

# THE GREAT CLASS OF 2020

The Eureka College class of 2020 is made up of an incredible group of people.

Unfortunately, the magic of their senior year has been stolen by Covid-19. In an effort to celebrate and welcome this special group to alumni status, we recently invited graduates to share their favorite college memories and plans for their future. Their responses can be found below. We will continue to share their responses throughout the summer months as we continue to receive them.

As a sidebar if you know of any employment opportunities please contact Kelly Bay in the Career Services Office. Her email is kbay@eureka.edu. Hire EC!

## JACOB DOAN

Jacob Doan of Princeton Illinois is an English and Secondary Education double major with a History minor. Jacob say this about his plans for next year:

"Hopefully I will be teaching English and History at a rural Illinois high school. My job search is ongoing."

Jacob's favorite EC Moments:

"Eureka College gave me a variety of memories I never expected. I associate hanging out with friends till 2 a.m., growing as a writer and leader at the Pegasus, and working on sound cues for the theatre with my time

"neath the elms." My best experience, however, occurred during my first Reagan Fellow mentorship teaching reading and debate to at-risk middle school youth in Denver, Colorado. My seven weeks in the Mile-High City tested me personally and professionally and introduced me to a host of students and pre-service teachers who forever transformed me. I would never have forged these invaluable relationships without Eureka and am grateful for the College's continual investment in my future and character."



## JAMES DOUGLAS III

James Douglas III of Orlando, FL, majored in Exercise Science with a minor in Business.

James, like many of his classmates, is seeking employment opportunities.

James was a standout football player at EC. His favorite EC memory is winning the 2018 NACC Football championship.

Paige Dobbyn of Shorewood, IL, majored in Political Science and Hispanic Studies with a minor in Environmental Studies.

Paige say this about her plans for next year:

“After graduation, I will be taking the year off to gain work experience before attending law school.

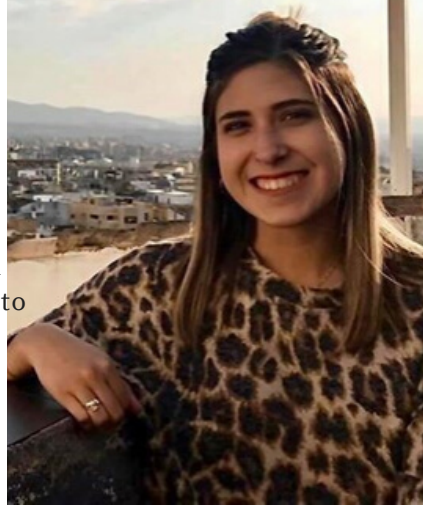
I am currently on the job hunt but am also preparing for the LSAT and strengthening my resume to get into a good law school.”

Paige says this of her favorite EC Moments:

“It is so hard to pick just one when my whole 4 years here have been filled with so many wonderful moments. I would say the majority of senior year as a whole has probably been the most wonderful. From serving as Senior Class President to working in Admissions as the Lead Admission Ambassador. This year’s homecoming was an especially memorable experience. Homecoming has always been one of absolute favorite weeks and it was really bittersweet enjoying all the traditions that week brings with my closest friends for the last time as a student.”

**Of note is that Paige was this year’s Lincoln Laureate for Eureka College.**

## PAIGE DOBBYN



## JASMINE ELAM

Jasmine Elam of Tolono, IL, is a Theatre Major with a minor in English Writing.

Her future plans are to work with middle and high school students and foster in them a love for theatre. Eventually Jasmine wants to open her own theatre company.

Her favorite EC memory was taking her final bow in the 24-hour play festival after participating all four years.



## DREW BARTH

Drew Barth of Minonk, IL, is a Business Major. At present he is looking at Graduate Assistant positions.

Drew’s favorite EC memory is winning back to back conference championships in two different conferences, the UMAC and the NACC.

# EMMALEE LEWIS



Emmalee Lewis of Green Valley, IL, is a Psychology major. In the fall Emmalee will be attending ISU to study for a masters in social work.

Emmalee said this of her favorite Eureka College moment:

"Eureka College has been an unforgettable experience for me. Personally, my favorite moment is hard to narrow down to only one particular event; I have had many favorite moments. A majority of these memories I have been lucky enough to include the wonderful people that I met here. One aspect of Eureka College that has been memorable would be being president of the organization EC4Dax, which allowed me to follow my passion of helping others by raising money for local St. Jude families."

# DANIEL BEHM

Daniel is from Bartonville, IL, and majored in Criminal Justice/Sociology

Daniel says this of his future plans:

"I plan on going into corrections and probation."

Daniel says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory is the time I joined Tau Kappa Epsilon my freshman year."



# COURTNEY BATHE

Courtney, from Normal, IL, is a Criminal Justice Major.

Courtney says this of her future plans:

"I hope to start my career in forensics."

Courtney says this of her favorite EC memory:

"My favorite EC memory is going to London in the summer of 2019 with London Live! It was an amazing and fun experience and also where I met some lifelong friends."



## MICHELLE CURL



Michelle Curl of Forrest, IL, is a Graphic Design and Sports Management major. Her goal is to work in sports marketing and advertising.

This is a special spotlight. Michelle recovered from Covid- 19 at Northwestern University Hospital recently. This past summer she received a kidney transplant so she is considered high risk. We have been in contact with Michelle and she is doing great. She has given permission for this post.

Michelle served as the Alumni/Development

student worker and has been amazing in that role.

Michelle said this of her time at EC:

“There is no one moment for me that sticks out above the others. I was able to cover 3 NCAA playoff games in the athletic department. I also joined a sorority my freshman year! The support through those girls is what has gotten me through college. I was also a cheerleader and cheer captain I was able to bring cheerleading back to Eureka and that’s pretty cool to me! Yet I do have one moment that will stand above others and that will be when I finally get to graduate in four years. I had some obstacles get in the way but they haven’t stopped me.”

**We believe nothing will ever stop Michelle. Please send prayers. She is amazing.**

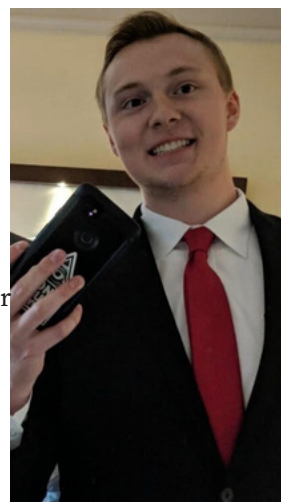
## KENNY CHAPMAN

Kenny Chapman of Annawan, IL, is a biology major.

He will be continuing his education at OSF College of Nursing in Peoria to obtain a degree and licensure in the fulfilling field of nursing. Kenny says that he cannot wait until the day that he is able to incorporate his love for service to others that has been fostered while at Eureka College into his future career goals.

Kenny said this of his favorite EC memories:

“This is a hard question to answer for me because I have so many favorite moments from my time ‘Neath the Elms, involving the close family I was able to make over the years which consisted of students and faculty, alike. If I had to choose just one, I would say my first homecoming after joining Tau Kappa Epsilon. I was amazed by the number of people who had come back to the college that I was able to talk with, whether they were TKE alums or just EC alums that stopped by to chat. It was a wonderful opportunity to see how much both the organization and the college mean to people, some of which had graduated long before I had even been born.”





Jalen Armstrong of Peoria, IL, is a Business Administration major. At present Jalen is undecided about his future plans. Jalen says this of his favorite EC memories: "There are too many good memories to pick a favorite, but I will miss walking to the football field on a Saturday with a chorus of engines in the background."

## JALEN ARMSTRONG

## LAUREN FITZANKO

Lauren Fitzanko of Pekin, IL, is a Music Major with a Teaching License and a Middle Grades Science endorsement.

Lauren says this of her future plans:

"I plan to be teaching 7th and 8th grade Science in Peoria. I am also having a baby in June."

Lauren says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"I didn't make a lot of close friends my first year on campus, but I found many people I enjoyed being around in classes and clubs like Chorale, SAGE, and Impressions Open Mic Nights. Over time, I built stronger relationships with these people, and was delighted to find out they appreciated me as much as I did them. I loved bumping into my friends on campus and joining in on impromptu plans. I cherish the late-night conversations I've had outside of my dorm or in the Underground's Café. I think fondly of walking in a blizzard to order a chimichanga from a beloved taco truck in town. My favorite memories in college were hardly ever planned, but the best relationships I made were with people I met in activities I pushed myself to join. EC is filled with so many people that I admire, and I'm happy that most of them became my close friends. I'm thankful for the opportunities I found at Eureka. Once I met my friends on campus, I seldom felt alone."

**Hopefully your baby will be a member of the EC class of 2042!**



## CODY WIRTH



Cody is a Reagan Fellow from Morton IL, and majored in Secondary Education, Mathematics, and Hispanic Studies. Presently his plans are to apply for teaching positions in the central Illinois area.

Here is what Cody has to say about his most memorable EC moments:

“I got to work and perform on a good amount of theater productions and, was able to spend time with a lot of my closest friends, working collaboratively to make amazing shows. Being with friends in that space, getting to goof around and have fun, and working hard were all experiences that have made me who I am today and memories that I will cherish forever

EC also gave me a lot of opportunities to find myself through experiences both domestic and international, including going to Dublin and studying in Madrid. All of those experiences have made a significant impact on my worldview as well as have been all-around really fun experiences. Lastly, I always really liked the Paint Wars we did at the beginning of each school year. Being wild and soaking each other in a multitude of colors was something unique and special, for sure. Very good times.”

## CAITLIN CORNWELL



Caitlin is from Pekin, IL, and majored in English/Writing.

Caitlin says this of her future plans:

“I plan to find a full-time job, preferably in my field of study. However, if that does not work out, I have several back up plans to pursue. I would also like to substitute teach at the junior high or high school level English and drama classes. This is all happening while I plan on writing my first novel or book of poetry!”

Caitlin says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

“My favorite EC memory is when I was in Twelfth Night as Malvolio and one of my props that had to be thrown at me accidentally went under the legs of Dr. Wright herself. Let’s just say that I made the best of the moment and made the audience explode with laughter. That’s the beauty of live theater, you don’t know what is going to happen!”



Abigail is from Moweaqua, IL, and majored in Pre-Veterinary Medicine with a minor in Chemistry. She will be attending the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall.

Here is what Abigail has to say about her most memorable EC moments:

“The idea of choosing a single memory is challenging. It could be winning the SLIAC championship with the Women’s Basketball Team, joining Alpha Phi Omega, becoming a part of Phi Omega, or earning the Sandifer Scholarship. My college experience has been truly transformative and composed of wonderful memories. So, in asking to choose one, turns into a compilation of memories of all the wonderful friendships and relationships which I have built and will cherish for the rest of my life.”



## ABIGAIL HILTON

## MAX MARTIN

Max majored in Art, Sociology and Psychology and is from Philo, IL.

Max says this of his future plans:

“I will be living in Peoria gaining experience in trauma informed care. I hope to work with organizations like The Children’s Home and Center for Prevention of Abuse.”

Max says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

“My favorite EC memories are all the memories which remind me that I found a new home. The great friends I was surrounded by throughout my time at EC. The professors who supported me in the classroom. The community experience that will forever be a part of my life.”

*Pictured with Max is his good friend, Lauren Fitzanko*



## ASHLEY HARFST



Ashley is a Secondary Mathematics Education major from of Saunemin, IL.

Ashley says this of her future plans:

“I plan to become a teacher in a rural area and hopefully a coach as well.”

Ashley says this about her favorite EC memories:

“My favorite EC memory would have to be making it to the NCAA tournament for women’s basketball and being on the first women’s basketball team in EC history to go to the NCAA tournament. No shocker the picture I have chosen is from a basketball game!”

# KYLE CASHDOLLAR



Kyle is from Morton, IL, and has majored in Business Administration with a Marketing emphasis.

Kyle says this of his future plans:

"I will be working as a Financial Services Representative at West Point Financial Group in Peoria."

Kyle says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory is all of the time spent with my baseball teammates on spring trips and overnight away games, along with weekly Taco Tuesday at The Outpost."

# HUNTER CARLSON

Hunter Carlson of Dahinda, IL, is a Criminal Justice/Sociology major with a minor in Psychology.

Hunter says this of his future plans:

"My plans are to find a job within my major or minor."

Hunter says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"Spending Saturday night with the boys."



# CHEYENNE GNADEN



Cheyenne is an Elementary Education Major from Potomac, IL.

Cheyenne says this of her future plans:

"I will be teaching 6th grade at Judith Giacoma Elementary School."

Cheyenne, says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"This one is hard, there's so many to choose from. I'll always love the football games and tailgating!"



# BRADY SEVIER



Brady Sevier of Pekin, IL, majored in Business Administration with a Marketing emphasis.

Brady says this of his future plans:

"I enjoyed my marketing internship at the Peoria Civic Center so I would like to continue that path and acquire a job in marketing or any business related position."

Brady says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite memory was earning my first collegiate win with 3 scoreless innings against conference opponent Fontbonne University before Grant Mullin got the winning RBI."

# KAITLYN HILD

Kaitlyn is an Environmental Science Major from Crystal Lake, IL.

Kaitlyn says this of her future plans:

"My plans are to serve as a Conservation Fellow with the Montana Conservation Corps."

Kaitlyn says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"I loved being able to attend scientific conferences then going out to celebrate afterwards with friends and advisers."



# SARAH SCHOOLMAN

Sarah Schoolman of East Peoria, IL, majored in Elementary Education.

Sarah says this of her future plans:

"I will be moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where I will be teaching 4th grade at Lincoln Elementary."

Sarah says this of her favorite Eureka College Memory:

"One of my favorite memories from Eureka was meeting my friend Ali at opening convocation. I spied her bright green purse from across the room, and we immediately hit it off! I'm so thankful for her and the other friends I

met at Eureka who have challenged me, supported me, and have inspired me as an educator. Congrats to all of my fellow graduates!"

# KYLER STORK



Kyler Stork of Bloomington IL, majored in Business Administration and Sports Management.

Kyler says this of his future plans:

"I will be working for State Farm Insurance."

Kyler says this of his favorite Eureka College memories:

"Favorite memories were winning the SLIAC title for basketball and playing in the NCAA tournament for the first time in Eureka College history. Another one I really enjoyed was being able to be the Team DJ for Eureka College football the last 2 seasons. Thank you for a great 2 years, Eureka College will be missed by me. I wish you all nothing but the best. Go Red Devils, #33 signing off!"

# JA'KEESHA HAWKINS

Ja'keesha is a Business Administration major from Peoria, IL.

Ja'keesha says this of her future plans:

"I plan to start my career in Coaching and use my business degree to find a job that will eventually allow me to open my own business."

Ja'keesha says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My talks with President Wright and anytime I stepped on the court with my teammates. I especially enjoyed getting the game winning steal against Spaulding University."



# TANNER KUHNE



Tanner Kuhne of Princeton, IL, is a Business major.

Tanner says this of his future plans:

"I will be working for State Farm."

Tanner says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"I would have to say my favorite memory is winning back to back conference championships. "



## ALEXANDRA BAPTISTE

Alexandra Baptiste of Washington, IL, is an Elementary Education Major.

Alexandra says this about her future plans:

"I will be teaching 4th grade at Central Junior High in Kewanee, IL and moving to Wyoming, IL."

Alexandra says this about her favorite EC memories:

"My favorite EC memory is how amazing the education professors were in helping me to succeed in getting my degree. Also, I met one of my best friends at EC who is also an Education major!"

## LOGAN DAUGHERTY

Logan is a Psychology major from Rantoul, IL.

Logan says this of his future plans:

"I plan to work at a daycare center helping kids and, hopefully take a child development course so I can run my own classroom in the center!"

Logan's favorite EC moments:

"One of my favorite memories from Eureka College is the board game event hosted by Alliance. It was amazing meeting new people, and I actually got two new friends out of it who are now some of the closest people in my life. The food was great, so were the games, and the company even better."



## JORDAN HOFFMAN



Jordan Hoffman of Jamestown, IN, is an Elementary Education Major.

Jordan says this of his future plans:

"My plans are to move back to Indiana and teach in my old school district."

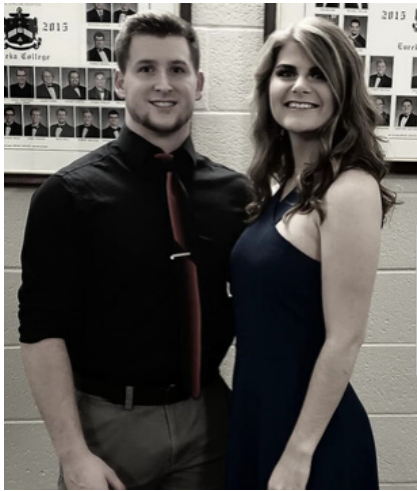
Jordan says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"Studying abroad with my fiancée in London and Dublin this past Winter."

*Pictured with Jordan is his fiancé Emily Sylvester.*



## KYLE GEHRT



Kyle is a Criminal Justice Major from Stark County, IL.

Kyle says this of his future plans:

“My plans are to enter the police force at the state or local level.”

Kyle says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

“My favorite Eureka College memory would be the day that my Fraternity came to my door on bid night. I was also a huge fan of tailgate football Saturdays and my Spring Break trip to Nashville.”

## KATELYNN AUKES

Katelynn Aukes of Washington, IL, is a Psychology major.

Katelynn says this of her future plans:

“After graduation I will be working for Sharon Healthcare Pines as a Psychiatric Rehab Services Coordinator in their social services department. I'll be working with individuals with traumatic brain injuries and/or severe mental illnesses.”

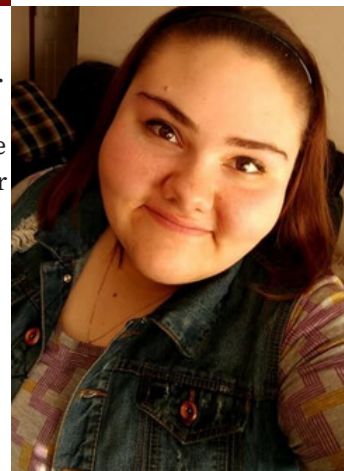
Katelynn says this about her favorite EC memories:

“It's impossible to decide on just one memory from EC!

As a transfer, I only spent a short time at Eureka, but I met a lot of very wonderful people and had a ton a fun!

Many of my favorite memories are from my time in

EC4Dax and Chorale or spending time at the Newman Center. I also made a lot of great memories working with Kelly Bay in Career Development! I will really miss Eureka College and all of the people I've come to know and love. However, I'm excited to be starting the next chapter of my life, especially since I will still be close enough to come back and visit!”





## MICHAELA YOUNG

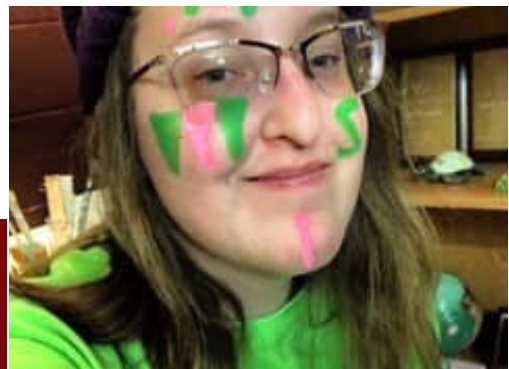
Michaela Young of Chicago, IL, majored in Music with a Vocal Performance Emphasis & Theater Minor.

Michaela says this of her future plans:

"A few of my creative projects are releasing sometime in Fall 2020. I'll be taking a year or two off and then going back for my Masters. I plan to open a school in Chicago for youth aspiring in careers for Performing and Visual Arts."

Michaela says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"I have had quite a few memorable moments at EC. I of course enjoyed my weekly vocal lessons with Dr. Martínez. My junior year was when I was asked to direct in the 10-minute play festival, it was one of the many engagements that sparked my interest in dramatics. I'll always cherish the encouraging notes/cards that Shari Rich would leave me in my mailbox. I also loved working as a student assistant to President Wright. Our talks were always empowering and grounding. I'll miss stopping by Jess Brown and Chappy's office for a quick check-ins for sure!"



## KATIE VAN DETTUM

Katie Van Dettum of Princeville, IL, majored in Biology Psychology.

Katie says her future plans are finding a job and eventually, she is planning on going to grad school to obtain her Masters in Psychology.

Katie's favorite Eureka College memory was joining Delta Zeta her freshman year.



## AUSTIN MCCARTY

Austin is from Oakwood, IL, and majored in Agriculture Business.

Austin says this of his future plans:

"Begin prepping for a career in bodybuilding and fitness."

Austin says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"Winning back to back conference championships in two different conferences."

*Pictured with Austin is Morgan Ferrenburg.*



## JAY JOHNSTON

Jay is an Elementary Education Major from Gardner, IL. Jay says this of their future plans:

"I have a full-time 5th grade position at Quest Charter Academy in Peoria."

Jay says this of their favorite Eureka College memory:

"A favorite EC Memory of mine was Alliance. Being able to start something and have such an impact on my community was a huge step for me in finding my own confidence and pride in my identity."

## SYDNEY SHUBERT

Sydney Shubert of Canton, IL, majored in Kinesiology-Exercise Science.

Sydney says this of her future plans:

"I am currently working at the YMCA as the new Wellness Coordinator and personal trainer."

Sydney says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory was winning the SLIAC championship in 2019."



## KYLE HENDERSON



Kyle is a Business Administration major with an emphasis in Marketing from Henry, IL.

Kyle says this of his future plans:

"In the future I'd like to get into the sports marketing field and work for a professional sports team one day."

Kyle says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"I have two favorite memories at Eureka. The first was joining Delta Sigma Phi and getting close to all my brothers. The second is winning our SLIAC championship in 2019 for basketball."



# KELSEY KLEIN



Kelsey is a Psychology major from Bourbonnais, IL.

Kelsey says this of her future plans:  
"I will be attending Governors State University in the fall to study for my Master's degree!"

Kelsey says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"As the Captain of the Dance Team, I enjoyed performing at half time for the football and basketball games. I also enjoyed serving as the President of the Order of Omega."

# AUSTIN JUERGENS

Austin is a Business Administration Major from Pekin, IL.

Austin says this of his future plans:  
"I will be working in sales for Seico Security Systems."

Austin says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

Winning the 2019 SLIAC Tournament and advancing to the NCAA tournament.



# EMMA OVERTON



Emma Overton of Mapleton, IL, majored in Biology with a minor in Neuroscience.

Emma says this of her future plans:

"I will be attending graduate school to earn my Master's Degree."

Emma says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"Getting to share my education with the same group of amazing fellow biology students for an exciting 4 years. Also gaining some rare experience in the research lab!"

# ADAM NEWELL



Adam Newell of Morton, IL, majored in Business Administration with a minor in Communications.

Adam says this of his future plans:

"Working with insurance claims for Progressive Insurance in Peoria, IL."

Adam says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite memory would be all of the opportunities put together. I always could do everything I wanted at Eureka without compromise. Whether that is playing 4 years of soccer, joining Tau Kappa Epsilon, or being able to study abroad. It is possible to experience all aspects of what I wanted out of a college education at Eureka that I know I could not get at a different school."

*Pictured with Adam at the Great Wall of China is his brother, Josh, a fellow graduate of Eureka College.*

# MOLLIE ALBRECHT

Mollie is an Art and Business Administration major from Gridley, IL.

Mollie says this of her future plans:

"I have just accepted a job as a recruiter at Aerotek where I'm excited to be working with fellow Eureka Alums, Dakota Padilla and Austin Stearns! I have to thank Dakota for encouraging me to apply and helping me with the interview process. I plan to stay in the area and will be getting married next October to my fiancé that I met at Eureka!"



Mollie says this about her favorite EC memories:

"Eureka has given me so many amazing moments that it is hard to narrow them all down. I would say my top three are traveling to Dublin, Ireland my freshman year, my entire senior homecoming week, and activation night this past week (I'm officially a Phi Omega!)."

**Dakota Padilla helping Mollie find a position is the epitome of the members of the EC community helping one another. If you know of open positions please contact Kelly Bay in the EC Career Services Office. Kelly's email is [kbay@eureka.edu](mailto:kbay@eureka.edu)**

# KATHRYN SUMMERS



Kathryn is originally from Mount Carmel, IL but is currently residing in Bardstown, KY. She majored in Religion and Philosophy with a minor in Psychology.

Kathryn says this of her future plans:

"My plans for after graduation are currently up in the air. I am waiting on answers on a gap year program. In the meantime, I am looking for both temporary and permanent jobs."

Kathryn says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"While it is hard to just choose one favorite memory, among my favorites are living on the Delta Zeta floor, various internships, and all of the late nights with my best friends. I will always be thankful for the relationships I formed during my time at Eureka!"

# ETHAN ZULZ

Ethan Zulz of Washburn, IL, graduated with a double major in Art and Digital Design.

Ethan says this of his future plans:

"To continue developing my art and do freelance work."

Ethan says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"The NOLA and Dallas basketball trips, winning the SLIAC tournament, visiting the Andy Warhol exhibit at AIC, and the Jason Patterson Art exhibit."



# EMILY SYLVESTER

Emily of Eureka, IL, majored in Kinesiology-Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology.

Emily says this of her future plans:

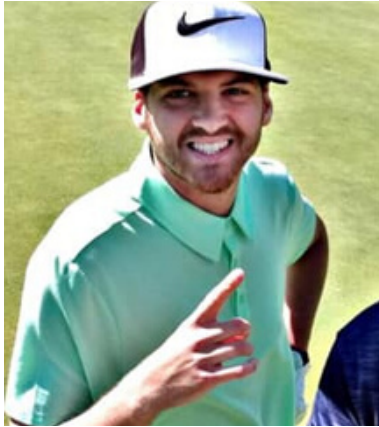
"I will be working as a rehabilitation technician and attending graduate school for Occupational Therapy."

Emily says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite memory was meeting my now fiancé on the first day of orientation."

*Pictured with Emily is her fiancé Jordan Hoffman.*





## SHANE TAYLOR

Shane Taylor of Shorewood, IL, majored in Communication and minored in Leadership.

Shane says this of his future plans:

"My job search is still ongoing and up in the air, but with the experience I have, I would like to think I should have no problem landing something once all this cools down."

Shane says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite memory is winning the inaugural EC intramural bowling title."

## TREVON MOORE

Trevon Moore of Aurora, IL, majored in Business Administration.

Trevon says this of his future plans:

"My plans after graduation are to move away from home, and start my career."

Trevon says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory would have to be winning back to back football conference championships and meeting coach Barth."



*Trevon is center in this picture. With Trevon is his friends Jalen Armstrong, Julius Peyton, Jaquan Bowman and Kolbi Crittenden.*

## JULIA WIEGAND

Julia Wiegand of Metamora, IL, is an English major.

Julia says this of her future plans:

"I am presently searching for writing positions as well as finishing my novel."

Julia says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite memory from Eureka College is tough to pin down, but I really value how Dr. Whitson took me under her wing and taught me so much.

I also enjoyed the talent show during the years I did it."

# DEREK ROEMER

Derek Roemer of Bartonville, IL, majored in Business Administration and Accounting.

Derek says this of his future plans:

"I will begin this summer as an accountant at Caterpillar. During my senior year I completed an internship with them which helped guide me into a full time role."

Derek says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory is all of the activities during homecoming week. The homecoming game and all of the activities before show how much energy a small school like Eureka can bring to the table. I will also cherish all the memories I had with friends throughout the school year."



# DEANN WOLZEN

Deann Wolzen of Romeoville, IL, is currently residing in Rantoul, IL. She majored in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Deann says this of her future plans:

"I am working as a Case Manager at a residential mental health treatment facility for adolescent boys. I also started graduate school at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign to get my Masters of Social Work."

Deann says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"There are way too many to pick just one! But in general all the memories I made with all the amazing people I was blessed to have as friends."



# TRENT SULA

Trent Sula of Coal City, IL, was a Secondary Education History Major.

Trent says this of his future plans:

"I plan to start my teaching career."

Trent says this of his favorite Eureka College memories:

"I have many great moments and memories shared with amazing people during my time at Eureka that I will cherish for a lifetime. However, my favorite memory has to be getting my boy Ryder from the Peoria animal shelter."

## KAYLA GREEN



Kayla is an Environmental Science Major from Alhambra, IL.

Kayla says this of her future plans:

"I'm currently looking for internships and job opportunities working for wildlife conservation organizations."

Kayla says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"I have many great memories throughout my time at Eureka and find it truly difficult to narrow it down to just one. I really enjoyed all the events I got to help run with different campus organizations, one of my favorite being a paint night hosted in the campus coffee shop. The event was called Painting for Painted Dogs and was hosted by the Students Alliance for Greener Environments. I had worked with African

Painted Dogs during a previous summer experience and wanted to create a fun event for students to enjoy, where part of the proceeds could also go towards an organization helping to recover painted dog populations. I had a wonderful time getting to create the event with my friends and supporting a cause that was important to me."

## TRAVIS VASSEUR

Travis Vasseur of Spring Grove, IL, majored in History and Secondary Education.

Travis says this of his future plans:

"My job search is still ongoing but I hope to be teaching high school social studies."

Travis says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"Eureka College gave me many fond memories. I will treasure moments experienced both inside and outside of the classroom where I was provided opportunities to grow personally and professionally, as well as many moments spent with friends throughout the last four years. One of the best experiences at Eureka was my participation in "Bridging the Divide: A Public Service Leadership Program" where students from Eureka College and the University of Chicago engaged in spirited discussions to better understand and overcome the political separations of Chicagoland and Downstate Illinois. It was an amazing experience. I met great people, I came to better understand my fellow Eureka College students, and left full of hope that we can create positive, lasting change in the world."







## ELIZABETH WICKER

Elizabeth Wicker of Bourbonnais, IL, majored in Biology (Pre-med) with minors in Chemistry and Psychology.

Elizabeth says this of her future plans:

"I will be attending The American University of the Caribbean Medical School starting in September and getting my MD!"

Elizabeth says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"I have a ton of really good memories but they all involve the amazing life long friendships I have made while at Eureka!"

## CHRISTOPHER GIBSON



Christopher of Peoria, IL, majored in Business Administration.

Christopher says this of his future plans:

"Continuing to pursue greater responsibility where I am employed."

Christopher says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"After Midstate College closed on a moments notice, I was fortunate to finish my degree at Eureka College, in the town I have lived with my family for 23 years."

**Non traditional students epitomize the true value of the liberal arts in the relentless pursuit of their degree. Students like Christopher are lifelong learners. Their persistence is extraordinary.**

*Christopher is pictured with his wife, Jane.*

## JORDAN DEHM



Jordan Dehm of Metamora, IL, majored in Sports Management.

Jordan says this of his future plans:

"I plan on becoming a men's college basketball coach, and hope to work my way up the ladder to be a head coach and build my own men's basketball program!"

Jordan says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory has to be my whole time as an athlete. Notably winning the SLIAC Championship in 2019, but also the entirety of my career. Playing with some talented players and some great people. Being able to build relationships with people and acquire some life long friends is something that will last forever!!"

## DEAN PULLEY

Dean of Middletown, RI, majored in Criminal Justice-Sociology.

Dean says this of his future plans:

"I plan to start my career in law enforcement."

Dean says this of his favorite Eureka College memory:

"There's no one memory that stands above the others but my experience in Tau Kappa Epsilon was the best overall time for me at Eureka."

*In this picture Dean is on the right. With him are fellow TKE members, Brady Junk and Diego Cintora.*



## KACI KINGMAN



Kaci is a Child Life major from Essex, IL.

Kaci says this of her future plans:

"I will be attending Illinois State University in the fall to study for my Master's degree!"

Kaci says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory is from my freshman year when some people from our floor and I got super close and we would always hangout in the lounge together and watch movies and stuff! That lead me to find one of my very best friends for life!"

## JORDYN OWENS



Jordyn is a Criminal Justice major from Abingdon, IL.

Jordyn says this of her future plans:

"I plan to become a police officer and work my way up professionally to become a detective."

Jordyn says this of her favorite Eureka College Memory:

"My favorite memory would have to be when I attended the London Live trio last summer. It has always been my dream since I was little to travel to London and, it was an even better experience being able to travel with my Criminal Justice class."

## MCKENZIE REINERS

McKenzie of Milford, IL, majored in Special Education with an Elementary Education endorsement.

McKenzie says this of her future plans:

"I will be the K-4th special education teacher at Riverview Grade School."

McKenzie says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"As a member of the volleyball team, I enjoyed spending time on and off the court with the volleyball girls. I also enjoyed my freshman year that led me to find some people that I call my best friends now!"



## LAUREN BOOMGARDEN



Lauren is an Accounting and Business Administration major from Gridley, IL.

Lauren says this of her future plans:

"I plan on finding a full-time job in Bloomington-Normal."

Lauren says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"There are too many to choose from and they all revolve around the amazing and wonderful people I have met while at Eureka. From the people I met when I first arrived on campus, to the residents I've had on my floor as an RA, and especially my incredible sorority sisters."





## MOLLY GOGOEL

Molly is a Special Education Major from Elgin, IL.

Molly says this of her future plans:

"I will be moving to Texas at the end of the month to pursue a teaching career."

Molly says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"Most of my favorite memories revolved around my friends therefore meeting and building relationships with new lifelong friends."

## SARAH LOEWY

Sarah of Eureka, IL, majored in Art.

Sarah says this of her future plans:

"I plan to look for a part time job while also coaching Figure Skating at the Bloomington Ice Center."

Sarah says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite memory from Eureka is my Bid Night Spring 2018 for Delta Zeta! I felt like I was home and truly experienced what the EC culture really was. It connected me to so many great people, both faculty and students, as well as giving me leadership opportunities that I never knew I wanted to be a part of."

**During her time at EC Sarah served as the Greek Council's Head of Recruitment and, was the Vice President of the Order of Omega.**



## ERIN SMITH

Erin of Dunlap, IL majored in Accounting and Business Administration.

Erin says this of her future plans:

"I am interning this summer and fall. I have eligibility left so I'm exploring the possibility of taking some classes at EC so that I can play softball next year."

Erin says this of her favorite Eureka College Memory:

"My favorite memory is being a part of the softball team and winning the SLIAC championship in 2019."



## HAYLEY HEUERMANN

Hayley Heuermann of Washington, IL, majored in Music Education. Hayley is a non-traditional student who served for 22 years in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Hayley says this of her future plans:

"I will be working at Midland HS as the Choral Director/Music Teacher."

Hayley says this of her favorite Eureka College memory:

"My favorite EC memory is singing. Being a part of the Chamber Choir and Madrigal Dinner was on my bucket list, so check. I met and worked with such wonderful people. I remember walking in to talk to Dr. Henry for the first time, even before I had made the commitment to attend EC. He got me, hook, line and sinker! He was knowledgeable, but also warm and inviting, everything I have come to know EC is. I was bummed when he and Mrs. Bates decided to retire but that opened the door to the opportunity to learn from three wonderful Chorale directors who each brought something different to

the table. With Dr. Martinez, I admit I was skeptical at first but I quickly learned she is a phenomenal voice coach and I feel very blessed to have been given the opportunity to learn from her. Then there are my classmates who made every day amazing. Michaela with her big beautiful sultry voice, and smile that warmed the soul was something I looked forward to seeing every day. Lauren's sweet, expressive voice, and her altruistic personality were inspiring and I hope I am able to be as good a person as she is. Cody's voice could melt the hardest of hearts. Dalton is simply wonderful and I could not have passed Music Theory without Dean. Mason graduated before me but we sang together at ICC and then came to EC together and sang, she is awesome. There are so many more amazing and talented people in the music department and I will miss them all. Thank you for not just accepting me but for sharing with me and showing me how big the EC heart is."

