alex Hogan '18*

In 2014, I found myself seated in my first college class, overwhelmed by the daunting thought: *"There is no way I'm going to make it to graduation."* My academic journey at Marietta College began with Math-060, a remedial course necessitated by my ACT scores, which placed me on academic probation. From the outset, I felt as though I was already behind. However, through the unwavering support of my professors and a steadfast commitment to hard work, I not only graduated on time—I did so with distinction. I was honored to receive the 2018 Management Capstone Award and had the privilege of participating in several business case competitions during my senior year.



I share this story because it underscores a vital truth: it is easy to give up at any stage of life. But let me assure you - perseverance and belief in oneself can lead to extraordinary outcomes. After graduating in 2018, I chose to remain in Marietta and joined Malta Dynamics, a fall protection manufacturing company, as a supply chain manager under the mentorship of Damian Lang. This role afforded me the opportunity to travel extensively, forging relationships with vendors and freight partners across the globe. One of the most valuable lessons I learned early in my career is that authenticity, honesty, and transparency are powerful tools that can open doors and build lasting trust.

Less than two years into my professional journey, the COVID-19 pandemic struck. While the global crisis was tragic, navigating it from an executive position became

an unparalleled learning experience. As supply chain manager, I was responsible for coordinating the shipment of container loads from international suppliers to our warehouse in Malta, Ohio. The pandemic caused a dramatic surge in demand for imported goods, and container shipping costs skyrocketed - rising from \$5,000 to \$25,000 almost overnight. At just 23 years old, I feared that I might inadvertently jeopardize the company's future.

Faced with this challenge, I had two choices: retreat or innovate. I chose the latter. It's important to note that our competitors were grappling with the same issues. When an entire industry is affected by external forces, there is often a unique opportunity to gain market share. The key is to rise above the day-to-day chaos and view the business from a strategic, high-level perspective.

In March 2020, demand surged for three items: safety glasses, nitrile gloves, and masks. While gloves and masks were outside our scope, we already manufactured safety glasses and had a strong presence on Amazon. Sales were climbing rapidly, but supply constraints threatened to halt our momentum. I recalled a conversation from a year earlier with a distributor in Louisiana who had three containers of unsold safety glasses. Recognizing the opportunity, I reached out and purchased the entire inventory. Over the next 8-12 months, we sold nearly all of it, generating millions in revenue and helping us weather the storm.

This experience reinforced two critical principles: the power of relationships and the importance of strategic thinking.

Business is inherently challenging, and external disruptions only amplify those challenges. To navigate them, I rely on three guiding principles - three simple letters that have shaped my approach to every professional obstacle: **DDC**.

DDC: Discipline, Dedication, Confidence

1. Be Disciplined

Discipline is the foundation of success. Early in my career, I questioned whether staying in my hometown was the right decision. But I've learned that with discipline, remarkable achievements are possible—regardless of location.

Discipline extends beyond the workplace; it encompasses mental and physical well-being. In my early twenties, frequent travel and social pressures led me to adopt unhealthy habits. I soon realized that these choices were undermining my performance. My advice: choose your mentors wisely, seek help when needed, and never hesitate to reach out if you find yourself struggling.

2. **Be Dedicated**

Dedication means showing up every day with purpose and persistence. It's about committing to your goals, even when the path is uncertain. The most successful professionals are those who remain steadfast in their efforts, regardless of the obstacles they face.

3. **Be Confident**

Confidence is not arrogance—it is the quiet assurance that you are capable of overcoming challenges. Believe in your ability to adapt, to learn, and to lead. Confidence empowers you to take calculated risks and to seize opportunities when they arise.

By embracing the principles of **discipline**, **dedication**, and **confidence**, I have been fortunate to achieve outcomes that once seemed out of reach. What began as a personal journey of growth and perseverance has evolved into a professional mission that is reshaping the construction staffing industry. Today, 3PLS stands proudly as the leading provider of masonry staffing in the United States, employing over 150 skilled professionals who contribute to some of the nation's most prominent commercial projects. From the historic Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, to the state-of-the-art Gretna High School in Omaha, Nebraska, our team has earned the right to say with pride, "*We built that.*"

This momentum has only accelerated with the launch of our newest venture, **FlexCrew** - a platform often described as the "Uber" of temporary construction staffing. In less than two months, FlexCrew has garnered over 400 downloads, a testament to the urgent need for innovation in our field. Specializing in disaster relief and rough construction staffing, FlexCrew is not just meeting demand - it is redefining how the industry responds to urgent labor needs. By leveraging technology and strategic thinking, we are creating a more agile, responsive, and human-centered approach to workforce deployment.

As we look to the future, our mission remains clear: to continue disrupting the status quo and building a legacy rooted in integrity, innovation, and impact. The road has not always been easy, but every challenge has reinforced the value of staying true to core principles. Whether you are just beginning your career or navigating a pivotal moment, remember that with discipline, dedication, and confidence, you too can turn obstacles into opportunities - and dreams into reality.

If you take nothing else from this story, remember this: **you are capable of more than you think.** Whether you're just starting out or facing a difficult crossroads, let **discipline, dedication, and confidence** guide your way forward.

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Life After College in Five Lessons

By: Leah Seaman '21



As a senior at Marietta, I remember feeling like I was about to be initiated into the secret society of “real adults”—and somehow missed the orientation packet. I was teetering on the edge of one of life’s biggest transitions, completely wrapped up in a cocktail of emotions: part panic, part thrill, shaken with a twist of existential dread. I craved the freedom that graduation promised, but I was equally terrified of what came next. It was like wanting to jump into the pool... while also wondering if anyone remembered to fill it. And then one day, with literal pomp

and circumstance, I was inducted into the “fully contributing member of American society” club, complete with a fancy piece of paper and a firm handshake. What a beautifully messy, chaotic ride life has been ever since. I graduated from Marietta College in the spring of 2021, right in the middle of what felt like a never-ending parade of “unprecedented times.” As I stepped into the so-called real world, I expected the adults around me to hand over the wisdom-filled ropes of adulthood—only to find out they were just as baffled as I was. Naturally, in the spirit of making things super straightforward for myself, I chose self-employment as a professional painter for my first post-college job. Because what better way to embrace uncertainty than by diving headfirst into creative entrepreneurship, right? Piece of cake.

Between building a business from the ground up and DIY-ing adulthood via desperate Google searches and frequent calls to my parents, life during the early post-Marietta days was filled with more questions than answers. And... to be frank... that uncertainty made those years quite challenging for me. I'm a woman who loves to have all the "right" answers at her fingertips, and what I quickly discovered was that either:

- A.) The right answers could only be learned through trial and error.
- B.) There were actually no right answers at all.
- C.) Everyone is really good at pretending to have the right answers, when in fact, most people don't actually have a clue what's going on.

I thought that life after leaving the education system would resemble the existence I'd already enjoyed for most of my time on this earth:

- I'd have some authority figure to give me my assignments and my A+'s when I worked hard.
- I'd receive a magical syllabus in the mail each month that would lay out in detail all the "adult" things I needed to accomplish to survive.
- I'd periodically get two to three months off during the year to putz around and do nothing but watch Netflix or catch up on my reading list.

How quain!

In reality, my first few years after graduation felt a lot like being tossed into the deep end of the ocean—arms flailing, no lifeguard in sight. Thankfully, I had a loving support system cheering me on from the shore, helping me figure out how to stay afloat. I'd entered a version of adulthood with an entirely new rulebook that no one actually gave to me, and it took a generous mix of trial, error, and a healthy dose of therapy to start finding my rhythm in the waves.

Figuring out how to "be an adult" has been one of the messiest, chaotic, humbling, wild, beautiful, imperfect experiences of my life so far. You couldn't pay me enough money to go back to those first few years post-graduation to experience them again. Yet without that time in my life, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I wouldn't have the life I live today. And I love both of those things dearly.

Life after college taught me an insane amount of large and small lessons... but to those who are about to receive their own initiation into the society of “real adults,” allow me to offer five of the most important insights I’ve gained over the past few years that have served me well:

1.) If you can see the path laid out before you step by step, it is not yours to take. You make up your own path with every step you take. That is why it’s yours.

I spent most of my early life looking to everyone around me for the “right” answers. What child wouldn’t do that? It’s a survival instinct, after all. But what happened to me was that I spent so much time looking to everyone else to tell me who to be, what to do, and how to do it, that I lost access to the only person’s voice who truly matters in the end: my own.

No one else can live this life for me. No one else understands as intimately what it is to be me—to want what I want, think what I think, feel how I feel—but me. Yes, there is so much wisdom in learning from those who have walked before you. Heck, you wouldn’t still be here, reading this little article, if you weren’t intent on doing just that. However, if there is anything I hope you take from my words, it’s this: don’t let me, your parents, your friends, or anyone else tell you what your path is “supposed” to look like. It is truly yours to create as you see fit, even if it feels intimidating to do so. Trying to copy another person’s life to the letter, in the hopes that you’ll get the same results, might get you far. But it won’t take you to where you were truly meant to go—because it was never your path to follow in the first place.

2.) Accomplishment doesn’t bring a lasting sense of ease and satisfaction... it only brings the need for more accomplishment.

If you’re anything like me, you may have spent your entire childhood chasing gold stars—literal or otherwise. The A+, the first-place ribbon, the national award—each achievement only made the next one feel even more urgent and necessary. In school, that relentless drive to succeed was praised, even expected. After all, what’s a résumé without a laundry list of accolades, right?

But when I carried that same mentality into adulthood—where the goalposts are farther apart and way less defined—I learned the hard way that constant striving

comes at a cost. Last year alone, after reaching some of my biggest professional and personal milestones, I burned out so hard I got strep twice in a single month... and was glued to my couch with mystery illnesses six separate times. Turns out, achievement isn't supposed to come with a fever.

Recently, I've been intentional about taking my foot off the gas. I've given myself permission to not be "extraordinary" for once, and instead simply be... me. No additives. No achievements. No proof of my uniqueness. And that permission has truly lifted a weight off my shoulders. I feel like I can finally breathe for the first time in a long time. I'd encourage any overachiever out there to try underachieving for a change. You'd be shocked at how much more enjoyable life can become.

3.) No is simply a yes to something else.

As a recovering people-pleaser with a bad case of FOMO, this was a hard one to swallow. I used to despise saying no to literally anything that came my way. It took an act of God, a death in the family, or the loss of a limb to prevent me from saying yes. And while that often meant I had some pretty incredible experiences, it also meant I spent literal hours—if not days—of my life in spaces and around people that did nothing for me but exhaust and drain me.

The word "no" has recently taken on a starring role in my vocabulary. What I'm gradually starting to discover is that the more "no's" I give to things and people that don't light me up, the more space and energy I have for the things that do.

4.) Often, life is not so much about becoming anything, but rather, about unbecoming all that is not you.

For many young people, we leave our childhood not fully aware of how many beliefs, behaviors, and thought patterns aren't really... well... ours. When we came into this fabulous world, we were blank slates—empty cups—(insert another metaphor about being easily moldable). We were there to be shaped by the cultures and communities around us.

Leaving those bubbles and entering new spaces filled with other young people—each a reflection of *their* upbringing—can be both fascinating and jarring. That experience only intensifies as you enter adulthood and try to find your place in this

great big world. Only now, your life is more your own than it has ever been before. No more asking for permission to go to the restroom, no more doing things just because your parents said so. Your life is yours to do with what you will. **You** are yours to do with what you will.

And what I started to learn when I realized how much autonomy I truly had in my life was that a lot of the things I'd brought with me from childhood no longer served or supported me.

For many of us, this life isn't about becoming a continuation of who our parents, communities, and friends wanted us to be when we were younger. It's about shedding the skins that don't serve us and becoming the version of ourselves we were always meant to be. While that can be a truly terrifying prospect, I promise you: the more you give yourself permission to "unbecome," the more aligned and enjoyable your life will become.

5.) Genuinely, life is too damn short to be miserable. So, stop it. Please.

Now, before I dive too much into this, let me offer a disclaimer: this statement is not targeted toward those who struggle with very real, very prevalent mental health issues like depression or anxiety, nor to those who are in genuinely difficult seasons of life. Life can be miserable at times. That's normal.

But I emphasize this last point because I devoted too much time in my early adulthood doing things that brought me little to no joy or energy. How many of us are praised for spending all our evenings grinding away at the office or doing the "responsible" thing only? How many of us have felt like we were watching our lives slip by, all while waiting for the day we'd miraculously enjoy our existence again?

Life is not meant to be dull and bland. Life is not meant to be lacking joy and vibrancy.

Life is meant to be delicious.

Over the past few years, I've reaped the rewards of rejecting my life's banality by giving myself permission to do all the things I truly love: taking naps with my cats, going salsa dancing, screaming Adele at the top of my lungs in my kitchen while

eating a pepper like an apple, going to an art festival by myself. What I'm saying is: try the things you're curious about. Test those hobbies you've put off. Give yourself permission to bring color back into your life and step out of the routine of day-to-day grinding. You'd be shocked just how much energy those joyful things give you to do the responsible stuff again.

If there's one truth I hope you carry with you as you step into this next chapter, it's that there's no perfect roadmap to adulthood—and that's actually the beauty of it.

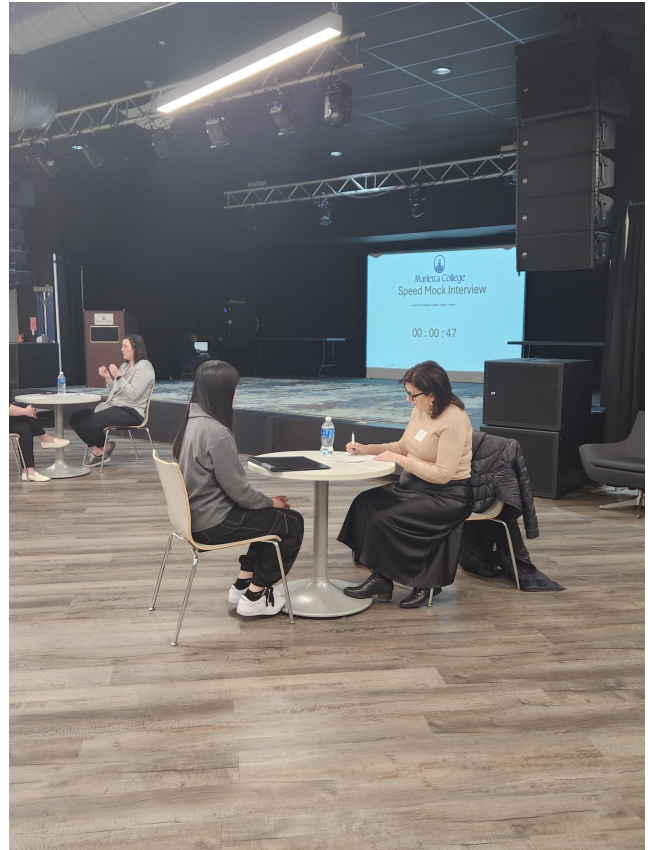
Life after college will stretch you, surprise you, and yes, occasionally knock the wind out of you. But it will also reveal parts of yourself you didn't know existed. So trust your instincts. Give yourself grace. Be brave enough to say no. Be bold enough to play. And above all, remember: you don't have to get it all right—you just have to keep showing up as your most honest, evolving self. You've got this.

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Spring 2025 Semester Events

March 6th 2025 Speed-Mock Interviews

On March 6th, 2025, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development hosted Speed Mock Interviews - an event where students participated in 10-12 rounds of 7-minute interviews. Each round students spent 5 minutes in an interview where questions were given by interviewers, then in the final 2 minutes, they were provided realtime verbal and recorded feedback. At the end of the event, interviewers shared general tips (dos and don'ts) for a successful interview. This event took place in The Gathering Place from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



March 29th 2025 PioSolve Hackathon Competition

On March 29th, 2025, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development hosted the PioSolve Hackathon at Marietta College. This event lasted from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30

p.m. where students competed in teams of two or three. Winners were determined by a team of judges, and the top three groups were awarded prizes of \$400, \$300, and \$200. The mission of the Hackathon is to engage students in problem-based

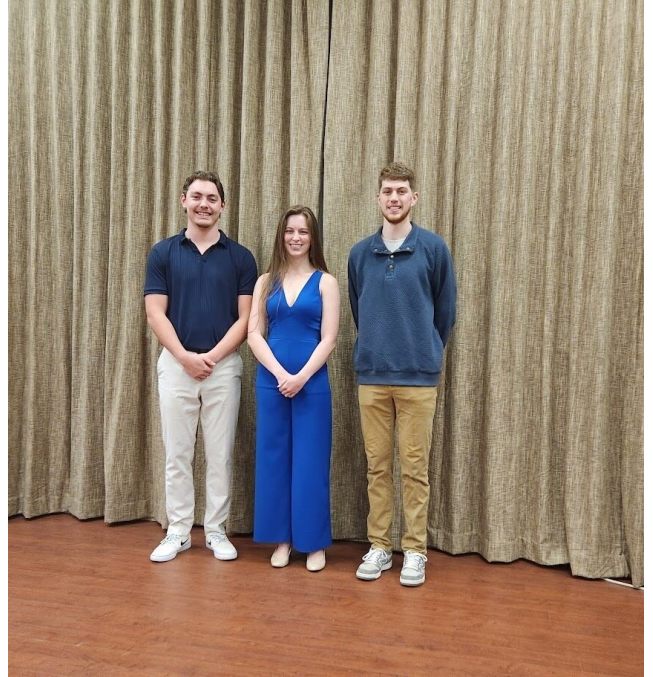
learning by providing the opportunity to examine the root causes of local and global social, environmental, political, and economic problems, and find creative solutions that students themselves can put into action. These solutions need to be offered with the potential for the team to begin the process of implementation themselves. This event was sponsored by FlexCrew.

Winners are as follows:

1st Place: TRADETOWN ADVENTURES

Marietta College students Lacey Frame

'27, Nic Hart '25, and Justin Shanklin '25 developed the idea for a space where middle school students engage in fun, hands-on-skill-developing activities.





2nd Place: BUILDBACK PROGRAM

Corey Verkouteren '27 and Loreena Williams '25 proposed the idea to solve the skilled labor shortage through rehabilitation programs.



3rd Place: Trade School Partnership with Universities

Andy Liu '27, Carson Long '28, and Sydney Wright '25 proposed a program that allows for an easy transition from one higher education institution to another.



April 1st 2025 Job Talk

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development hosted a laid-back conversation with Dr. Jon Rogers, Franci Bolden, Dr. Bev Hogue, and Dr. Jacqueline Khorassani about careers, purpose, and the unexpected twists along the way. The purpose of the event was to remind students that figuring it all out takes time, and that's okay.

April 24th 2025 PioBiz Round 2: Proof of Concept

The Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development hosted this competition from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in

Thomas 124. In this event, twelve teams of Marietta College students proved that their business models are desirable, feasible, and viable. The best ideas won cash prizes. This year's winners are listed below:

1st place, awarded \$400 - **Holy Helpers**, a religious educational brand of comprehensive product lines (educational packs and game sets) that provide a full array of resources and materials to inspire, educate, and excite kids about the Catholic saints and faith, proposed by Kaitlyn Gough '24.



2nd place, awarded \$300 - **Pioneer's Pizzeria**, offering customizable personal-sized pizzas at the Marietta College Gathering Place, proposed by Barrett Lindell '26, Sydney Wright '25, and Carson Long '28.

3rd place, awarded \$200 - **CLEAN MOV**, an eco-friendly bin cleaning service, proposed by Nic Hart '25.



May 1st 2025 End of Year Ceremony

The End-of-Year Awards Ceremony and Networking Event took place from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in The Great Room in Andrews Hall. This was an evening of recognition, connection, and fun, with great food donated by QDOBA, meeting fellow students, and networking with faculty, mentors, and

professionals. Here, winners from the PioBiz Competition, PioSolve Hackathon, Summer Experiential Awards, and the Douglas Greene Entrepreneurship Scholarship were recognized.

2025 ExEd Award Winners

Marietta College offers Experiential Education Awards to students participating in hands-on learning experiences like internships, research, or conferences off-campus but are unsure about covering required expenses. These awards have been made possible through the generosity of our dedicated alumni and wonderful community. These awards are listed below, with our 2025 recipients to follow:

Thrash-Henderson Mathematics Experiential Education Award - Up to \$1500 for Math or Computer Science majors.

Howsmo-Keyes Experiential Education Award - Up to \$6852 for all majors for internships with financial barriers.

Nancy Dare Luce Experiential Learning Award - Up to \$5000 for two student with financial need, prioritizing internships.

Robert E. Evans Internship Award - \$5000 for juniors or seniors with a 3.0+ GPA interning at a for-profit company.

Danielle L. Cisler Internship Award - Up to \$2500 for business (excluding Sport Management) or STEM (excluding Petroleum Engineering) students who are firstgeneration or have financial need.

Douglas C. Greene Scholarship in Entrepreneurship - Awarded annually to students majoring in the Department of Business & Economics.



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AVA HUEBNER '25**

*Strategic Communication: Advertising
and Public Relations Major
Leadership Studies & Professional
Writing Minor*

**HOWSMON-KEYES
EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION AWARD
RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:
Study Abroad in the UK





**CONGRATS
GABRIELLA DAVISON '26**

*Computer Science Major
Cybersecurity Minor & Leadership
Studies Certificate*



**CONGRATS
HINATA SOTSUDA '25**

*Management Major
Theatre Minor*

**NANCY DARE LUCE '76
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
AWARD RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Internship at the
Washington County Public
Health Department



**ROBERT E. EVANS
INTERNSHIP
AWARD RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Internship in Tokyo, Japan





**CONGRATS
COLIN WALTERS '25**

Physics & Mathematic Major



**CONGRATS
LINDSEY POSEY '26**

*Educational Studies & Finance Major
Teacher Leadership Studies Certificate*

**THRASH-HENDERSON
MATHEMATICS
EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION AWARD
RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Laboratory Training at OSU



**HOWSMON-KEYES
EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION AWARD
RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Study Abroad at the
Richmond Law Program in
Cambridge, England





**CONGRATS
CONNOR REED '26**

*Finance Major
Management Minor*



**CONGRATS
HAVANA GOMEZ '26**

*Geology Major
Leadership Minor*

**DANIELLE L. CISLER
'05 INTERNSHIP AWARD
RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Internship at
Huntington Bank



**HOWSMON-KEYES
EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION AWARD
RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Research at Saint Louis
University





**CONGRATS
OLIVIA LEMASTERS '26**

*Political Science Major
Legal Studies, Gender and Sexuality
Studies, and Leadership Studies Minors*



**CONGRATS
PHOEBE SMITH '25**

Graphic Design Major

**NANCY DARE LUCE '76
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
AWARD RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Internship at Jan Dils
Attorneys at Law



**HOWSMON-KEYES
EXPERIENTIAL
EDUCATION AWARD
RECIPIENT**

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Internship at Peoples Bank





**CONGRATS
ADRIENNE HAMMONTREE
'26**

Geology and Planetary Science Major

HOWSMON-KEYES EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENT

SUMMER EXPERIENCE:

Internship at Brown
University



DOUGLAS C. GREENE SCHOLARSHIP IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP RECIPIENT

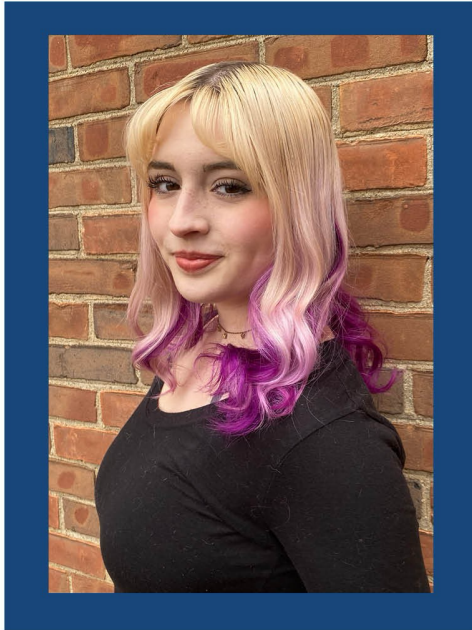


**CONGRATS
LACEY FRAME '27**

*Entrepreneurship Major
Accounting Minor*

2025 Senior Spotlights

We asked our graduating seniors to tell us about their plans for after graduation, below is a partial list of the recent submissions!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kylee-Beth Strader '25

Double Majored in English Literature and Theatre Performance

WHAT'S NEXT?

"After Graduation, I plan on auditioning for roles and pursuing acting full time. I will also be working on my Masters in Dramatic Literature in hopes to teach at the college level."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Paige Adams '25

Majoring in Strategic Communication: ORG & PR

Minoring in Marketing and Health Communication

WHAT'S NEXT?

"After graduation, I plan to begin working full-time at Akron Children's in Marietta, Ohio."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Meya Derwacter '25

Majoring in Health Science

Minoring in Health Communication

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I will be continuing my education this fall at The Ohio State University, pursuing a master's degree in healthcare administration (MHA) within the College of Public Health."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Derek Cline '25

Majoring in Economics

Minoring in Finance

WHAT'S NEXT?

"After graduation, I will be joining Bread Financial in Columbus, Ohio as a Rotational Program Associate in Treasury Transformation."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Carson Halbower '25

Majoring in Petroleum Engineering

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I'll be working as a Field Engineer for Baker Hughes in Casper, Wyoming, focusing on well completion and intervention. I'll also receive training in Texas and Dubai, with opportunities to work in both oil & gas and geothermal energy."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Mary Turner '25

Majoring in Graphic design

Minoring in Marketing

WHAT'S NEXT?

"After graduation, I plan to work at a local print shop designing t-shirts and handle graphic design and marketing for my family's businesses."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Brooke Smith '25

Majoring in Sports Medicine

Double Minor in Psychology and Leadership

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I plan to pursue a Master's in Athletic Training at the University of Cincinnati, gaining field experience and exploring diverse clinical sites."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Loreena Williams '25

Entrepreneurship Major with a Leadership Certificate

What's Next?

"After graduation, I plan to work full-time on my bakery, Reena Maes, and focus on expanding it."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Wade Smith '25

Majoring in Petroleum Engineering

WHAT'S NEXT?

"I'm headed to Hobbs, New Mexico for a job with Ulterra. I'll be working as a field engineer, designing and selling drill bits."

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