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Honors students are passionate. About what? About something. Actually, about many things.

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1,519
Total number of Honors students
Total number of Temple students: 25,000

342
Total number Honors freshmen
Total number of Temple freshmen: 4,323

Honors students by college:
- Liberal Arts: 25%
- Science & Technology: 20%
- Fox School of Business: 17%
- Communications and Theater: 12%
- Tyler School of Art: 8%
- All Other Schools/Colleges: 18%

Most Popular Honors majors:
- Biology – 9%
- Psychology – 6%
- English – 3%
- Political Science – 3%
- Film & Media Arts – 3%
(Note: We have honors students in EVERY major!)

3.7
Average Honors student cumulative GPA

87%
Of Honors Freshmen choose to live in the Honors LLC
Laura Detter ’15
**Majors: International Business & Journalism**
I had the opportunity to intern with *The Dallas Morning News* for two weeks during the Republican National Convention. While I was in Tampa, I interviewed Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and now Texas Senator Ted Cruz and covered events that featured former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and ‘*Two and a Half Men*’ child star Angus T. Jones. I worked under the deputy managing editor of *The Dallas Morning News*, Mark Edgar, and political editor Ryan Rusak and produced several clips for the newspaper. Furthermore, I had the opportunity to learn from former CNN anchor Aaron Brown, who covered 9/11 for the network.

Sarah Surrette ’13
**Major: Graphic & Interactive Design**
This past summer, I worked as a graphic design intern at *Mucca Design*, the award-winning branding agency in NYC. I assisted the interactive director in designing websites for clients in New York and Korea. My favorite parts about New York were the awesome food (especially the cupcakes!) and daily celebrity sightings on my way to work.

Jonah Kazman ’13
**Major: Psychology/Minor: Spanish**
I am currently doing an internship with the Community Outreach division of the United States Attorney’s Office, which is located in Center City. I am currently in my third semester as secretary of Temple’s chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity; but the most exciting thing I am involved in right now is my heavy metal band, Cemetentiary. We have spent the last couple of months recording our demo and we are playing our first gig at the Phi Mu Alpha Battle of the Bands.

Lauren Pokedoff ’14
**Major: Communications/Minors: English & American Studies**
This past summer I spent a month living in New York City working as an intern for NBC during the 2012 London Olympics. It was my job to watch specific sporting events and then put together a five minute highlight package for NBCOlympics.com. I had the pleasure of creating the highlights for Michael Phelps’ gold medal win in the Men’s 4x100m medley (his final race), Usain Bolt’s gold medal victory in the 100m dash, and even a montage of male gymnasts falling! The best part of the experience was that they had us stationed in Studio 8H, the studio where they film Saturday Night Live. As a big SNL fan, it was such an incredible opportunity getting to walk the same halls that Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Will Ferrell, and Seth Meyers, among so many other great comedians, had wandered through years prior. This Spring semester, I am interning with MTV! I’m so excited!

Peter Dalmasy ’13
**Major: History/ Minor: Spanish**
This semester I have spent two days a week interning at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law in Manhattan. The experience I have gained as an intern for the Democracy Program has allowed me to learn more about serious and fundamental issues affecting many American citizens. In my time at the Brennan Center, I have been able to network with both recent graduates of college, who work as research associates, and Attorneys, who have a plethora of experience litigating on behalf of issues relating to social justice, national security, and democracy.
Khoury Johnson ’14
Major: Political Science/Minor: Chinese
I interned at both the U.S. State Department and The Washington Center this summer, and I am representing Temple at the Democratic National Convention. I got my first writing job the summer after my freshman year at Philadelphia CityPaper as an A&E intern, and have since interned for the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. In addition, I have had my poetry published in a quarterly journal in California called the San Gabriel Valley Poetry Quarterly.

Tara Levine ’15
Majors: Strategic Communication & Jewish Studies
I am currently the Religious Life Intern at Hillel, the center for Jewish student life at Temple University. This winter break, I am going to Israel for a community service trip through the Jewish National Fund with other Hillel students. During spring break, I am going to New Orleans to help build a house with thirteen other students involved with Hillel.

Dharmesh Patel ’15
Majors: Finance & Economics
I just received an internship with Raymond James for this summer. I will be learning so much about the financial markets in the coming months.

Yuval Yarden ’13
Majors: Strategic Communication & Jewish Studies
It’s all about who you know! The road to success begins with expanding your network. I devoted my Fall 2012 semester to speaking with any professional in my field who was willing to give me a bit of their time. 36 informational interviews later, I can proudly say that I committed myself to developing a useful tool that will be valuable throughout my career. I learned how to speak and write professionally, I became a master of LinkedIn, and developed relationships that would allow me to expand my network. Now I work at an incredible start-up company called Culturology doing workforce engagement.

Christiana Gervasoni ’14
Major: Sociology/Minors: History & Criminal Justice
I am currently interning as a Public Policy Intern at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society where I am working on several projects, mostly centered around policy analysis of health care and health insurance. I’ve also begun interning at the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, headquartered at Temple University, and have joined the Inside-Out Think Tank at SCI-Graterford. In the Think Tanks, we discuss the direction of the national program, train future Inside-Out instructors, and conduct workshops and discussions regarding pertinent sociological and criminal justice topics. Recently, I was awarded a Peer Diamond Teacher position and will be peer teaching for a GenEd sociology course next semester with Professor Michael Altimore.
Lea Stephenson ’15
Major: Art History/Minor: French
Recently, I received the DeRose scholarship for academic accomplishments at the Tyler School of Art. This coming summer, I will continue my curatorial internship at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in France. As I study at the Sorbonne in Paris this coming summer, I hope to also integrate my internship with the historic setting by documenting and photographing the Parisian locations of Saint-Gaudens and his friends, whether it be his studio or favorite fountain.

Lauren Gallant ’13
Major: Marketing/Minor: Management Information Systems
I currently have a paid internship in the Business Services Marketing Department at Comcast. It was full-time during the summer and part-time during the school year. Next year I will be a member of BHSA, HAB President, a HATT, and I’m going to Hazard, Kentucky again with HAE. I love Honors (and acronyms)!

Emily Davis ’14
Majors: Criminal Justice & Italian
Last summer I interned with the U.S. State Department. I was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy and worked with the Bureau of Consular Affairs in the American Citizens Service Unit.

Caroline Ezzo ’13
Majors: Political Science & Latin American Studies
I have an internship with City Councilwoman Maria Quinonez-Sanchez working on a city-wide land bank project to reduce blight. I am president of Temple for a Dream, a student organization that advocates for immigrant rights. We hold panel discussions and weekly petition signings at the bell tower.

Courtney Thomas ’14
Major: Strategic and Organizational Communication/Minor: Italian
In the Fall of 2011 and Spring of 2012, I was lucky enough to score a dream internship with Perpetual Motion Public Relations, an arts public relations firm based in Roxborough. Last summer I worked in the PR department at XO Group Inc., the media company responsible for the #1 wedding website in the world, TheKnot.com. I got to write pitches, segment notes, call in props, and visit the Today show! This semester, I’ll be interning with one of the theater companies in Philadelphia to get an in-house perspective on how a show goes from conception to performance.

Lindsey Roper ’13
Major: Graphic and Interactive Design
I was one of five people in my class that was chosen by the Graphic Design department to receive the Martha Menei Endowed Scholarship, which is a scholarship created from her estate at the Tyler School of Art and awarded to students that displayed outstanding grades, work and creative development. This summer I’m working at Tierney Communications, an ad agency in Philadelphia, as their art director intern.
Kate McCann ‘14  
Major: Photojournalism/Minor: Spanish  
I held a staff photographer internship at the Philadelphia Daily News, I am a photo editor at The Temple News, and I won the Keystone Award in the sports photo category. I have an internship with Love Me Do wedding photography, and you can follow me at www.katemccannphotography.com and www.katemccannphotography.blogspot.com.

David Lopez ‘13  
Major: Political Science/Minor: Criminal Justice  
I currently serve as Student Body President for the Temple Student Government. This summer I completed my third internship in Washington D.C. This time however, I returned to the Nation’s capital for my dream internship at the White House. While there, I worked for the Office of Management and Administration in the Operations Department. In August I was nominated by the chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, to attend the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC as a member of the Credentials Committee. After graduation, I intend to return to D.C. to work with the Federal Government before applying to law school.

TJ Bastone ‘13  
Major: Music Education, String Bass  
I am in my second year of my internship with the Philadelphia String Project, where I teach inner-city students in the greater Philadelphia area how to play string instruments. I am the Vice President of Temple University's chapter of ASTA (American String Teachers’ Association), and was invited to present at the ASTA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in March.

Holly Genovese ‘13  
Majors: History & Political Science  
This summer I was an intern in the office of City Councilwoman Maria Quiñones Sanchez, where I learned a ton about the city of Philadelphia and local politics. I was also a camp counselor at the Tree Shade Summer Project, a summer camp for children aged 6-15 at Tree House Books (a non-profit after school program and bookstore in North Philly). This semester I am serving as the Vice President of the Temple College Democrats, tutoring at Tree House Books for six hours a week, and tutoring at the Philadelphia Center for Literacy. I am also currently editing my Honors Scholar project for the Journal of Quaker History, working on an independent study research project in which I am doing an oral history of the 1964 Philadelphia Race Riot. Also, I am applying to history grad school programs.

Jenni Abercrumbie ‘13  
Major: Linguistics/Minors: LGBT Studies & Anthropology  
I am president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. I am preparing for a summer internship with the Attic Youth Center, a summer conference with the NCAA, and serving as a classroom assistant for the Summer Bridge Program. I also directed the 2012 Atlantic 10 Conference SAAC anti-bullying themed video.
Holly Fowle ‘14  
**Major: Biology**  
I was offered and accepted an appointment to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Education, Class of 2012 Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program. The scholarship program provides assistance for two academic years, from September 2012 through May 2014, and a summer internship in 2013.

Sara Khan ‘13  
**Majors: Journalism & Arabic**  
I won a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department and studied Arabic in Morocco this past summer. I also was accepted into the Diamond Peer Teacher Program to teach second-year Arabic with Dr. Alexa Firat.

Dallas Malzi ‘13  
**Major: Biology**  
I recently won the highly competitive internship 'Mentoring in Medicine' in Johnstown, PA. They were really impressed by the classes I took in Honors. I also won a position at the TURF-CREW’s poster session this April where I will present my research on Anole Kinematics. On that note, my research is being funded by a Temple CARAS grant that I won last semester.

Maya Ferguson ’15  
**Major: Glass**  
I applied for and was accepted to the Japan study abroad program for this spring semester. I was awarded the Gilman, Temple, and Freeman-Asia scholarships for the 2013 spring semester. While in Japan I will be staying with a native Japanese family, as I qualify for a home stay.

Giovanna Corridoni ‘14  
**Majors: International Business & MIS / Minor: Spanish**  
I am studying abroad at Temple Rome in the Fall. I received a Temple Rome Scholarship and the Passport Night Award that goes towards funding my trip!

Kevin Kuruc ’14  
**Major: Mathematical Economics/Minor: Statistics**  
This summer I won a Diamond Research Scholarship and conducted a research project on the behavior of Major League Baseball owners. I was also hired by Johns Hopkins University's Center For Talented Youth to co-teach a 3-week college-style course called The Mathematics of Money (which was a blast!).

Kenneth Brown ‘14  
**Major: Music Composition, Piano Concentration**  
I applied for and received a Diamond Research Scholar grant to hire orchestral players for a bassoon concerto in the neo-baroque style. I will be organizing the orchestra and conducting it; the premiere next fall. I was also admitted with a scholarship to the European American Musical Alliance summer composition program at the Schola Cantorum in Paris, an intensive program taught by faculty from Julliard, Peabody, the Paris Conservatory, and other prestigious music colleges including Temple's own Boyer College.
Lauren McTiernan ‘14
Major: Biology
This semester, I started volunteering at the Penn Vet Working Dog Center. The newly opened center currently has a class of nine puppies! On an average day, I get to help train dogs in obedience, agility, and search and rescue. The center was mainly created as a research project, so I also get to collect data and help perform physicals on each of our pups. Although my ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian, the teaching aspect of my degree has definitely come in handy. This upcoming summer, I will be co-creating the curriculum and overseeing the Penn Vet Working Dog Center’s first summer camp! When I'm not volunteering at the WDC, I volunteer at Tree House Books, and I am Co-President for Young Friends of Tree House Books.

Alex Epstein, Emily Kinsel and Tiye Jones ‘13
Majors: Sociology, Environmental Studies, Criminal Justice & African American Studies
Emily, Tiye, and Alex co-founded the Philadelphia Urban Creators (PUC) alongside a group of local young people from throughout the North-Central Philadelphia communities surrounding Temple University. Together, they are transforming a two-acre plot of vacant land north of campus into a community-based urban farm and sustainability training center.

Chlouie Alvarado ‘15
Major: Architecture & Geography and Urban Studies/Minor: Spanish
I am currently volunteering for Puentes Hacia el Futuro in academic tutoring and arts classes. We work largely with the Mexican-American community in South Philadelphia. I am helping out Jenée Chizick with her bilingual magazine: Motivos and working A LOT at Armani Exchange and Moriarty's Irish Pub.

Arthur Dennis ‘15
Major: Secondary English Education
I reinvigorated a community tutoring program at Bright Hope Baptist Church, on 12th & Cecil B. Moore, for Dunbar Elementary School. Last semester the program only had about 6-7 regular tutors for the 25 kids who regularly showed up. By spreading the word through email, blackboards, student organizations, word of mouth, and enlisting the help of the Assistant Dean of my college, I increased tutor participation by 700%. To date, we have about 40-50 regular tutors for the ever-increasing population of students at Dunbar Elementary.

Rebecca Beard ‘15
Majors: Spanish & Sociology/Minor: Women's Studies
I teach Spanish to young elementary school students in South Philadelphia once a week through an after school program that Temple coordinates. I love this work because the students come from a variety of backgrounds; some students are learning English as an additional language and already speak Spanish fluently at home. Most lack written and literacy skills, which the program strives to provide. Some students are pursuing a foreign language for the first time. I work with a team of dedicated student-teachers to provide language acquisition tools for the ELL students and fun foreign language acquisition for everyone.
Rachel Efstathion ’13
Major: English/Minor: Russian
This semester I was a Diamond Peer Teacher for English 802 and a Peer Teacher for the Community Learning Network. In addition to my duties as an Honors Ambassador and Honors Peer Mentor, I was recently awarded a Diamond Scholar Research grant. This summer, I will be researching how to best help students during Honors First Year Seminar and using creative writing to transform their thinking about the college experience. I will be using my findings to create a curriculum for an Honors Seminar course.

Ramya Mosarla ’14
Major: Biology
I was chosen to participate in the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia's Summer Scholar Research Program. I will be working full-time in Dr. Ian Krantz’s lab where I will research the genetic basis of developmental diseases and congenital defects.

Connor Page ’15
Major: Psychology/Minor: Arabic
I work as a research assistant in the Adult Anxiety Clinic of Temple, run by the incredible Dr. Richard Heimberg (one of the world's foremost authorities on social anxiety disorder and probably the nicest guy on the planet). I run participants through experiments, make databases and enter data into them, and assist in cognitive-behavioral therapy for clients of the clinic. Soon, I'll finish my phone screen training and start administering brief, informal diagnostic interviews over the phone to potential patients. Being interested in a career as a clinical psychologist down the road, the AACT is heaven for me.

Andrew Pawloski ’13
Major: Computer Science
I'm just wrapping up my research position at the Institute for Computational Molecular Science, where I helped develop and optimize software for some of the fastest supercomputers in the world. My main project was implementing and evaluating various levels of parallelism in the Large-Scale Atomic Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator (which for obvious reasons we just call "LAMMPS"). It was really rewarding to be involved in an already great program -- used by everybody from NASA to the Department of Energy to CERN -- and find out how we could improve its speed, efficiency and power by orders of magnitude. I just submitted my second paper for publication last month.

Erin Busch ’13
Major: Music Composition
Last semester, I was a Diamond Peer Teacher for Music Theory IV taught by Dr. Alexander deVaron, which focuses on post-modern music and techniques. I was awarded a Diamond Research Scholarship that semester to rescore Beethoven's Septet in Eb Major Op. 20 for a string septet, which I worked on during the summer and fall of 2012. I ended up creating two separate editions, and am in the process of getting both published.
Nick Hakun ’14  
**Major: Economics**  
I was accepted as a Fox Peer Teacher and an Alter Research Scholar last year. As a peer teacher, I assisted in teaching the Law and American Society GenEd with Dr. Sam Hodge in the fall! As an Alter Research Scholar, a two-year research position through the Business Honors Program, I am working closely with a professor in my field to develop a thesis, find data and construct a model to test my hypothesis.

Dane A. Jester ’13  
**Major: Psychology/Minor: Philosophy**  
As of right now I am headed into my third year of collaborative research with Prof. Hongling Xie, and will be completing my own research project later this year concerning peer socialization and popularity effects. I have also been accepted into the Honors Psychology program with Prof. Hirsh-Pasek, preparing me for another 5 years in grad school. To top it all off, I just landed a job at University of Pennsylvania's Children Center, getting paid to help facilitate youth development!

Graham Lyman ’14  
**Major: Communication Studies/Minor: Business**  
I was awarded the Creative Arts, Research, and Scholarship (CARAS) Grant for this semester. For my project, I have been interviewing my grandfather about his service in World War II and intend on making a documentary pulling it all together. I was also just accepted into the Honors Peer Mentor Program for the upcoming spring, which I am very much looking forward to.

Samantha Stella ’15  
**Major: Psychology**  
This year, I landed a spot in Dr. Ellman’s schizophrenia and depression research lab here at Temple as an undergraduate research assistant. Both the graduate students and Dr. Ellman encourage us to do our own research using the data from the lab, so I’ve started looking into borderline personality disorder with psychotic features, and reasons why it might occur. I will hopefully be publishing my own research by the time I graduate.

Gabrielle Nichols ’14  
**Majors: Psychology & Neuroscience**  
I am currently working as a Research Assistant in the Temple University Neurocognition Lab under Dr. Jason Chein (an Honors professor!) and Dr. Laurence Steinberg in the Psychology Department. Our lab does various studies related to adolescent development, the effect of alcohol on risk-taking, and memory training. I am working specifically on a doctoral dissertation regarding the effects of video game playing on visual cognition. I have met amazing researchers and discovered more options for after graduation.
Moriah Baxevane-Connell ’13  
**Majors: Information Science and Technology & Psychology**  
I am working for Microsoft as an associate consultant based out of Seattle! Additionally, this summer I have an internship with Protiviti, an internal audit and business risk assessment company, as a consultant in their technology department.

Sarah Stearns ’14  
**Majors: Theatre & Spanish**  
Besides being selected as 1 of 25 across the country to participate in the Berkshire Theatre Group Acting Apprenticeship. I also worked in arts administration at the Lyric Stage Co. of Boston. Additionally, I recently wrapped three films, two for Temple students and one outside of Temple, all while acting in a senior film project: *Life, After*.

Kristopher Castro ’15  
**Major: Broadcasting, Telecommunications, and Mass Media**  
**Minor: Management Information Systems**  
I just started working at Temple University Press, a publishing company run by Temple that releases books for academic use. I was hired as a web assistant, where I am in charge of designing advertisements and features for new and upcoming books, creating newsletters, promoting new titles, and regularly updating their website with new events, reviews, and calendar information.

Christa Mercurio ’13  
**Major: Kinesiology**/Minor: Dance  
After graduation I will be going to Physical Therapy school at the University of Maryland.

Stephanie Markman ’13  
**Major: Accounting**/Minor: MIS  
I worked for Ernst & Young this summer as an FSO Assurance intern and have just accepted a job with them in New York City (Times Square). I will start working there either this summer or next October.

Carrie Felter ’13  
**Major: English**/Minor: History  
I am the student leader coordinator for the Honors Appalachian Experience, and was recently accepted into the 2013 Teach For America Corps to teach in the Eastern North Carolina region!

Maggie Pearson ’13  
**Major: Nursing**  
I received a full-time job offer from the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia after graduation in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit!
Kelly Kohl ’13
Major: Strategic Communications/Minor: English
Currently, I am interning at a political advertising and online targeting firm in Ft. Washington, PA. While there, I’ve helped with online election search, and display and video ads during the summer and fall of 2012. I also manage these tools for our non-profit clients. This internship has been a great opportunity, and I got the job because my boss was a speaking in one of my Public Relations classes. Post-graduation, I plan to use my skills developed at this internship to work for Deloitte Consulting. Within Deloitte, I will function as a Business Technology Analyst, assisting federal clients with the integration of current technologies into their every-day operations and processes.

Luv Sodha ’13
Majors: Finance & Accounting
I am a full-time Audit Associate at Deloitte & Touche in Philadelphia. I have a paid internship with Deloitte this summer, and am an Alter Research Scholar, researching inequality and economic liberalization in the BRIC countries.

Jessica Arce ‘13
Major: Film & Media Arts/Minors: GUS & Spanish
This semester I am continuing my job with POPPYN, which is a youth-produced news show that stands for Presenting Our Perspective on Philadelphia Youth News. It is a branch of the University Community Collaborative of Philadelphia (UCCP), a non-profit based out of Temple's PoliSci dept. It's an incredible group of both college youth that act as mentors and dedicated Philly high school youth from all over the city. Last semester we produced a show covering the election and the youth vote/perspective.

Sarah Popek ’13
Major: Broadcasting, Telecommunications, and Mass Media
Minor: Business
I was recently accepted into the 2013 Teach For America Los Angeles Corps! I will be teaching secondary English somewhere in Los Angeles, and completing a Master’s in Urban Education through Loyola Marymount University.

Megan Okonsky ’15
Majors: Public Relations & Digital Media Technologies
I work as an EMI Campus Rep/Capitol Records Street Teamer. I promote EMI/Capitol artists at shows, online and on campus!

Samantha Carter ’15
Major: Social Work
I got a full time position as a field manager at a non-profit organization called Fund for the Public Interest in Providence, RI for the summer. I will be organizing a petition against the use of plastic bags for an environmental organization and also petitioning for nutrition in schools. I was also recently awarded one of the Memorial Scholarships for $1500.
Kasia Tomasik ’13  
Major: Economics  
As the President of the International Student Association, I have been very busy organizing various events that are hosted by our organization this semester. We’ve already had some very successful events, such as the Soccer Tournament, which took place in September. This was my personal favorite and we had over 20 teams participating. Knowing that ISA is the home away from home for many international students, and a place where numerous long lasting friendships have been formed, makes me so proud of our team. I hope that we can continue to bring Temple students together, and make international students feel at home.

Imani Lewars ’13  
Major: Psychology/Minor: African American Studies  
I am vice president of the Main Campus Program Board, and the Front Desk Manager of the Health Education Awareness and Resource Team here on campus, and I also have an internship with Germantown Psychological Associates.

Chelsea Alvarado ’14  
Major: Biology, Pre-Pharmacy track/Minor: Spanish  
I was recently chosen as a Diamond Peer Teacher for Spring 2013, with Dr. Erik Cordes as my mentor. Throughout the semester, I’ve been employed at a pharmacy at a Rite Aid near my home (in Newtown) and have been saving up money to study abroad in Oviedo, Spain this summer. I am trying very hard to maintain my 3.94 GPA and to survive Organic Chemistry. This is also my first semester as the Vice President of the Honors Activities Board, and I was recently interviewed by Brad Porter to be featured in Temple’s Conwell Newsletter to share my experience in the South Dakota Service Immersion Program.

Bianca Lupo ’15  
Major: International Business  
This semester I am Vice President of Temple University Equestrian Club, Peer Mentor of the Fox School of Business Living Learning Community, and a Peer Instructor for a First-Year University Seminar. Recently, I received a position to be a Diamond Peer Teacher for the spring semester and a summer internship with Vanguard! I am so excited to begin my internship because I can see myself creating my career there when I graduate.

Joshua Fisher ’14  
Major: Accounting/Minor: Management Information Systems  
I’ve finally achieved a goal that I’ve had since my first semester freshman year by joining Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity Gamma Psi Chapter at Temple University (aka Sammy) in Fall of 2010. In Fall of 2012 I applied for a very exclusive program run by the national fraternity headquarters called the Developing Leaders Initiative. With incredible recommendations from our Chapter Advisor and Kathleen Davis, a highly respected professor in the Fox School of Business, I was awarded one of the 12 seats in the program, which is taking place at the end of winter recess on a cruise ship leaving from Fort Lauderdale! At the end of the Fall 2012 semester I ran for Prior (President) and am proud and honored to say that my brothers have given me the opportunity to serve the fraternity and lead us in our growth as a chapter for the 2013 calendar year.
Gaelen McCartney ‘16
Major: Fine Arts
Coming to Temple University, one thing I saw missing was a Dance Marathon. So I started one! HootaThon will raise money for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the Children's Miracle Network. I am so thankful for my nine fellow Executive Committee Members, and over sixty other committee members that are making this organization what it is. HootaThon has connected students across campus to come together to form one incredible student organization, creating miracles for the those kids at CHOP. This is the type of success that I wanted HootaThon to have, and I am so proud that it has already happened. Temple University should be prepared for an amazing experience, an incredible night, and a day of celebration for the success and awareness we have created for Children's Miracle Network and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Katy Ament ‘15
Major: Environmental Studies/Minors: Sustainable Food Systems & American Studies
I was just elected as the President of the Temple Community Garden for the 2013 calendar year, growing veggies and spreading the love with TCG. I was also hired at the Office of Sustainability as the Outreach Assistant, promoting Temple's Energy Conservation Campaign to cut 25% of the university's energy consumption within the next two years. I’m maintaining a 3.9 GPA, taking AWESOME classes with FANTASTIC professors, and just recently decided to pursue a minor in American Studies. This summer, I interned at SHARE Food as a farm operations assistant, went to Hazard, Kentucky with HAE, and joined the Winter Community Supported Agriculture program at Greensgrow Farms for this winter! I am planning on earning my Permaculture Design Certificate this coming summer at the Punta Mona Center for Sustainable Living & Education in Costa Rica.

Ariel Johnson-Peredo ‘13
Management Information Systems
In Fall 2012 I was crowned the 2012 Homecoming Queen which was extremely exciting. Additionally, I have participated in several events throughout campus. I helped with the Avenue of the Treats initiative with Campus Safety and I participated in the Can-A-Date auction this fall. Also, I helped Campus Safety and Temple Student Government with a Holiday Party for the local youth as well.

Bhavi Patel ‘14
Major: Biochemistry/Minor: Healthcare Management
I have been a part of the e-board for Biology Society and AED for the past year. I will continue my position as public relations officer for BioSociety, and I will be bumped up from the current position as TSG-Rep to vice president for AED. I recently received the Adeline and Marvin Wachman Scholarship. I will be starting MCAT class with Kaplan a week after finals end and I plan on taking the MCAT in August.
Ka Li ’14  
**Majors: Biology & French/Certificate: Spanish**  
In May, I went to El Paso, Texas for a week to study border issues by building relationships with the members in the community and visiting social justice agencies. I won a CARAS grant to teach leadership, sexual health, and dental health in Panama City last summer, and this fall I am studying abroad in Paris and taking science courses in French.

Anthony Fragola ’13  
**Major: Spanish, Pre-Medicine Track**  
I’m currently studying abroad in Oviedo, Spain, and I absolutely love it. I have the best host family, my classes are going well and my Spanish is getting a LOT better. I’ve been writing for the study abroad blog and, as a project for the Gilman Scholarship that I won, I’m trying to set up a pen pal program between an English class here and my high school Spanish class. I’ll be back in Honors soon with some stories to tell. ¡Hasta luego!

Petra Brayo ’13  
**Majors: Neuroscience & Philosophy**  
I studied abroad in Copenhagen and it’s awesome! They had a lot of classes across a number of departments, but most importantly, science classes in English (which does not exist anywhere else). Copenhagen is also so much fun. Denmark is an interesting country with an interesting cultural stance on different issues. I feel like I’ve learned so much about Copenhagen and at this point, I consider it a new home.

Ashley Tryba ’14  
**Majors: Environmental Studies & French**  
I was recently accepted to the IES Paris Language Studies program. I am currently thinking about what I want to do for summer 2013 research project abroad. Also, I am working on Green Council’s Potlucks with Purpose: A delicious monthly discussion. Yeah, I coined the name. Let’s face it I’m an alliteration nerd. Temple Vegan Action Network has been participating in city-wide protests in support of Animal Rights and I’ve been making it out to those as much as possible.

Rachael Silverstein ’14  
**Major: Advertising, Copywriting Track with a Writing Certificate**  
“Down under” all the late nights and stress pimples…all I can think about is Australia. I'll be jetting off to Sydney on February 12 for a five-day orientation. After I get a hug from every koala and kangaroo in the area, I’ll be heading to Melbourne to spend an incredible four months at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. In addition to a few Advertising courses, I’m taking a storytelling class and one about Australian society. My spring break will be spent in Thailand, where I'll get to do things like ride an elephant, take a cooking class, and spend a night with a local hill tribe village. Until February, though, I'll be trying my hardest not to daydream as I continue my Marketing internship at Solve Media in Center City.
Andrew Taylor ‘14  
**Major: Music Composition**  
I’ve had two premieres in New York this semester - a string quartet performed by the Momenta Quartet and a viola piece performed by Stephanie Griffin. Professors Cynthia Folio and Charles Abramovic will premiere another piece of mine here at Temple in April. I’m working on a piece for voice and electronics which is going to be premiered next year in New York.

Marissa Wolner ‘15  
**Major: Musical Theater**  
I performed as Anna in Spring Awakening at Temple and am about to shoot a lead role in a student film called "Hickey". Last semester I was Connie in A Chorus Line, also at Temple, and the original Connie, Baayork Lee, came to see our show!

Chet Williams ‘13  
**Major: Marketing**  
I'm in the final stages of creating my first solo album called "We All Walk Fast and Nod in Unison." I raised $1,817 through viral marketing campaigns online and asking everybody to donate. I had a CD release show on Feb 25th at the Philadelphia Mausoleum of Contemporary Art (PhilaMOCA) with a 12 piece band, complete with a horn section, a string section, backup vocalists, and a full rhythm section. Over 100 people attended.

Michael McGuire ‘15  
**Majors: Risk Management and Insurance & Finance**  
I just recently declared a double major in Risk Management and Insurance and Finance in the Fox School of Business I have been serving as the Director of Events for the Business Honors Student Association and I will be a Diamond Peer Teaching Statistics 2103 in the Spring semester.

Arlene Reich ‘13  
**Majors: Political Science & Spanish**  
I am graduating a semester early, and am substituting my last semester with travel plans. My first destination is Israel for three weeks, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. I am then going to South Korea near the end of February to work in a hostel and take Korean classes. Not a bad substitute for a semester of college.

Ilya Braginsky ‘14  
**Major: Chemistry**  
I was accepted into the Temple University School of Pharmacy. I will be attending Pharmacy school starting in August of 2013.
Alex Wright ’13
Majors: Film and Media Arts & Psychology
I spent this past summer entering a film in a nationwide Philadelphia film festival, which got nominated for Best Picture and won the Best Acting category. I’ve been extensively active in Temple’s Greek life, becoming the vice president of Temple’s Inter Fraternal Council, being a coordinator for Greek 101, and acting as the secretary of my own fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. I’ve worked with Temple News as a multimedia editor which consisted of me composing stories around campus that I personally wrote, shot, and helped coordinate. Currently I am volunteering for the Honors Admissions and Transitions Team and will be going to London next summer for Temple’s study away program.

Sarah Bedrick ’15
Major: Theater, Directing Concentration
This spring I’ll be performing in Temple Theater’s main stage production of Top Girls, by Caryl Churchill. It’s a British feminist play that takes place in the 80’s, and features a cast of ten women.

Annora Dirsa ’14
Major: Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences/Minor: Spanish
Hello! Currently I am working in the Language and Literacy in Diverse Contexts Lab directed by Dr. Carol Hammer. I can’t divulge any specific details, but it has been awesome to work with bilingual language data and getting exposed to the research side of my field! I am also the Fundraising Coordinator for National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and created the first-ever donation letter project for the organization! It’s been amazing gaining the experience of writing and developing the letter(s) and procedures for accepting donations (thanks to the help of the fabulous Amanda Neuber and Dr. Rena Krakow!). I am also preparing to study abroad in Rome Spring 2013, where I will be taking Italian and Art History classes out the wazoo! Needless to say it’s been a wonderful semester and I am so excited for spring!

Eve Eisemann ’13
Major: Geology
I was a stipended summer student fellow this summer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod, MA. I conducted independent research on coastal geology and sea-level rise. I am presenting this research at the national Geological Society of America conference this weekend in Charlotte, NC. I am currently the student ombudsperson/advisor for the Earth and Environmental Sciences department.

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