

Spring 2018 Newsletter



ADVICE FROM SENIORS

"Try everything! Even if it doesn't pertain to your major or your intended career, don't hesitate to explore your diverse interests. Take advantage of all of the opportunities offered by the PSP, the Honors Program, and the myriad student organizations on campus. School is important, but you will never have another chance to get involved with so many interesting, fun, and meaningful activities with all kinds of wonderful people, so don't miss out simply because you wanted to focus on your grades. Have fun and enjoy every moment - it goes by faster than you can imagine!" –**Kara Hoving**

"Nothing worth doing is easy or quick, so don't get discouraged when it takes a lot of time and hard work to reach your goals. You'll get there." –**Claire Jacobson**

"Get involved in research early so you can really explore your interests." –**Neevetha Sivagurunathan**

"You won't be able to do college alone, so buy a pack of thank you notes and express gratitude to those who support you along the way!" –**Abby Dockum**

"Try lots of different activities, and don't take anything too seriously." –**Megan Helms**

"There are a ton of interesting people on campus that can connect you throughout the world; all you have to do is reach out!" –**Tom Bowman**

Senior Class Profile

Congratulations to all of the Presidential Scholars class of 2018! Here are some fast facts about the seniors graduating this spring.

Corinne Andresen

Major: Chemical Engineering, minor in Chemistry

Tom Bowman

Major: International Relations, minors in Political Science, International Studies, and Spanish

Activities: Campus tour guide, Student Government

Future plans: Teaching English in Bulgaria as Fulbright English Teaching Assistant

Rachel Bruford

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Abby Dockum

Majors: History & Sport Studies, minor in Sociology

Activities: President of Hawkeye Caucus, Phi Alpha Delta Executive Board, Student Government, On Iowa! Leader

Future plans: Law school at Arizona State University

Sean Finn

Majors: Ethics and Public Policy, Economics

Activities: Delta Lambda Phi, Trans Alliance, Spectrum, National Collegiate Honors Council, Student Government, Trans Inclusivity Taskforce, Phi Beta Kappa

Future plans: Work experience and returning to grad school in 1-3 years

Megan Helms

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Activities: ICRU Ambassador, research, volunteering, Book Club

Future plans: Medical school post-graduation

Kara Hoving

Major: Environmental Science, minor in Biology, certificate in Sustainability

Activities: Environmental Coalition, Student Garden, Climate Narrative Project, study abroad in Tasmania

Future plans: 1 year as Presidential Intern at the Research Institute for a Sustainable Environment at the American University in Cairo, Egypt

Claire Jacobson

Majors: French & Arabic, minor in translation, certificate in writing

Activities: Translate Iowa Project, Bridges International

Future plans: Teaching English at a secondary school in France

Michael Kegel

Majors: Biochemistry & Horn Performance

Activities: OASIS, Newman Catholic Student Center, Powerlifting Club, Chinese Music Club, Diabetes Research in Abel Lab

Future plans: Take a gap year and then attend medical school

Anya Kim

Majors: Biology (Neurobiology track) & Spanish, certificate in Clinical and Translational Science

Activities: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Goat Club, Neurobiology Research, Student Leader Board, Saucy Nancy Ultimate Frisbee, ICRU Research Ambassador, ImmUNITY Campaign, Honors Steering Committee

Future plans: Fulbright Research Grant in Medical Sciences in Barcelona, Spain for 1 year, then medical school

Alora Kraus

Major: Biochemistry, certificate in Writing

Neevetha Sivagurunathan

Majors: Psychology & Statistics, minor in Computer Science, certificate in Large Data Analysis

Activities: Research in two psychology labs, Active Minds, session director for Eats and Treats, events coordinator for Psi Chi, volunteer in NICU

Future plans: Research assistant in Dr. Kochanska's lab then apply for PhD programs in clinical psych

Anthony Yang

Majors: Finance, Math, Economics, Chinese

Activities: Student Ambassador for Tippie, Business Writing Center Tutor, Hawkinson Institute, Moneythink, Honors Peer Advisor, Student Government, Alpha Kappa Psi

Future plans: Working at Bank of America in Palo Alto, CA

ADVICE CONTINUED

“Focus on finding the right balance between school, extracurriculars, and social life — all three are critically important!” –**Sean Finn**

“Make sure to get to know people in your student organizations! A lot of people think that getting involved just means going to meetings, but getting to know the other people in the group, especially those in your year, is way more important.” –**Anthony Yang**

“Join as many clubs and activities as you can; find people and places that you enjoy and that make you better.” –**Michael Kegel**

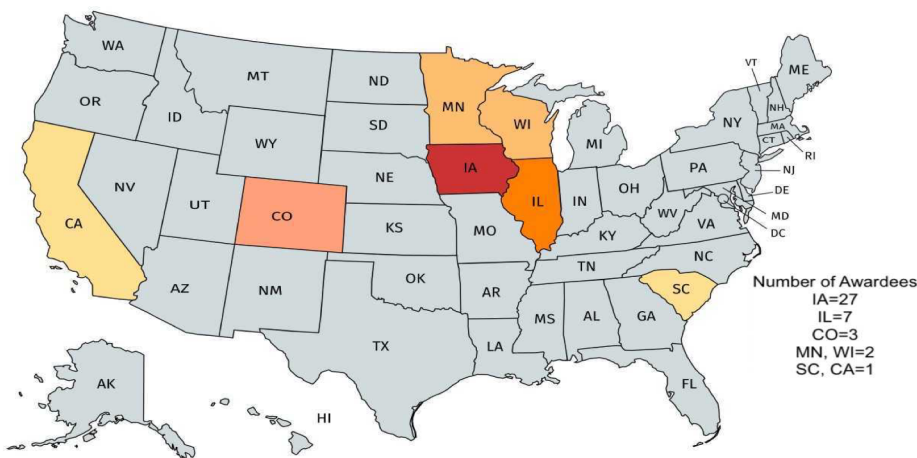
“Get excited about stuff. Find a bunch of different groups of friends who you like, who you think will make you a better person. Do clubs that you think are cool, but don't overcommit yourself. Join the University of Iowa Goat Club.” –**Anya Kim**

To hear more about the happenings in the PSP world:

Please visit the Presidential Scholars website run by the Outreach Committee at psp.org.uiowa.edu and/or join the Facebook page “Presidential Scholars Past and Present” at facebook.com/groups/UlowaPSP/.

This newsletter brought to you by the 2017-'18 Outreach Committee: Olivia Lewis ('15), Ian Klopfenstein ('16), and Ashley LaPointe ('16).

2018 PSP Awardee Home State Profile



A full list of the recipients can be found at: <https://honors.uiowa.edu/2018presidentialrecipients>

Upcoming Events

PSP Tacos and Telestrations - TBA

Jack of All Trades Trivia – April 25 7:00-10:00 PM at Hawkeye Room IMU

Free Root Beer Floats – April 26 2:30-4:00 PM at Hawkeye Room IMU

CLUE Escape Room – April 28 12 PM at IMU

SASS Benefit Concert for Gun Violence Research – April 28 7:30-10:30 PM at 122 E Market St

Family Feud – April 29 7:00 PM at MPR Petersen Hall

Comedian Kate Berlant – April 29 8:00 PM at Hawkeye Room IMU

Avengers Director Joe Russo Screenings and Conversation – April 30 7-9 PM at Englert Theatre

Opening Day of Farmer's Market – May 2 5-7 PM at 405 E Washington

Science on Tap: Opioid Ideas – May 3 5:00-7:00 PM at Stanley Café Hancher

2018-'19 PSP Leadership

Faculty

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Art Spisak
Staff Advisor: Emily Johnson

Executive Board

President: Liam Crawford ('15)
Vice President: Ariana Mitra ('15)
Secretary/Treasurer: Michael Li ('16)

Class Representatives

Senior: Allison Monroe ('15)
Junior: Barbara Badinovac ('16)
Sophomore: Anthony DeSalvo ('17)
Freshman: TBD

Special thanks to the current PSP executive board members, committees, and class representatives for the excellent standard of leadership. Committee chairs and members will be announced soon. We look forward to seeing what the next year will bring!