



MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

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Contemplatives in Action

Student Leadership Awards 2022

Gabriella Accardi is a sophomore majoring in computer engineering. She is very passionate about her faith and likes to center her life around her faith. She also understands what it means to be a true servant leader. She served as a retreat leader for the Ignatian Leadership Retreat, and she is hoping to direct the same retreat next semester. She enjoys using her musical talents to serve others and praise God. She is involved with Liturgical Choir, having sung with them for two years now. She currently plays the piano and sings for Tuesday Night Mass.



Gabriella has taken impressive initiative in all of her involvement in Campus Ministry, from organizing musicians for Tuesday Night Masses to publicizing upcoming retreats to building her instrumental and cantoring skills for Mass. The Campus Ministry retreat program, Liturgical Choir, and music ministry have all benefited enormously from Gabriella's leadership, which continues to grow. Gabriella sees herself as a learner as well as a leader, making her accessible to peers and helping her build strengths quickly. She is a great contributor to any team of which she is part, and has a bright future of leadership ahead.

—Sara Knutson, Campus Ministry



Arek Alexanian is a Junior graduating in May 2023, double majoring in Information Systems and Marketing with a minor in Corporate Communications. Throughout his time here at Marquette, he has joined the Marquette Armenian Club, Delta Chi Fraternity, and Interfraternity Council. He is also helping to establish the Data Science Club here at Marquette.

Arek is the current Vice President of Member Development and the Vice President of Judicial Affairs for the Interfraternity Council. He also holds chair positions for his fraternity. He has helped coordinate philanthropy events with local Milwaukee non-profits and other organizations. He is dedicated to helping the public and he hopes to leave the community better than when he first arrived. Arek has stepped up to take on multiple roles within IFC over the last two years. IFC was in need of a leader, and Arek was able to fill a void that was necessary for the community. He embodies the idea of these awards, and he is deserving to be recognized.

—ZP Pfeifer, Engagement and Inclusion

Grace Alvarez is a senior studying Applied Mathematical Economics and Peace Studies. She comes from a rural community in Pennsylvania but is in love with the City of Milwaukee. She currently works in the Center of Community Service in which she is a program assistant for the 414 Fellows AmeriCorps program, one she was part of 2 years prior. She also is an undergraduate intern for the Center of Urban Research, Teaching, and Outreach working on the MKE Roots Dialogue Series, which utilizes history of social change movements and Milwaukee's rich cultural landscapes to generate important conversations about social justice and reflect on one's place in building a more equitable society. She also is a community intern for Metcalfe Park Community



Two years ago I nominated Grace for an emerging student award. In my submission I stated something like “Grace, while petite in stature, has a big heart full of life and love for the entire world.” And I still stand by those words with this nomination. Grace is the embodiment of Marquette’s Jesuit mission of developing students to enter the struggle for a more just society. This mission takes work. It’s extensive and arduous and requires a desire to learn, reflect, and transform. And Grace continues to experience this process; and with joy and humility, working for the Center for Community Service and CURTO. She has worked extensively with the Justice in Action Conference, ensuring that the event is successful for her peers and the Milwaukee community. Grace has been intentional with her commitment to Milwaukee serving with Metcalfe Park Community Bridges and Next Door. She has lived out the Marquette mission beyond what we could ever envision for our students.

—Sessie Agbley, Community Service



Karen Ayala is a sophomore majoring in Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in bioelectronics. She is currently a part of the Evans Scholars Foundation and has been an active participant in the RISE Program at the Office of Engagement and Inclusion and in the Marquette Mentors Program. Recently, she has joined the Biomedical Engineering Society. Karen plans to work on an on-campus research opportunity with the Opus College of Engineering over the summer or begin an internship in her hometown, Atlanta.

In working closely with first generation college students, including Karen, I see many of the challenges they commonly face. In some ways, Karen might be considered typical a typical first gen student. She is extremely responsible, resilient, and considers others in her decision making. In many other ways, Karen is atypical. Karen is a standout because she deeply understands that it is in giving of yourself that you give to others. I have been a witness to Karen's critical care of others. She literally and figuratively walks with her peers to where they need to go. Karen understands the complexities of human relationships. She exercises a high level of maturity and diplomacy when interacting with others. Karen has a keen awareness of how a single individual can make a difference in the lives of others.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion

Gaby Bascunan Simone is a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Mathematics. She is an undergraduate research assistant for the College of Engineering and an intern at Astronautics Corporation of America. She was a founder of the Marquette Robotics club and an Eboard member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. She has been working at the Annex since her freshman year and this is her fourth semester as Student Manager.



Gaby has worked at the Annex as a Student Manager starting this year. She works hard and leads by example. She has really stepped up this year with the transition of management at the Annex. One of Gaby's peers commented on the fact that she is very devoted and always tries to do her best to make the Annex succeed. Another peer stated that she works hard and shows great qualities to represent Marquette in a positive light. A third peer said that she works hard and has high expectations but also works well with the student staff. She is very understanding while working with the staff. Gaby is a great mentor to her staff and she strives for excellence in her job as well as in her academic work. She has hired a diverse staff and has led by example the entire year.

—Dan Abler, AMU



Michelle Batad is a Senior majoring in Secondary Education and English with a minor in Creative Writing. She is currently student teaching at Ronald Reagan College Prep HS for Milwaukee Public Schools in a Sophomore English class. This is Michelle's second year working as a peer tutor at the Norman H Ott Writing Center. Michelle has been a dedicated and committed member of Bayanihan Student Organization and has served several leadership positions including Fashion Show Coordinator and President. Promoting and celebrating her Filipino identity in the Milwaukee and Marquette community through BSO has been a pivotal moment for her college career. Lastly, Michelle was able to serve as SPARK and Orientation leader during the summer.

Michelle brought upperclass mentorship to our team through her actions. As a SPARK Leader in 2021, she was always timely, professional, kind, and reflective with our staff. Michelle found us in her senior year, and we were so lucky to have her on our staff. She exudes joy and patience, which allows for new students (and her peers alike) to be drawn to her approachability. Not only did Michelle represent the College of Education, but she also contributes to our campus as the President of the Bayanihan Student Organization. Throughout all four years at Marquette, she has given her time and energy to this student organization in various roles. With calmness and generous heart, Michelle forms important relationships with other students who undoubtedly look up to her.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development

Jake Becker is a junior in Exercise Physiology and the DPT program. He served as a Wellness Peer Educator to help bring awareness and provide evidenced based change with giving Red Watch Band and Bringing in the Bystander presentations. He put on one of the bigger programs Joyful Eating pairing with Marquette Dining Services and the Dietician on campus. He currently serves as the philanthropy chair of Delta Chi and is captain of his intramural basketball team. Jake right now is working as a personal trainer at Integra Personal Training and Physical Therapy.

Jake has shown great leadership skills as a junior and is never afraid to take initiative or step up on a program. I have seen his leadership skills used in a multitude of ways in the Student Wellness Center. Jake has a strong passion for Student Wellness and nutrition and is leading one of the bigger programs out of our office, Joyful Eating program.

—Jacqueline Formanek, Recreational Sports

Aidan Blaha is a sophomore studying both Social Welfare and Justice, and Criminology and Law Studies with the intent to go to law school after he receives his undergraduate degree here at Marquette. Currently, he is set at graduating next year due to being in both the Pre-law Scholars program and also due to fulfilling his undergraduate requirements early. Aidan's free time is often consumed with many classes and a multitude of extracurriculars, not limited to innertube water polo, Midnight Run, and practicing with the cheer team from time to time. He also has taken on two jobs as both a Resident Assistant in Cobeen Hall and as one of the lifeguard supervisors in Marquette's Rec Sports.



As aquatic supervisor, Aidan has to communicate with all the guards with updates for procedures, pool closures/general day to day info, new hire trainings, and answer any questions they may have regarding their LG Certifications. Aidan tries to be as available as he can for our new and old guards to help whenever it is necessary.

—Jacqueline Formanek, Rec Sports



Ashley Bodi is a senior with majors in Theology and Gender Studies with minors in English Literature and Dance. She serves as the director of the Ignite Band and as a Director in the Campus Ministry Retreats program.

Ashley is a vibrant, welcoming, and gifted presence in all the Campus Ministry programs of which she is a part. She has led the Ignite band for the past two years, including coordinating and integrating music during the stay-at-home period to play at virtual Ignite nights. She has led retreats for the past three years, including co-directing this spring's Marquette Experience Retreat. And she greets and assists visitors from her position at the Campus Ministry office front desk. Ashley is a great mentor to younger students and has intentionally worked to embody Ignatian values and spirituality into her life. She is a great example of a Contemplative in Action.

—Sara Knutson, Campus Ministry

Katie Breck is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in Writing-Intensive English with minors in Interdisciplinary Law & Society and Digital Media. She currently serves as the President of the Marquette University Student Government (MUSG), and additionally is involved in undergraduate research at Marquette through the Honors in the Humanities program. Katie is from Western Springs, IL, and is excited to attend the Columbia University Publishing Course In New York City post-graduation.



Katie is a thoughtful leader who makes it a priority to develop relationships and seek out multiple perspectives to guide her work advocating for students and strengthening the Marquette experience for all. Her role as student body president has been guided by a deep care for others. She seeks to empower her peers and draws on people's gift and talents in getting the work of student government done. She approaches everything as a learning opportunity and practices reflection and discernment in the decisions she makes.

—Jen Reid, Student Affairs



Kamryn Brockman is a Dean's List sophomore majoring in Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in Bioelectronics and two minors in Electrical Engineering and Occupation and Supply Chain Management. She is involved on campus through the Wellness Center as a Peer and Wellness Student Educator on the Alcohol and Drug Team, the Chemistry Department as a Lab Assistant for Dr. Vijay Vyas, Campus Ministry as an RCIA group leader (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults), Alpha Omega Epsilon (a STEM focused Sorority), and the Marquette Honors program. Brockman is originally from Pulaski, WI and attended Pulaski High School. She is an avid Packer's fan who loves spending time with family and friends.

Kam is an emerging leader in her class and through the Student Wellness Center. She is always willing to step up and take initiative in the office. She is always willing to help others and go the extra mile. As a sophomore she lead one of the major programs out of our office. She is never afraid to ask questions and has one of the most hardest work ethics I have seen.

—Margaret Dishaw, Counseling Center

Amyah Brooks is a Freshman majoring in Political Science, Criminology and Law Studies and Social Welfare/Justice with a minor in Spanish. She currently serves as senator for Mashuda Hall in MUSG, in which she serves also as the Mental Health Chair. She is an active member with her faith on campus by being a part of three campus ministry groups, including, Cru, Intervarsity and Mashuda's Camino. She is a mentor for middle school girls with Women and Youth Supporting Each other (WYSE), a Big Sister for a 3rd-grade girl with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a volunteer with the Food Recovery Network. She holds four campus jobs and is a mentor for RISE, a multicultural pre-orientation program.



It is challenging to know where to start with Amyah's leadership. It is extensive. She has a complex yet clear understanding of the importance of deep relationships with others (especially new people!). She knows that interpersonally knowing someone may begin small, but has the potential to grow into something that can be transformative. She is cognizant of how this outlook has impacted her life and those she has come in contact with and while some may shrug off these chance meetings, Amyah takes the lead in forming and changing others for the better through her positivity.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Matt Cerven is a junior majoring in Civil Engineering. He is a student manager at the Annex Bowling Alley. Matt is currently a member in both Engineers Without Borders (EWB) and the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). Outside of classes, Matt enjoys going bowling, playing other sports such as golf and volleyball, and hosting waffle/movie nights with his friends. He also enjoys hiking, biking, and longboarding in and around the Milwaukee area.

Matt started as a Student Manager this past fall. From the start he has shown great leadership ability. He leads by example and is a role model to his staff. Matt is very flexible and willing to fill in for his staff when needed. He also has a forte for training and working with the new staff. He has a very pleasant demeanor and extremely personable. Matt's peers have stated that he is very knowledgeable and passionate about his job. He is always prepared and has positive participation at meetings. Matt is very down to earth, chill, and easy going. During meetings he is courteous and kind to others. Matt is a very friendly guy and brings a positive attitude to our meetings. Matt treats others with respect and is just an overall good person. He is a great mentor to his staff and appreciates each person he works with with respect. Matt is a mentor to his staff and as well as to his fellow Student Managers.


—Dan Abler, AMU

Danny Chekal is majoring in Political Science, with minors in Business Administration, Public History, and Theology. He is originally from Beverly Hill, Michigan. In addition to his undergraduate studies, he is in an accelerated degree program working towards a Masters in Political Science. At Marquette, he has served as a Global Village Ambassador, an Orientation Leader and as a SPARK Leader. He is also involved in Campus Ministry where he has led multiple retreats, served as a MAP trip facilitator and a Midnight Run Volunteer. Additionally, Danny works as a lifeguard on campus, a Museum Assistant at the Pabst Mansion and an intern at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.



Daniel or “Danny” Chekal has been involved in many areas of Campus Ministry for the past three years. This includes leadership for several retreats in the past two years, with this year including MUEX and The Salt and Light Retreat. He is also a M.A.P. (Marquette Action Program) Facilitator, volunteering to lead a group of students to Enid, OK over spring break. Danny has a passion for justice and for ministry that has always gone above and beyond the average student involvement. He is organized, always on time, responsible, is practical in good problem solving, and most importantly; he is willing to say “yes” when help is needed. Danny daily lives out the message of “women and men, with and for others” as he tries to serve more than he receives. His is genuine in his leadership and well respected among his peers. Danny truly is a gentle, prayerful, man of grace and care for others.

—Ann Mulgrew, Campus Ministry



Joanne Cho is a senior in the
College of Health Sciences and
works as a student manager in the
Department of Recreational Sports.

Joanne is an outstanding student-leader for Marquette University Recreational Sports. Joanne is a Student Manager on the Building Staff Team and leads by example. She is hardworking and very talented. Her current role sees her welcoming and working with all new staff that start in their role with Rec Sports. She reaches out to all of them and checks in to see how they are doing and what they need to be successful in their position. She is an asset to our team and is a very deserving award recipient.

—James Friel, Recreational Sports

Javeriya Choudry is a Junior in the college of Health Sciences, majoring in Medical Laboratory Science. She is a pre-med and interested in going to Medical School. Before becoming the president of CSA, she was part of DESJ committee. In DESJ, she helped in inviting guest speakers to Marquette University to educate students about societal issues. She took this one step further and wanted to help build an experience for commuter students where they are inclusive to the opportunities present at the Marquette University. She is also in Research where we learn about Diagnostics for parasitic infection of interest. She works at the VA hospital as a phlebotomist, and as a volunteer at the Aurora hospital. She is interested in partnering CSA with other organizations.



Javeriya started the Commuter Student Association and has made tremendous effort in getting the student organization off the ground. She is conscious of the fact that commuter students not only have a presence on this campus that has the potential to make a difference, she is also aware of how the involvement of commuter students into programs can inform how our programs might better serve the needs of commuter students. Javeriya has a positive, can-do attitude that impacts our commuter students who have met and know her.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Katherine Chu is currently a senior majoring in Exercise Physiology in the Physical Therapy program. She currently works as a Building Supervisor at the Recreational Center.

Katherine (Kathy) Chu maintains a full schedule, but continues to work hard and help out when needed in her position with Recreational Sports. I continue to be inspired by her hard work and commitment to our team. She follows through with details and makes sure anyone that works with her is understanding the role, providing excellent customer service and remains confident in the work that they do. I have watched her train several peers and she has followed through consistently. Keep up the great work, and congrats Kathy!


—James Friel, Recreational Sports

Ben Close is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Spanish for Health Care Professions. He currently serves as a Co-Coordinator of Midnight Run and has been apart of this student led service organization all four of his years at Marquette. He also is an active member of the Global Medical Brigades chapter on campus. Overall, he has appreciated his time at Marquette and even more so the opportunity to be a neighbor and make connections with those in the Milwaukee community.



Ben Close served as a Midnight Run Co-coordinator throughout the 2021-2022 academic year after his first three years as a “Runner” or a site coordinator. Ben leads by believing in others’ best selves, with gentle sense of humor, hard work, and hope. He makes it all seem easy by his laid-back approach, whether that be organizing the entire MUEngage sign ups or introducing new volunteers to their site. Ben celebrates other people’s gifts especially those who have mentored him. He learns from them, and then passes on the shared wisdom and sense of community with those he now mentors. Ben is a servant leader who, with three companion “Co-Co’s,” leads a team of over 20 student site coordinators and over 150 student volunteers a semester to build relationships with community agencies, to serve, and engage active reflection throughout the year. The team’s agility and unwavering commitment to address social justice issues have sustained Midnight Run throughout the pandemic.

—Mary Sue Callan-Farley, Campus Ministry



Jessica Contreras is a senior in the College of Health Sciences and serves as an intern at Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers through the Community Health Internship.

Jessica is an exceptional intern at Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers through the Community Health Internship. From the start, Jessica has demonstrated a commitment to continued learning and the development of this cohort in its first year. She critically engages with the Social Determinants of Health in every aspect of her role, sharing resources with fellow interns and thinking creatively to best serve patients in the clinics. Jessica brings a deep intentionality to each reflection space and models true leadership in this capacity. As graduation nears, we are lucky to know people like Jessica prioritizing accessibility and equity in the field of public health.

—Kat Becker, Community Service

Nolan Cox is a senior in the College of Nursing. He served as president of Marquette's Rock Climbing Club from May 2019 to January of 2022. When he joined the club as a Freshman, he was hooked while participating in the club's Fall break trip down to Red River Gorge, KY. Since taking office, he has helped expand the club's active member count from 20 to 35 and utilized his expertise to expose dozens of Marquette students to the sport of outdoor rock climbing.



As the president of the Rock Climbing Club, Nolan has increased the participation numbers and visibility of the club not only on Marquette's campus but the greater Milwaukee area. His communication and organizational skills have set him apart from past club leaders.

—Scott Anderegg, Recreational Sports



Julia Dedic is a junior majoring in nursing. She currently works as the Student Director of Staff Development with New Student & Family Programs at Marquette University. In 2021, she was the Student Director of Event Logistics. She works on a team to plan and facilitate SPARK and Orientation, which she finds exciting and rewarding. Julia formerly worked as a chemistry tutor in both private and group settings for nursing students. In her free time, Julia pursues stand-up comedy. She has been performing throughout Milwaukee since she was 18 years old. She is currently the President of Marquette's Stand-Up Comedy Club. Julia also serves as a Student Alumni Ambassador for Marquette and is in the Jesuit Honors Society, Alpha Sigma Nu.

Julia showed up to New Student & Family Programs as our dark horse—we didn't know she was coming, yet she quickly earned herself a spot on our team as a Student Director for New Student & Family Programs. Julia was the voice we needed in 2021; being new to our office, she raised important questions and always brought new perspectives to the table. It was easy to trust Julia early on, and she provided unique and vital leadership to her peers. Most importantly, Julia strikes a beautiful balance of work and play. She approaches each day with an easygoing, honest, and humorous attitude that softens our spirits. As co-president of the Stand-Up Comedy Club, Julia stepped in as our stellar emcee in front of hundreds of new students during our Orientation Celebration, going above and beyond her job duties. Julia's success shows others that your talents and skills can shine in various roles on campus.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development

Maxwell Dixon is a graduating senior with a major in Mechanical Engineering. He serves as one of the Engineering Student Ambassadors in addition to his involvement with the Student Alumni Ambassadors. Max has also been engaged with student organizations on campus such as the National Society of Black Engineers and the American Society for Mechanical Engineers. Additionally, he has been involved with outreach programs such as the Ready to Inspire Success and Excellence program for 4 years as a participant, student leader, and mentor trainer.



Max Dixon is an epitome of a grad at graduation from Marquette as he has embodied, all four years, what it means to be a person for and with others. As a Milwaukee native, Max went into the STEM field to improve the lives of his family members but more importantly his community. As a RISE participant, mentor, and returning leader, Max claims that the program has done so much for its students. However, Max has done so much for the students who have participated in RISE. He is a great example of getting and staying involved, but also understanding the balance of gaining new experiences in order to develop his insights and knowledge. We will miss Max as he graduates from Marquette, but he will leave a great legacy for himself.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Ally Doll is a Senior majoring in Biomechanics. She really enjoys being involved in campus ministry and helped lead the MUEX retreat in the fall. She also is very involved in Camino, which is a small faith group on campus that meets once a week to practice Ignatian spirituality. Ally has been a Camino facilitator for the past two years and helps to foster a Christian community along with her Co-facilitator, Clare Herrig. Ally's group has also run a donation drive for the Marquette Backpack Program and spread joy around campus by chalking positive messages on the sidewalks. Ally also participates in the all Camino event planning team, focused on planning events to create friendships between all of the Camino groups across campus.

Ally, a senior in the Opus College of Engineering, has been an exemplary Camino Small Group leader for two years. Ally seeks to build an inclusive Christian community where all student participants feel encouraged, supported, and heard. She regularly explores ways to enrich and deepen her group's journey of faith. In addition, Ally has brought tremendous creativity and strong leadership to the Camino Events Planning Team and has been a strong promoter of building connections and community between Camino groups and beyond. Ally and her co-facilitator, Clare, have fostered a spirit of adaptability, amidst this pandemic, which has helped their group build strong bonds and share a spirit of hope and service across campus.

—Steve Blaha, Campus Ministry

Radhika Dua

Radhika Dua is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and is currently also getting her M.S in Global Health & Equity through the dual degree accelerated program at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is a part of the Public Health Equity fellowship this year where she is conducting her own research on current anti-human trafficking efforts and training with Emergency Medical Services. Radhika is on the Executive Board for We are Saath- an organization focusing on mental health awareness in South-Asian Cultures. Radhika is a third year Resident's Assistant at Humphrey Hall which is where she first found her community on campus and hopes to help her residents find their home on campus too.



Radhika does a lot of work as a mentor through her role as an RA and leader of a mental health oriented organization on campus. She has also served as a volunteer at multiple hospitals and has been a TA. I know in her various roles on campus she has advocated for and celebrated diversity and inclusion efforts especially around the topic of mental health intersecting with different identities.

—Anna Denucci, Engagement and Inclusion



Bridgeman Flowers was born and raised in Milwaukee WI. Bridgeman is currently attending Marquette University in the class of 2024. Studying within the College of Education majoring in Educational Studies, and Social Welfare Justice. Bridgeman is actively working as the Marquette Student Government VP of Outreach, Facilities Manager Carpenter Tower, Parliamentarian Black Student Council, Community Ambassador and Black Student Union E-board Member. Bridgeman is also an active member of the Milwaukee community. He is also an Engaging Student Award Winner, and the Class for 2024's Magis Award for 2021. Bridgeman formally served as a MUSG Senator, Program Chair for Justice in Action Conference and Resident Assistant for Eckstein Tower.

“Bridgeman has not only become a figure within the Eckstein community, but also the Marquette community. He started out this year as a mentor/counselor for the EOP summer program, and then brought everything he learned in that role with him to the RA position. He immediately created a vibrant community on his floor and established strong relationships with his residents and staff. Outside of the RA role, Bridgeman has been active as the MUSG Outreach Vice President and a BSU E-Board member. He has worked on “good tenant training” for the Office of Residence Life and sat on the Justice in Action Conference Committee. Bridgeman is a strong, caring presence not only in Eckstein, but Marquette and the Milwaukee community.”

—Kayla Nickerson, Residence Life

Adriana K. Garza is a senior majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in Psychology. In the past, she was the RHA Rep of her halls where she helped plan Igniting Hope, Lil Sibs weekend, and HALLOWEEN. Now, she is co-chair of I'M F1RST while being a Resident Assistant in Humphrey Hall. She also works in the Office of Student Educational Services and served as an Anchor Mentor in the Fall of 2021. Adriana is also involved with campus ministry both attending retreats and in the fall co-led the Camino Contigo Retreat. Adriana's involvement on campus stems from being a first-generation student. It is what has motivated her to take on many leadership roles. It is a way she can help welcome and connect students to resources on campus.



Adriana has served as an RA, RHA Rep, and Office of Student Educational Services, among other roles. In each of these positions she has sought to support her peers, connect, and find ways to help them be successful at Marquette. Adriana is passionate about supporting first-generation students. This is personal for her as a first-generation student herself. Adriana is a co-chair for I'M F1RST, where she serves as a voice and resource for first-gen students not only in the organization but for all first-gen students across the campus. Previously, Adriana was a critical team member in planning Lil Sibs Weekend, Igniting Hope, and HALLoween. A huge part of Adriana's motivation is her faith. She often works in conjunction with Campus Ministries and finds ways to support her and others' faith-development as well. She is a model of a thoughtful, empathetic leader. She has helped ensure our staff is connected and supported, especially new RAs who are struggling. Few are more deserving.

—Kayla Nickerson, Residence Life



Reese Gee is a sophomore majoring in Political Science and is a member of the Pre-Law Scholars Program. Reese is the Chairperson for the Residence Life Leadership Board (RLLB). For the past two years, she has been employed with the non-profit organization St. Coletta of Wisconsin. At St. Coletta's, Reese works to provide care and support to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. She participates in the Best Buddies Club at Marquette, which facilitates friendships with Milwaukee-area adults with developmental disabilities, and enjoys spending time with her buddy, Evan. Reese is also a member of the Marquette Club Equestrian team, takes weekly lessons, and plans to compete within the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

Reese stepped into a brand new role within Residence Life this year and helped build an entirely new organization. This project presented numerous challenges and obstacles, all of which Reese has navigated with grace and maturity. Reese is an excellent role model and leader for the individuals within her organization and has played a key role in their development in such areas as leadership, inclusive programming, problem-solving, and more.

—Hannah Mauch, Residence Life

Kendra Gilreath is a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in psychology. She will graduate this Spring with Core Honors and Disciplinary Honors in Biomedical Sciences. One of her favorite involvements at Marquette has been her service experiences. She is in her second AmeriCorps service year as a 414 Fellow where she works with children ages 0-3. Additionally, she has created her own program called “Stepping into Science” where she brings engaging monthly science experiments and activities to the kindergarten classrooms at Next Door Foundation. On campus, she is involved in organic chemistry research and is a Resident Assistant in Wells Street Hall. In her free time, she loves baking and spending time with friends and family.



Kendra Gilreath, is a student that I have no doubt will foster deep change in any environment. I first met Kendra when she applied to become a 414 Fellow, which entails completing 300 hours of service working with children ages 0-3 years. Not only did Kendra successfully complete those service hours; she continued to serve with the host agency, Next Door, after her service year was complete. She has built a strong relationship with her learning community and has demonstrated her leadership skills in her involvement as a returning member and contributor to discussion on race justice and social issues. As a biomedical science student, Kendra has been involved in research to advance the field of medicine, which earned her recognition by the American Chemical Society. Kendra continues to do all this while maintaining a 4.0. Kendra's commitment to learning, being humble, and building a strong community has made her a pleasure to work with. I have learned so much from her!

—Sessie Agbley, Community Service



Nora Graham is a junior majoring in Peace Studies with a minor in History, originally from Omaha, Nebraska. In the past they have led the Ignatian Leadership Retreat and served as an Orientation Leader among other leadership positions. Currently, they work in the Center for Community Service as a Program Assistant, and have worked on peer advising, Make a Difference Day, Hunger Clean Up (now Marquette Community Day of Service), SERVE, and Marquette Volunteer Corps. Nora is also currently serving as a co-coordinator for Midnight Run, helping oversee the running of the organization. As part of this role, they facilitate weekly coordinator meetings, communicate with service sites, and run the social media accounts.

Nora serves as a Program Assistant in the Center for Community Service, a role that has allowed for the growth, exploration, and application of their interest in Social Justice, Service, and Community Engagement. As a Program Assistant, Nora assists in the planning and delivery of training and Social Justice reflection material to the Marquette Volunteer Corps. In this role Nora leads with passion, sharing personal experience and engaging volunteers in deeper thinking and discussion. Beyond this role, Nora consistently brings enthusiasm to our events and programs, including Make a Difference Day, Justice In Action, and the Milwaukee Community Day of Service. Nora also served as a Midnight Run Co-Coordinator through the 2021-22 academic year after being a “Runner” and a site coordinator. In this context, Nora leads with wide angle vision, not only when coordinating social media, but when helping Midnight Run to focus service on principles of community organizing and its own mission values. Nora imagines social change that trusts communities experiencing injustices to have the best insight for overcoming challenges. Their point of view does not ever miss the individual standing before them. Nora generously welcomes each person they encounter with invitation to join Midnight Run’s work. Nora is a servant leader who, with three companion “Co-Co’s,” leads a team of over 20 student site coordinators and over 150 student volunteers a semester to build relationships with community agencies, to serve, and engage active reflection. The team’s agility and unwavering commitment to address social justice issues have sustained Midnight Run throughout the pandemic.

—Stephanie Boedecker and Mary Sue Callan-Farley, Community Service and Campus Ministry

Emma Grogan is a senior majoring in elementary education and psychology. She loves learning from and with young people in schools through the College of Education. She is looking forward to student teaching in the fall! Emma is grateful to be on the coordinating team of Midnight Run. With the Midnight Run community, Emma tries to navigate the tension between supporting organizations that meet the immediate food and housing needs of people in the community and interrogating systemic issues that contribute to persistent racism, poverty, and oppression in Milwaukee and around the world. Emma will be the first to admit that she is not perfect; her goal is to practice accountability, growth, and gratitude.



Emma Grogan served as a Midnight Run Co-coordinator spring 2021-fall 2021, after being a “Runner” and site coordinator. Emma leads with attentiveness to each person in their particular circumstances, a broad smile, and a heart for justice formed in faith and informed by Catholic Social Teaching. Her approach to serve others is witnessed in the point of view and skills she has as an educator. Emma works tirelessly to provide the tools of learning, such as round table discussion guides, in a supportive environment which empowers others to take charge of their own learning, in reflection or working at a volunteer site. Emma is a servant leader who, with three companion “Co-co’s,” leads a team of over 20 student site coordinators and 150 student volunteers to build relationships with community agencies, to serve, and engage active reflection. The team’s agility and unwavering commitment to address social justice issues have sustained Midnight Run throughout the pandemic.

—Mary Sue Callan-Farley, Campus Ministry



Danielle Hauman is majoring in accounting and expecting to graduate in May. She is serving as the Head Supervisor for Intramural Volleyball and has been with the program for the past 3 years. She also participates on the Club Rugby team and was voted captain for the 2021 season. The team finished 4th in the nation in the National Collegiate Rugby division 1 tournament. While living in the dorms she held leadership positions in the Community Programming Council as a floor representative helping organize dorm wide events. It was cut short, but Danielle also spent 2 months abroad in Spain prior to the COVID lockdown.

In her role as the head Intramural Volleyball Supervisor, Danielle has taken the reigns in elevating the sport to one of our most popular programs. The leadership role she has undertaken in the hiring ,training and scheduling of officials has been a game changer for the Intramural Dept.

—Scott Anderegg, Recreational Sports

Jayra Hernandez is a Freshmen majoring in Criminology and Law Studies and minoring in Business. She currently is pursuing to become a Rise Mentor and get more involved with the community. She is also an interested member of the Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority.



Jayra has shown that she appreciates programs and involvement that allow students like herself to find community. For that reason, she has expressed that she would like to be the person who assists new students find friend and social connections in the same way it was done for her. Throughout her first semester she has participated in trainings and committed to becoming a future mentor. She also has taken the time to seek out programs and orgs she can participate in.

—Lester Harris Jr, Student Affairs



Clare Herrig is a senior studying Data Science with a concentration in Innovation Leadership. She has grown mentally, emotionally, in her time at Marquette by intentionally stepping outside of her comfort zone. To challenge herself further, Clare has co-facilitated a Camino Christian faith community to build space for peers to grow in their understanding of faith and what it means to others. With her co-facilitator, they worked to foster an environment where the group's needs were listened to and acted upon. Considering the isolated feeling of the pandemic, the group created innovative ways to connect with each other and the community by redefining what it means to be in service with others.

Clare Herrig has demonstrated exceptional leadership as a Camino Small Group facilitator for the past two years. A senior in the Helen Way Klingler College of Arts & Sciences, Clare has strived to provide students with a welcoming space where students can grow in faith, community, and service in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises. Clare has actively fostered relationship building between Caminos as a member of the Camino Events Planning Team. Clare and her co-facilitator, Ally, have proceeded with a tremendous adaptability, amidst this pandemic, which has helped their group build strong bonds and share a spirit of hope and service across campus.

—Steve Blaha, Campus Ministry

Clyde Jacob Hollister is a senior majoring in electrical engineering and minoring in computer engineering. He is involved in many organizations across campus including the swim team, triathlon team, Ignite, and Liturgical ministry. He also currently serves as a retreat director and president of the Marquette Orchestra. Outside of student organizations, Clyde also works as a lead peer mentor for the Engineering LLC and volunteers with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.



Clyde has been an avid retreat participant and leader since his first year at Marquette. His knowledge of retreat ministry and skill set for creating a welcoming, faith-filled space has grown enormously over the past four years. A culminating moment was when he directed the Milwalking Retreat last year, creatively leading his team in crafting a safe, in-person plan that met all COVID protocols while providing participants with a meaningful and fun experience. Milwalking was the only off-campus retreat of the last school year, due in great part to Clyde's leadership. This year, Milwalking will run two retreats back-to-back, and Clyde's leadership will be instrumental in making both days a success while building his team's knowledge, creativity, and sense of community. He exemplifies servant leadership and is ending his time at Marquette on a high note.

—Sara Knutson, Campus Ministry



William Holmes is a freshman majoring in Criminology and Legal Studies. He is a first-generation college student with a 3.74 cumulative GPA. He made the Fall 2021 Dean's List. He is a member of the Urban Scholars program and serves as the Co-Chair of the Urban Scholars Community Service Committee. He also is a part of the All-in Milwaukee, MKE Fellows, and Graduation Plus programs. He is also a member of the Marquette Criminology and Law Society and Fencing Club. He works as a part-time desk receptionist at Abbotsford Residence Hall. He is currently interning as a Program Intern at the Argosy Foundation.

Will started the school year off uncertain of how to navigate the campus and get the resources he needed. Now, he has begun to develop his confidence, his know-how, and ability to not only advocate for himself, but also for others. He serves as the co-chair of community service for the Urban Scholars and shows promise of being a leader at Marquette.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion

Nick Howard is a senior History major with a Public History Minor. Throughout his Marquette Experience, he has led six campus ministry retreats, worked summer and school crews for Marquette facilities, worked at various museums and historic sites like the Milwaukee County Historical Society and the Pabst Mansion, received a grant from the MU Honors College to create a short documentary series about Milwaukee history stories, and was voted MVP and Social Chair of the Marquette Quidditch Team.



Nick's leadership in the Campus Ministry retreat program epitomizes the value of depth of leadership. During his time at Marquette, he has been deeply involved in the retreat program, leading two retreats each year for the past three years, including directing two retreats. Throughout that time, he thoughtfully considered how best to use his energy and gifts while being committed to his academic studies and to having the downtime needed to not burn out. He has been a great example to younger students, demonstrating that doing one thing very well is a meaningful and fruitful path for one's college journey. He does this while intentionally mentoring younger leaders in the retreat program and helping them prepare for greater leadership roles themselves. Nick has been a cornerstone of the retreat program and a true Contemplative in Action.

—Sara Knutson, Campus Ministry



Brigid Hughes is a senior from Pewaukee, WI, majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Brigid is proud to be a member of the Burke Scholarship program and has loved serving at Next Door Foundation and Bread of Healing Clinic as part of her Burke experience. She has been a site coordinator for Midnight Run for the past 6 semesters and also served as a co-coordinator from January to December of 2021. Brigid participated in MU's South Africa Service Learning program in spring of 2020 and learned so much during her time in beautiful Cape Town. This year, she has acted as the Vice President of March for Our Lives Marquette and has loved leading a number of MARDI GRAS trips to New Orleans and Panama City Beach.

Brigid Hughes served as a Midnight Run Co-coordinator spring 2021-fall 2021 after being a “Runner” and site coordinator. Her leadership is marked by compassion, competency, and high energy. Brigid is formed by faith with deep concern for the flourishing of others. She practices “being out of her comfort zone” as a witness to those she companions. Even as she is strong willed in her desire to serve the mission of Midnight Run, she seeks to know the perspective of others and is humble when reflecting on issues of social justice. She celebrates the successes of others, acknowledging their gifts and contributions. Brigid is a servant leader who, with three companion “Co-co’s,” led a team of over 20 student site coordinators and over 150 student volunteers to build relationships with community agencies, to serve, and engage active reflection throughout the year. The team’s agility and unwavering commitment to address social justice issues have sustained Midnight Run through the pandemic.

—Mary Sue Callan-Farley, Campus Ministry

Hannah Jablonowski is a senior majoring in Educational Studies and Psychology. She is also enrolled in the Accelerated Degree Program to receive her Masters in School Counseling through the College of Education. She currently serves as the Active Minds Vice President, is a member of Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity, and is employed through the College of Education as a Recruitment and Admissions Assistant. From 2019-2021, Hannah has worked with New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) at Marquette serving as a SPARK Leader, Orientation Leader, and Student Director. Hannah is proud to be the 18th member of her family to attend Marquette University. She was awarded the Emerging Leader Award in Spring of 2020, recognizing her contributions to NSFP.



Hannah is a one-of-a-kind student leader. Over the past 3 years, Hannah has given so much to New Student & Family Programs, starting in her journey as a SPARK and Orientation Leader before transitioning to serve as a Student Director of Marketing & Media. Mentoring students in the College of Education, we frequently hear from previous new students that they want to “be like Hannah” or “had Hannah as my leader – she’s the best.” New Students and staff alike recognize her radiant kindness and joyous attitude, along with her extensive knowledge of Marquette and Education. There’s rarely a day that you see Hannah without a smile on her face, ready to bring you cheer and share in the positives of the day. Other student leaders admire and respect Hannah, which extends to other pockets of campus like sorority life and Active Minds. She is a shining star that has brought so much light to our campus.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development



Olivia Kiefer is a senior majoring in criminology and law studies and minoring in psychology, sociology, and anthropology. During her time at Marquette University, she has served the community as a Midnight Run site coordinator, introduced students to Marquette through tour guiding and participating as an orientation member, and has worked for the recreational sports office. She has participated in department research as well as received the Kearney Memorial Grant for social justice work. Olivia has engaged in rigorous course work through the university's honors program, acquired competitive internships, and stepped up as a leader in her engagements across campus.

In her role as the head Intramural Soccer Supervisor, Olivia has taken the lead on hiring, training and scheduling staff. Her leadership skills set her apart from other sport supervisors and has been critical in the oversight of the most popular IM sports on campus.
—Scott Anderegg, Recreational Sports

Chris King uses he/him pronouns and he is a graduating senior studying Educational Studies, Social Welfare and Justice, with a minor in Human Resources. He has served as the Facilities Manager of Mashuda Hall for two years, the summer manager, worked for Late Night Marquette and the Wellness Center and many more. In the Fall, he will be attending Clemson University to pursue his Masters of Education in Student Affairs and serving as a Graduate Community Director. Chris has always been involved and dedicated to those around him, and he looks forward to continuing that work in the field of Student Affairs.



“Christopher King is the pinnacle of what it means to be “Magis”. Upon meeting Chris in July, I instantly learned of his eagerness to do more, embodying the Magis of Marquette. In his role as a Facilities Manager he is constantly working for the good of Mashuda Hall, the residents, ORL as a department, and Marquette University as a whole. Whether it be a resident falling out of their bed in the middle of the night, an elevator breaking down across campus, or a desk receptionist needing someone to pick up their shift, Chris is constantly working to serve others. Chris was responsible for organizing all front desk staffs and mail on campus. This past semester, Chris ran a student support group within the Wellness Center working to support men and toxic masculinity. Chris always strives to make himself and those around him better. Better employees, better students, and better community members. This is just a small blurb of all of the things Chris has accomplished this semester.”

—Kayla Nickerson, Residence Life



Claire Kubacki is a sophomore in the Honors program majoring in Accounting and minoring in Theology. She currently serves as Retreat Chair and Social Chair of the Liturgical Choir Council, Auction Chair of Beta Alpha Psi, and as a Student Alumni Ambassador. Claire also participates in Pi Beta Phi and CHAARG!

Claire has demonstrated great initiative through her service as a member of the Liturgical Choir and as Retreat Chair on the Liturgical Choir Council. Claire is always a reliable and supportive partner for her peers and has shown creativity and care in planning Liturgical Choir retreats. These efforts have contributed greatly to the community life of our choir community and its spiritual growth. Claire's early and eager involvement in the Council and her openness and commitment to growth in her skills as a leader have brought richness and depth to the quality of our liturgical catechesis and our reflections. Claire's involvement in other Campus ministry programming demonstrate her potential for continued success in helping to build faith and community within our programming and in the campus community.


—Tom Koester, Campus Ministry

Rosie Kyriakopoulos is a sophomore majoring in Educational and Communication Studies working towards attaining one of her career aspirations of becoming a school support staff member. In Milwaukee and her hometown community, she devotes her time to what brings her true joy, such as connecting with the youth through individual mentoring and being heavily involved in a place very near and dear to her heart, her church's preschool. Specifically, Rosie is a first-year Wellness Peer Educator at the Student Wellness Center at Marquette. Here, she finds passion and purpose in transforming Marquette into an overall happier, healthier, and more balanced environment for all. Rosie loves her position on campus, as it aligns with values of her own.



Rosie brings an incredible light to our office of positive energy. She is consistently checking in on others and putting others before her own. She is one of the hardest workers in our office. Rosie is never afraid to ask questions and already exemplifies many leadership qualities. Rosie has consistently gone the extra mile in caring for her peers and those around her. Rosie has a natural skill for public speaking. She presents Red Watch Band and Bringing in the Bystander to her peers with an engaging and friendly demeanor that keeps her peers paying attention. She always takes the time to get to know her colleagues in the office and is a kind, friendly, face. She will make an excellent teacher which is her current career goal.

—Kacie Otto, Counseling Center and Student Development



Eunbie Lee is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences and serves as a Wellness Peer Educator at Marquette.

Eunbie is a dedicated and professional member of the Wellness and Prevention Peer Educator team. She is always willing to volunteer to support her colleagues programs and is a detailed and precise event planner.
—Kacie Otto, Student Development

Sarahi Manriquez Prado is a junior studying Social Welfare and Justice and Spanish Language, Literature and Culture, with a minor in Latinx Studies. She is currently serving as a Program Assistant for the Center for Community Service, assisting in the facilitation of 21 Day Challenge. She enjoys art, hanging out with family and friends, and discovering new restaurants to eat around the city.



Don't be fooled by Sarahi's reserved demeanor. She is full of life and is a rebel with a cause - building community, and professing Milwaukee as a site for investment and love. Sarahi once shared a class interaction with me. She observed that when people talked about Milwaukee, there was always this undertone of judgment and disdain. And the communities were to blame. Sarahi see's Milwaukee differently, and we all should too. Milwaukee is a place to rest and refuel full of beautiful people, cultures, and joy. Milwaukee is home and not a case study. Working as a program assistant for 21 Day Challenge, Sarahi builds leadership with students through facilitating dialogues on justice movements and organizing around issues of community work, anti-racism and radical self love. Her work with the Center for Community Service has transformed how we view and engage with "othered" communities in Milwaukee. In her words - "little shorty's have the biggest hearts".

—Sessie Agbley , Community Service



September-Melody McDonald is a junior-ish here at Marquette University studying Journalism with a minor in Digital Media from Evanston, IL. She has served as VP of Public Relations and Social Media Coordinator for the Black Student Council and acted as the Co-host and writer for the radio podcast MK Countdown, Marquette University's first all-black radio show. Currently, She is an OIE Global Ambassador for Marquette Global Village and the recipient of the Milwaukee Entrepreneurship Innovation Grant for her refillable bodycare business, Girl on the Growth™.

September Melody has the perfect combination of passion and investment needed to be an ideal leader. What I admire most about how she impacts a community is that she does not need a formal organization or program to want to feel capable of connecting with others. She takes initiative and is resourceful in ways that allows her to create spaces for her peers in ways that you would see a full organization would. She prioritizes building welcoming spaces for others and her personality compliments it so well. She is naturally vibrant and personable and this helps create comfort for others around her.

—Lester Harris Jr, Office of Engagement and Inclusion

Jacqueline (Jackie) Mendoza is a senior majoring in Criminology and Psychology. She is a 2nd-year Program Assistant for the Center for Community Service, where she assists in organizing Marquette's largest one-day service events. Jackie also interns at Project RETURN doing work dedicated to the successful re-entry of system impacted individuals. As a current Facilities Manager for Residence Life, Jackie holds service and partnerships close to her heart. Jackie is a 3rd-year Research Assistant in Marquette's psychology Resilience and Relationships Lab and is continuing her studies after Marquette in Clinical Psychology. Finally, Jackie will be completing her 4th year as a member of Dance Inc. Marquette, performing for the last time in May.



Jacqueline showcases many of the attributes associated with a true Contemplative in Action. Within her role as a program assistant for the Center for Community Service, Jacqueline helped adapt and establish new programs that were virtual within the emergence of the COVID-19 virus. Her openness for others and care for the community as she helped think creatively to build an online tutoring program, MU Tutoring Hub, through our office allowed community members to still benefit from our services, even in times of uncertainty. This academic year, Jacqueline has shown servant leadership within her role on our events team as she works to provide inclusive, one day service events to the Marquette community. She worked diligently to ensure Make a Difference Day on our campus was a success through event promotion and site coordination efforts. Her mentorship and genuine want for connection has been visible throughout Jacqueline's entire time within the Center for Community Service.

—Kelly Walker, Community Service



Mia Meyle is a senior majoring in education and communication studies. Freshman year she tutored refugees through SEA Literacy and went on a Mardi Gras service trip to Houston. Sophomore year Mia began working as the office assistant for the College of Education Counseling and went on a Marquette Action service trip to Nashville. That was also her first year leading the Marquette Experience Retreat, which led to her Co-Directing that retreat for her junior and senior years. Each year she represents her class during presentations for prospective education students. Throughout her coursework she has served as a classroom assistant in five different service-learning sites. She is now finishing her degree student teaching in the 8th grade.

From her first retreat at Marquette, Mia has deeply invested in the Campus Ministry retreat program and excelled in her leadership. She was part of the Marquette Experience Retreat (MUEx) team as a sophomore, and as one of the team's younger members shared great insights and ideas that contributed greatly to the retreat as a whole. Since then, she has co-directed MUEx twice, making significant contributions to the background logistics of the retreat that have moved it forward as a whole, on top of all the typical co-director duties. This year, she paired with some newer Campus Ministry staff and helped them understand and effectively guide the retreat alongside her and her co-director. Along the way, she has continued to integrate Ignatian principles into her spirituality and help others do the same. Mia has been a key leader in the retreat program and will be greatly missed next year.

—Sara Knutson, Campus Ministry

Melanie Miranda Madrigal is a freshman majoring in Journalism. She made the most of campus resources such as career center, counseling center and student educational services. She is also working on becoming a RISE mentor for the RISE multicultural pre-orientation program for first-generation students.



Melanie is a student who is learning that she doesn't need to have a complete plan or structure to still get the most out of the experiences in front of her. She is still navigating her own development and interests to figure out what is best for her, but this is making her open to a large breadth of experiences. She is open to exploring what opportunities are available to students like her on campus and this makes her a warm and welcoming person to interact with.


—Lester Harris, Office of Engagement and Inclusion



Quinn Mocerri is a Junior majoring in Biomedical Science and minoring in Psychology. She serves as aquatic supervisor of Marquette Rec Sports and director of merchandise for the club swim team. Quinn has been on the College of Health Science's Dean's List the past four semesters.

As aquatic supervisor, Quinn has to communicate with all the guards with updates for procedures, pool closures/general day to day info, and answer any questions they may have. Quinn also helps with our swim instructors get set up with families/people for swim lessons and answer any questions they have about our lesson system. For new staff, Quinn helps with orientation and getting them into our scheduling system or in contact with swim lesson families. She try's to help in anyway she can to make the transition easy as they balance other school work and activities. Quinn try's to be as available as she can for our new and old guards (and swim instructors) to help whenever it is necessary.

—Jacqueline Formanek, Recreational Sports

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Kate Moore is a senior at Marquette majoring in psychology and minoring in biology and is studying to be an occupational therapist. She is a president of the women's club basketball team, member of the sailing team, and member of the Adaptive abilities club for skiing and rock climbing. After graduating in May, she will be getting her occupational therapy degree at Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions.

As president of the women's club basketball team, Kate has demonstrated a diverse skill set that has propelled the club to a different level both on and off the court. Her passion for the club will have a lasting impact for years to come.

—Scott Anderegg, Recreational Sports

Rachel Moore is a second-year student majoring in Economics, and she is starting the Physical Therapy graduate program at Marquette University in the Fall of 2022. Rachel is an active member of the Moxie Women's Club Ultimate team at Marquette, traveling and playing with the team in conference and regional tournaments. Alongside the club team and academics, Rachel holds three student jobs through Marquette University: she works as a Physics Teaching Assistant, a Desk Receptionist for Wells Street Hall, and a SPARK and Orientation Leader for New Student and Family Programs.



It's exciting when you find a student who "gets it" – and that's Rachel. She's mature, professional, and wise beyond her years. As a SPARK and Orientation Leader in 2021 and again for 2022, Rachel has directly impacted hundreds of new students while intuitively role modeling for other leaders on our team. I trust Rachel fully as she portrays the university and herself with excellence and positivity. After only her first year at Marquette, Rachel was selected to represent the entire Klingler College of Arts and Sciences for all new students and Marquette advisors. She led our College Meetings, fielding countless questions from students as they heard about their college curriculum for the first time in front of professional advising staff. This proved to be an exemplary decision, and we were fortunate to be able to showcase Rachel as a Marquette student. Her natural leadership shines through; her maturity and self-awareness is rare for a person of her age.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development



Leen Mortada is a sophomore double majoring in International Affairs and Criminology with a minor in Social Justice and Welfare. She currently serves as treasurer of both the Muslim Student Association and Students for Justice in Palestine. She also works as a Program Intern in the Center for Engagement and Inclusion and is on the committee for the Student Success Initiative program. She is involved in both the Honors and E-lead programs. Lastly, she volunteers for the Big Brother Big Sister of America program and tutors for the EOP program.

As a thriving sophomore, Leen shows the initiative and drive to be the difference on campus. She serves on the Executive Board of Muslim Student Association and has exemplified the willingness to learn about Marquette resources while raising awareness to Muslim culture and issues. She currently serves as a Program Intern for the Center for Engagement and Inclusion and has connected with students across difference to better support their needs and has even implemented a community circle to support fellow Muslim women. She has also been featured in Our Roots Say That We're Sister podcast.

—Tiffany E Fulford, Engagement and Inclusion

Clare Murphy is a senior majoring in biomedical engineering and minoring in supply chain. Throughout her time at Marquette, Clare has served in numerous leadership roles for different clubs, including Running Club Secretary, Campus Ministry Retreat Leader, and Student Director. In addition to servant leading peers through club organizations, Clare strives to give back to her community by regularly volunteering with Midnight Run and Marquette for Life. Clare is a strong advocate for promoting and upholding the dignity of all human life, and to Clare, that means doing whatever she can give of herself to help those in need, from volunteering at food pantries, to pregnancy care centers, and simply being a friend for another person.



A fifth-year senior in the Opus College of Engineering, Clare Murphy, has pursued living out the Jesuit ideal of “depth of thought and imagination” throughout her time at Marquette. Clare has been involved in many Campus Ministry co-curricular activities: Midnight Run, Retreats, Camino Small Groups, Marquette Action Program (MAP), and Ignite. As both a participant and a leader, Clare has demonstrated an impressive level of commitment along with a desire for continued growth in knowledge, understanding, experience, wisdom, and capacity to live as a person for others. She offers a radiant example of someone dedicated to living for the greater glory of God (AMDG).

—Steve Blaha, Campus Ministry



Gabby Newton is a 5th year graduate student in the College of Health Sciences' Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program; she completed her undergraduate degree in spring of 2021, having majored in exercise physiology and minored in Spanish for the health professions. She currently serves as Administrative Supervisor of Marquette's Personal Training Program and Spin Onboarding Supervisor of Marquette's Group Fitness Organization.

Gabby has been the Personal Training Administrative Supervisor for 2 years and Spin Onboarding Supervisor for Group Fitness for 1 1/2 years. In this time, she has had the pleasure of welcoming many new members to each respective team and participating in their training. Gabby continues to serve her staff/team members on a weekly basis through her consistent communication and frequent lending of a helping hand. Gabby prides herself in being a role model and resource to all, and feel as though this hard work is reflected in the positive and collaborative environment that surrounds both organizations.

—Jacqueline Formanek, Recreational Sports

Ella Nghiem (she/her) is a first-year student from the San Francisco Bay Area, California. She is majoring in biomedical sciences with a minor in dance in the 7-year pre-dental scholars program. As a Vietnamese- American, she is involved with Marquette's 6% Asian-American community through Bayanihan Student Organization. Additionally, Ella represents Eckstein Hall as a senator for Marquette University's student government, and serves on the Student Life and Racial Equity and Justice committees. With an extensive community involvement and leadership background, she hopes to become more involved in the Milwaukee community through service, and promote greater diversity and inclusion across campus.



With her acute awareness and developing concern about systems of injustice in the United States, Ella has exhibited a mature understanding of a young person's ability to inform change. In this time when we, as a society, are trying to put together the pieces of having been remote, Ella leads a distinct, personal charge to form relationships with her classmates. Ella is genuine, she asks questions without fear of judgement, and in doing so, leads her peers and puts them at ease with her authenticity. Ella has quickly demonstrated her natural ability to be a bridge between cultures and diverse social identities. She has an inviting personality that is not to be mistaken for passive kindness. Ella challenges people to think, to offer themselves up for the sake of community, and in doing so, helps everyone around her unabashedly open themselves up to new experiences.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Adam Noon is a sophomore studying Civil Engineering from Aurora, Illinois. Adam is involved in Food Recovery Network which is an organization that collects the unused food from university dining halls and repurposes it so that it can be given to those who need it. He is also involved in New Student and Family Programs where he serves as an Orientation Leader. Additionally, Adam is a member of Marquette Mentors where he works with his mentor to develop career skills. Adam is extremely thankful for all the opportunities he has had and the people who have helped him reach where he is today.

Adam was a welcomed burst of energy during each day of Orientation. At the end of each long day as an Orientation Leader, Adam was eagerly the last one working, cleaning up or moving tables which he hadn't been asked to do. He went above and beyond through the small moments each day, quietly going the extra mile. I know that Adam will continue his leadership journey at Marquette in the years to come; his hardworking spirit will undoubtedly serve him well and continue to serve Marquette.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development

Chigozie Okuagu is a senior majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Spanish for the health professions. Chigozie is the co-founder and Co- president of Black Mindz (a mental wellness club for students of color on campus), a member of the counseling center advisory board, a wellness peer educator, an undergraduate researcher and a Mashuda Hall resident assistant.



Chigozie Okuagu is the co-president of Black Mindz, a Wellness Peer Educator, and a representative on the Counseling Center Advisory Board. She is passionate about promoting and delivering wellness and mental health education and services to the Marquette community. Chigozie has independently run prevention and education programming for the Marquette community through the Wellness Center. Through Black Mindz, Chigozie has provided a space for black students on Marquette's campus to create an open and honest dialogue about mental health. Through this drive to create open and honest spaces, Chigozie has built strong relationships with Marquette's student organizations. She embraces new experiences and is always looking to implement positive social change in any community setting. Chigozie is a resource for all students on campus, and I am proud to witness all of her accomplishments.

—Emily Foley, Medical Clinic/Wellness Programs



Nick Orihuela is a Junior majoring in Political Science, minoring in Biological Sciences and Spanish. As a lover of education and community, Nick joined some of the many organizations and programs Marquette has to offer. The list of involvement is as follows: Orthodox Christian Fellowship, the Delta Chi Fraternity (social and recruitment committee), the Interfraternity Council (president); the Marquette Mentors, the alumni program, the Alumni Ambassador Program, and recently the newly established Pre-Law Society (vice president). Nick more often than not rises to a leadership position once within an organization in order to help improve and also give back to a community that has given so much to him.

Nick is a diligent student who has worked tirelessly over the last two years for the IFC community. Working hard to create meaningful change and accountability, Nick has brought needed leadership to the role of IFC president and has been recognized by his peers by being elected to the role twice. When speaking with Nick, he comments on his commitment to the community, and sought to make a meaningful impact beyond his first term. He has pushed IFC to grow and change, and his leadership has brought about a new experience for our IFC community.

—ZP Pfeifer, Engagement and Inclusion

Fiona Pack is a senior double majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology and Spanish for the health professions. She currently holds positions as one of the student managers at the Brew, is a teaching assistant for the physics department, and does undergraduate organic chemistry research in the Donaldson Lab. Fiona is also a Marquette ambassador in the Global Village apartments LLC.



Fiona Pack is one of the Student Managers of the Brew Bayou. She is very hard working and does an excellent job. One of her supervisors stated that she has extremely strong communications skills. This helps make her a wonderful leader. They also said that she really stepped up this year working with the underdog staff. She has spent time trying to assist the underdog to help make them better at their jobs. Finally, her supervisor said that she is the heart and soul of the Brew. Fiona's peers have said that she makes everyone feel comfortable and always on top of her job. She knows what she is doing and people trust her decisions. Fiona always speaks up at meetings and seems to be a very valuable member of her department. She inspired me to apply for Student Manager and has been an positive influence inside and outside our department. She is a very kind person and always leads by example. Fiona has been a great role model both inside and outside her department.

—Dan Abler, AMU



Anna Penzkover is a junior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and Theology on the Pre-PA track. She is also a member of the Cross Country and Track and Field Team. Anna loves being involved with campus ministry by serving as a Camino small group co-facilitator and contributing to the Camino event planning committee. She volunteers at the St. Vinny's North site through Midnight Run. Passionate about global health and equity, Anna is a member of the Marquette Global Brigades Medical Chapter and will be traveling to Panama in May for her first in-country brigade. Once a week, she volunteers in the Emergency Dept. at Aurora Sinai. Anna is currently participating in a mindfulness training and focus group through athletics. She is from Rice Lake, WI

A member of Marquette's Cross Country team, Anna has brought great enthusiasm to her work as a Camino Small Group facilitator. Anna desires to enkindle a passion for faith amongst her peers. Guided by Catholic faith, Anna seeks to offer a community experience where fellow students can know and feel God's love and closeness. Along with a strong commitment to collaborative ministry with her co-facilitator, Anna has helped unite Camino Small Groups across campus through her work on the Camino Event Planning Team.

—Steve Blaha, Campus Ministry

Wendy Pérez is a sophomore majoring in marketing and entrepreneurship. She is a co-founder of Community. Books. YOU. which is a free first- generation textbook lending program at Marquette. During her freshman year, Wendy and her friend competed in the Brewed Ideas Challenge and Dorm Fund and won a total of \$11,000 for Community. Books. YOU. Wendy is also currently involved in RISE, LASO, Marquette Mentors Program, Young Alumni Ambassador, and is a Dorm Fund associate. She also recently started volunteering for the Backpack Program. Wendy currently interns as a marketing coordinator for SheWolf MKE which is a new business that empowers women through women's boxing and self-defense classes.



What many people know about Wendy is that she is the co-founder of Community. Books. You., the textbook loan program serving first generation college students. Starting with the idea in the Brewed Challenges Competition through the 707 Hub, Wendy was honored as a President's Difference Maker earlier this year, and also the RISE student on the RISE this spring semester. What people close to Wendy know is that she has an innovative mind that is motivated by care for others. She takes small measures to ensure her peers are well and has built a community of peers around her who also want to contribute to the greater good. What most people do not know about Wendy is that she is in this call to action for the long run. She cannot be underestimated as she is driven and she is committed.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Lisset Perez Jaramillo, a senior majoring in Peace Studies, Political Science and International Affairs with minors in Latin American Studies and Social Welfare and Justice, currently serves as VP for the Omicron Gamma chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma and the Multicultural Greek Council. She's a member of the Sigma Iota Rho and Sigma Delta Pi honor societies. Outside academic accolades, she serves the community by interning as an assistant advocate at Pathfinders and has served at migrant shelters near the U.S.-Mexico border. She's a 414 Fellows Program Assistant with the Center for Community Service, received the Center for Peacemaking's fellowship to participate in a delegation and presented her poetry at Soup with Substance.

Lisset is the embodiment of our Marquette Jesuit mission of faith, leadership, service, and excellence. Her time as a student has challenged how we approach conversations about justice, community, and solidarity. Her energy, charisma and intelligence will be missed. Those lucky enough to have spent time with Lisset in our office know that she is a champion for her community. Although the Contemplatives in Action framework serves to form *graduates* ready to take action, Lisset has answered this call since she stepped foot on campus for the first time. Her ability to form the most genuine of relationships while upholding boundaries created for her own well-being is an excellent model of healing justice in practice. By showing up as her whole self, Lisset has created the space for the Center for Community Service to become a contemplative organization rooted in practices of collective care.

—Kelly Walker, Community Service

Adam Pfankuch is a Senior, soon to be super Senior, majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Health Communications, Culture Health and Illness, and Sociology. Adam has worked at Rec Sports since his 1st semester Freshman year. as a service staff, building supervisor, and now as a Student Manager. Adam was awarded the Student Leadership Award in 2020. He is also a certified EMT-B that worked for Curtis Ambulance in Milwaukee for the last year. Recently, he took up a technician position at the Froedtert Emergency Department. When not studying or working, Adam can be found working out/hanging out at either the Rec Plex or Rec Center.



Adam works so hard for the benefit of his peers in Recreational Sports at Marquette University. He is very detailed and organized and completely understands his role as a Student Manager - leading over 130 students by working along side them, and helping in all facets of the role. He solely is responsible for scheduling all of these students in over 1,300 shifts throughout the semester. He takes into account each and every person's schedule and conflicts and finds a way to get the shifts filled. He makes our job easier in Rec Sports and is a pleasure to work with.

—James Friel, Recreational Sports



Alexis Pickard is a senior majoring in Physiological Sciences. She is currently a Building Supervisor with Marquette Recreational Sports and has been working as a staff member since her Sophomore year. Working as a Building Supervisor she has helped train new staff members as well as helped professional staff with incoming staff interviews.

Alexis goes above and beyond in her role with Recreational Sports. She has worked hard to move up the ranks with the Building Staff team and continues to improve in her role daily. She has helped train new Building Supervisors and Service Staff to get acquainted with their new roles. Additionally, she helps out with interviews for incoming staff, and has done this for several semesters in a row with no questions asked - she is someone we can count on to help out whenever we need! In sum, she is an amazing student-leader and we are thankful for her to be on our team!

—James Friel, Recreational Sports

Micah Pierce Coleman is a junior majoring in Communication with minors in psychology and sociology. This is her third year working as a Leadership Programming Intern for the Office of Engagement and Inclusion where she has been focused on involvement with the Milwaukee and Marquette communities, social justice and advocacy, and peer mentorship. She is an alum of the Cardoner Scholars leadership program and is currently a member of Arrupe Ambassadors. In the past, she has been involved on campus with New Student and Family Programs as an orientation leader and the Justice in Action conference.



Micah has been continuously working to be involved in social justice advocacy and education through her work as a Program Intern for OEI and in her own professional development. She takes it upon herself to learn and provide opportunities for her peers to grow as well in this area by exploring social identities, celebrating diverse leaders within the community, and intentionally having conversation based around advocacy. Micah was also an Orientation Leader and recently switched her career goals to become a psychologist/counselor to better mentor and understand others. She believes this is a great way to serve her community and has been involved in encouraging others to participate in their community through other extracurriculars.

—Anna Denucci, Engagement and Inclusion



Alexandra Quiles is a recent Environmental Engineering graduate from Marquette University. During her MU experience, Alexandra spent her time learning through local and international community love and engagement. She was a student engineer with Ingenieros Sin Fronteras for 4.5 years and served as President her junior year. Alexandra joined the Center for Community Service community through the 414 Fellows program and later transitioned to Program Assisting. As a PA she and fellow PAs/friends were able to share the 21 Day Challenge program where they discussed social justice topics and community love through media and action. Alexandra is now in Guatemala engaging and learning community love and organized projects as an engineering fellow.

Alex Quiles possesses a kind of magic for connecting with people in the most authentic and beautiful way. While she is now an alumni of the institution, the impact has forever transformed our office. Alex is deserving of this and so much more because she embodies true leadership by serving with humility and gratitude. During her time with our office, Alex taught us how to care for each other and for ourselves. She would always remind us to drink water, and nourish our minds with healthy food and rest. Alex's magic would make everyone feel loved and purposeful. Let's not forget the frequent impromptu dance parties. Alex is very authentic and always seeks to work for the benefit of the entire collective. She supported her peers in facilitating discussion on justice issues through the 21-Day Challenge program and organized around issues of gentrification to environmental racism and justice. Her desire to grow and learn with the community now finds her in Guatemala building community.

—Sessie Agbley, Community Service

Hannah Ray is a Junior studying Exercise Physiology in the Physical Therapy program. Hannah Ray has been a resident assistant in Straz Tower last year and is in Abbotsford this year. She is involved in the Adaptive Abilities Club, the Backpack Program and intramural basketball.



Hannah Ray has excelled in their role as an RA. Hannah goes above and beyond the expectations of her RA position to plan inclusive community nights for residents, social gatherings for her peers on staff, and writes personalized letters of encouragement and congratulations to members of her community. When we had new RAs both at the beginning and mid-year, Hannah was constantly the first person to offer to be a mentor as they transitioned into the role. Furthermore, Hannah frequently is willing to assist and accompany her fellow RAs when they need backup during a duty call or a friend to have a conversation with during the long duty nights. I see Hannah constantly cultivating community and conversations with those around her, whether that is a peer RA, DRs, or resident.

—Kayla Nickerson, Residence Life



Aryssa Redmond is a first-generation freshman in the college of business administration. She is studying human resources and real estate right now. Aryssa aspires to own her own independent real estate firm one day, along with many more accomplishments post-graduation. Aryssa struggled to get on top of things first semester, but slowly and surely worked extremely hard to become the best version of herself. She is a member of the real estate club and women in business club. Aryssa is on the route to becoming the best version of herself.

Aryssa has strict expectations for herself and those around her. She promotes an atmosphere that is about making efficient use of your potential and does not tolerate anything less. She speaks with honesty and intention and knows what needs to be done to accomplish a goal that is set. Anyone around Aryssa can expect to be influenced by this tenacity as well.

—Lester Harris, Office of Engagement and Inclusion

JK Rees is a current Junior studying Advertising and Economics. He is from Evanston, IL and is the youngest of four older siblings. Since arriving to Marquette as a first-year, community service groups and programs were always areas of interest. This included joining a first-year volunteer cohort known as SERVE, becoming a Midnight Run discussion member, and participating in a spring break service trip through M.A.P (Marquette Action Plan). As of now, JK is currently serving the Office of Engagement and Inclusion as a Leadership Program Intern, tasked with creating and facilitating leadership programs for student groups on campus. Other extracurriculars include Social Media Chair for Supporting Special Olympics at Marquette.



JK is very involved in service through Midnight Run and Special Olympics. He not only works with Special Olympics through Marquette but also volunteers on his own within his home town community as a coach for people who are differently abled. He is intentional about including mentorship and guidance into his programs as he has benefited from participating in mentorship himself. JK is also intentional about thinking about access within programs to those who are differently abled and how to best work to advocate for them in programs.

—Anna Denucci, Engagement and Inclusion



Raven Ringe is one of the Student Managers for ESS, the Event Support Staff. She transferred to Marquette during a difficult time of her life and nearly transferred again; no place on campus felt like home until she started at ESS where she found a family. She is honored by this award because she has poured her heart into her work for the past four years. Her goal has been to make ESS as much of a haven for her staff as it always has been for her, where they can grow as individuals and professionals alike. She will be graduating this May with Bachelor's degrees in English - Writing Intensive, and Theatre Arts, along with a minor in Creative Writing. Raven will leave ESS with a heavy heart, but she knows it will be in incredible hands with Dan and Meghan.

Raven has worked as a Student Manager at the AMU two of the last three years. (She took a gap year because of Covid). She shows a passion and excitement for her job that is always positive. She brings great energy to the job and radiates her positive attitude. It is evident that she truly cares for her staff and is always there when needed to support them both on the job and in life in general. Her fellow Student Managers that nominated her have noticed her willingness to help others and her true care for a person as a whole. Several of her peers also mentioned how she is very welcoming and one new Student Manager commented how she felt more comfortable at her first couple of meetings because Raven welcomed her to the team. Another peer commented on how Raven shows great passion for her job and is always willing to show that passion with others. Raven exemplifies both showing great service to others as well as being a mentor to both her staff and her peers.

—Dan Abler, AMU

Vanessa Rivera is a senior double majoring in Journalism and Digital Media with a concentration in communication leadership. She is currently the president of Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. She is involved in other activities, including the Marquette Wind Ensemble as the first chair clarinetist, member of Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society, cohort member of Communication Leadership (C-Lead), and a mentee in the Marquette Mentors program. She's also a reporting intern at the O'Brien Fellowship in Public Service Journalism. She currently works at TMJ4 News as a part-time producer after serving as the previous Executive News Producer at the Marquette Wire. Rivera is a 2022 Wisconsin Broadcasters Association scholarship recipient.



When I think of the Jesuit values that Marquette represents, I think of Vanessa Rivera. She works hard to support the communities she is a part of, and over her four years here, she has created an impact that will last for years to come.

—ZP Pfeifer, Office of Engagement and Inclusion



Liz Rodriguez is a Senior double majoring in Educational Studies and Psychology. She is currently in the process of getting her Master's in School counseling through the College of Education Accelerated Degree Program for school counseling. She has been working for the Student Wellness Center for two years now, as she serves as a Wellness Peer Educator in the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education team. She also has her Senior internship for the Student Wellness Center and is currently working on developing new programs for the student body. Liz has directed several programs as a leader in the Wellness center. She hopes to continue teaching and educating about violence prevention in her future career as a school counselor.

In her time at Marquette, Liz has been a passionate advocate for those who have faced sexual violence. As a Wellness and Prevention Peer Educator, she has gone above and beyond to implement programming that teaches students to intervene in situations that might lead to violence and how to connect to support on campus. In addition to presenting Red Watch Band and Bringing in the Bystander curriculum, she implemented a healthy masculinity discussion panel, and a healthy relationships arts program with her colleagues.

—Kacie Otto, Student Development

Vince Salvador is a freshman majoring in civil engineering and minoring in math. He is from a tiny island in the Pacific ocean 7,170 miles away from Milwaukee called Saipan. He currently works at the brew cafe, and he is part of a diversity club called RISE! Vince plans on working as a RISE mentor during the spring semester and end of summer break. Vince joined the RISE program during the summer of 2021, he said that it was a great experience, it was fun and most importantly taught him life lessons, especially when it came to starting off in college! A Fun Fact about Vince, is that this is his first time experiencing winter and first time seeing snow!



Vince is a quiet leader who has stepped out of his comfort zone to attend Marquette. He has become involved with programs to not only better himself, but those around him. Vince has the potential to be the difference for others not just through his personal touchpoints but also for those who come after him.
—Lester Harris, Office of Engagement and Inclusion



Nadxely Sanchez is a junior majoring in Political Science and double minoring in Latinx Studies and Spanish Language, Literature and Culture. She currently serves as president for Youth Empowered in the Struggle-Solidarity in Action, as a board member with Voces de la Frontera, and as a Community Ambassador with the office of admissions. Within her time at Marquette, she has continued to organize with Voces de la Frontera, has been accepted into the Kleczka Program, and is currently part of the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. A lot of her work is done so one day she can say that she is the first person in her family to graduate college and attend graduate school to obtain her PhD/J.D.

Nadxley has continued to show great advocacy for her peers and solidarity for marginalized populations. She has an unwavering dedication to amplifying the voice of those oppressed. She has shown courageous leadership and successfully galvanized her peers to raise awareness and promote social justice.

—Tiffany Elaine Fulford, Engagement and Inclusion

Maddi Sanchez Hernandez is a junior majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology with a minor in Neuroscience. She is a first-generation college student from San Antonio, Texas. She currently works in the Marquette Speech and Hearing Clinic as a cooperating clinician and serves as the co-communications director for the Speech Pathology and Audiology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. She also serves as an ambassador for the College of Health Sciences in the Speech Pathology Department and a Student Alumni Ambassador. Maddi has been involved in the RISE Program since her freshman year and now serves as a RISE mentor for the Center for Engagement and Inclusion.



Maddi continues to grow in her development in such a way that others are able to be their authentic selves around her. Through her involvement with RISE, she has taken risks with her ideas and in doing so, helps others feel a sense of belonging at Marquette. She is independent, courageous, and continues to maximize her time at Marquette as a leader.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Alma Sandoval Garcia is a first-generation sophomore majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology with a minor in Spanish for the Health Professions and an Innovation Leadership Concentration. Alma is a Burke Scholar who participates in bi-weekly social justice seminars and is currently serving as a Community Health Intern at Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers. She is also part of the Excellence in Leadership 2024 cohort and hopes to gain confidence as a leader in every aspect of her life. She is proud to be part of the Recreational Sports Community where she serves as a Building Supervisor. Other involvements include the Honors Program, Latin American Student Organization, RISE, CRU, Camino, NSSLHA, Best Buddies, and Midnight Run.

Alma wasted no time as a freshman, jumping right into discussions around systems of racism, gender, oppression, patriarchy, and capitalism with 21 Day Challenge. She has continued her commitment to wrestling with these topics as a sophomore in the Community Health Internship program serving patients at Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers. Alma demonstrates leadership by fostering genuine connections that build community, working collaboratively, and taking initiative to create more sustainable systems in-clinic. She embodies Contemplatives in Action by identifying intersections between her coursework and time in community, showing us all what it means to experience, act, and reflect in pursuit of a more just society.

—Sessie Agbley and Kat Becker, Community Service



Alex Schmidt is a senior studying Biomedical Sciences and Business Administration. She currently serves as the president of Active Minds, the Program Vice President of Marquette University Student Government, and member and mentor of the Core Honors Program in addition to her other involvements. She is also the former Director of New Member Experience of Pi Beta Phi and former intern at Aurora Sinai Medical Center. She will be continuing her education at Rush University in Chicago next fall, where she will continue to advocate for mental health care and the accessibility of medical treatment. She is honored to be recognized here today along with her peers.

Alex has served the Marquette University community in a variety of ways including Active Minds member and President, Marquette University Student Government Senator and Programs Vice President, and member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Advocating for awareness and support of student mental health has remained central to both her involvement and leadership. Alex displayed servant leadership as she began her two years as Programs Vice President during unprecedented times with no guidebook on how to lead during a pandemic and yet did so with care, commitment, and a focus on maintaining student health and wellness. Her ability to role model self-care to her team while holding the MUSG mission at the core is just one of the many examples of how Alex is a person for and with others.

—Jess Burkart, Engagement and Inclusion

Katherine Schulz is a Senior in the College of Health Sciences. She is pursuing her Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Physiology, as well as her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Katherine volunteers her time assisting in the treatment of patients at Marquette University's ComMUnity Pro Bono Clinic, as well as the Pediatric PT clinic on campus. She is also the Student Manager of Building Staff at the Alumni Memorial Union, and has worked on Building Staff since her freshman year!



Katie started working as a Student Manager this past school year. Katie is very on top of her job and always takes care of items that need to be completed in a timely fashion. She has lead the charge of hiring which has been more of a challenge this past year. Katie is a good role model to her staff and is always responsive to their needs. Overseeing a staff of 30 can be challenging and Katie is extremely accommodating and shows a great demeanor even during the busy times. Katie's peers have said that at meetings she always has great insight and examples. She is on top of her game and relates to her fellow Student Managers. She knows her job and is able to implement outside skills to make her better in her job. Katie has a lot on her plate but always has great insight and ideas during meetings and activities. Katie is a great mentor to her staff as well as her fellow Student Manager. She treats all with respect and despite being a really busy person she excels at her job.

—Dan Abler, AMU



Gavin Schwarz is a junior studying Mechanical Engineering in the Opus College of Engineering. He joined the Marquette Mentors program Sophomore year and loved it so much that he became a mentor for the honors peer mentor pilot program in the fall and is now co-leading the entire program. He was on orientation leader this past summer and is planning on doing it again next summer. He's a Captain of the Men's Club Soccer team and Club Volleyball team. He's involved in Campus Ministry as an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, and Eucharistic Adoration Guardian. He led a Bible study Sophomore year once a week for 20-30 peers. He loves longboarding to the lake and getting out in the silence and beauty of nature!

Gavin came into Orientation 2021 as an essential beam of light on our team. As a last-minute volunteer filling an important spot, I relied on Gavin to get up to speed quickly and trusted him to catch up. Not only did he do just that, he proved to be a natural leader to his peers, stepping up right away during our Trainings. I was constantly impressed by his openness, willingness to share, and adaptable personality. This allowed fellow Orientation Leaders and new students alike to admire Gavin and eagerly seek his acquaintance. Gavin's energy rippled among our staff each time I saw him. We are grateful for Gavin as a mentor for new students and strong leader on our team.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development

Cardie Sims is a junior majoring in Criminology and Law studies. He currently serves as the Student Employee Coordinator at the Alumni Memorial Union where he leads weekly meetings with the AMU student managers and he also leads semi-annual Student Manager training and also leads the annual All- Staff that encompasses all of the departments and employees in the AMU.



Cardie became the Student Employee Coordinator at the beginning of this school year. He stepped into the job without the knowledge gained from being a Student Manager. Cardie has embraced the the job and excels in the job. At semester his supervisor left the university and I have become his supervisor. I have been impressed at his ability to lead meetings and encourage the Student Managers to interact with the many activities that are performed. The Student Managers that he leads have said the following things about Cardie: He is a fantastic leader and excels at his job. He is a great a great example as a student leader and is committed and hard working. He is the person I thought of when I read the award description. He is super nice, fun to be around and a funny person. Cardie is engaging in meetings and very responsive to our needs. Cardie is an extremely charismatic person and Has excelled in his position as Student Employee Coordinator.

—Dan Abler, AMU



Noah Smith is a junior at Marquette. He is majoring in English Literature and German with a minor in medieval studies. He is a co-coordinator for midnight run, a director of retreats, and a tutor at the writing center. He has been in the MU4Gold scholars program in which he did, and continues to do, research on rare books in the Raynor Library Special Collections. He is also an intern for the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that promotes prayer and spiritual devotions as well as attention to the Pope's concerns for the Catholic Church and the world.

Noah's leadership skills and depth of involvement have increased steadily over the last three years, and he has become a key leader in both Midnight Run and the Campus Ministry retreat program. Noah has a gift for fostering community and encouraging fellow students, while proving himself steadfastly reliable with the unglamorous behind-the-scenes tasks that both leadership positions require. Whether leading fellow students in prayer, coordinating van schedules, or coordinating his Midnight Run sites at the Gathering and St. Ben's Community Meal programs, Noah gives generously and always to the best of his ability, showcasing faith that does justice.

—Sara Knutson, Campus Ministry

Madeline Sporina is a senior/first year DPT student majoring in Exercise Physiology. She is a Student Manager at our Rec Sports facilities and has been working there for 1.5 years. She has volunteered for the Core Honors Program helping interview prospective students, been the Vice President of CAMPus Impact, and worked in New Student and Family Programs. With NSFP, Madeline was a 2x Orientation Leader, 1x SPARK Leader, and served as the Student Director of Staff Development this past year. Madeline has also been serving as a College of Health Sciences Ambassador for the past year, volunteering with prospective student visit days. Madeline is now volunteering in the Marquette ComMUnity Pro Bono PT Clinic, which will continue for 2 years.



Madeline continues to work very hard with Recreational Sports and has been an excellent Student Manager. Madeline only recently started in her work with Recreational Sports but she instantly made an impact. I first noticed Madeline's hard work while helping out New Student & Family Programs in their SPARK@Home program; and was very excited that she chose to pursue a position with Recreational Sports. Even in her first semester on the team, she continued to help out, step-up and make an impact. She quickly became a Building Supervisor and even quicker, a Student Manager. While her duties require her to do a lot of things, she continues to add more and find additional things that benefit Rec Sports and her team. She has helped clean up our handbook and Teams pages and continues to help implement our new software program, Fusion. She is an asset to our programs and continues to shine.

—James Friel, Recreational Sports



Tyler Steck is a sophomore majoring in biomedical engineering with a focus in biomechanics, and is a member of the Honors College. He currently is a member of the club baseball team and is involved in Engineers Without Borders, and has served as both a SPARK Leader and an Orientation Leader at Marquette. Tyler has also been recognized on the Opus College of Engineering's Dean's List.

Tyler served as a SPARK Leader in 2021 for the College of Engineering. While I was impressed with Tyler after that experience, I witnessed his leadership even more as an Orientation Leader this past summer. Tyler encountered a challenging situation within his Orientation Group as one of the students became sick with COVID in the middle of our programs. Tyler communicated swiftly and effectively to create the safest environment possible for the rest of his group without jeopardizing the privacy of the student. This is just one example of the countless moments that Tyler handled wonderfully during his weeks mentoring new students. He truly cares for new students and wants them to have a positive experience. I love working with Tyler and can't wait to see his leadership blossom.

—Katie Harrington, Student Development

Paige Stoeffler is a junior majoring in Peace Studies and double-minoring in Social Welfare & Justice and Theology & Religion. Paige is currently a resident assistant at Wells Street Hall, where she mentors her residents and serves as a resource, support, guide, and friend to her community. Paige is involved with RISE, the Recognition Committee, InterVarsity, and other volunteer work within the community. She has previously won the Emerging Leader Award for 2019- 2020 and the 2020 RISE Student on the Rise Award. She is passionate about creativity, diversity, and embracing empathy.



Paige Stoeffler is a second year student that has gone above and beyond in her time as a student at Marquette University. Paige works to engage with work that serves each person and the community. Paige has found numerous ways to engage with learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Paige serves as an RA to the Office of Residence Life. In her role, she has worked to connect students with with campus and community resources. Paige's education inside and outside of the classroom focuses on creating inclusive communities, social justice work, and focusing on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

—Kayla Nickerson, Residence Life



Kepina Mariflor Sanchez Tababa is from Saipan, CNMI and is a first generation-first year student at Marquette, majoring in Elementary Education and Sociology. She plans to be an elementary school teacher and fight for students who struggle with social and racial injustice in the United States education system.

Kepina is silent but focused and has shown the commitment to be present even if she is not vocal. She observes and ingests what is around her and understands the importance of creating a community for all types of students. She has a unique story and experience that makes her a valuable perspective and individual to have in any space.

—Lester Harris Jr., AMU



Jorge Torres is a freshman in the College of Engineering and is a Leadership Coordinator for Eckstein Tower in the Office of Residence Life.

As Hall Leadership Coordinator for Eckstein Tower, Jorge has shown considerable enthusiasm and maturity in the ways in which he carries out his duties. Jorge is the model of inclusivity, as he is always trying to make sure that everyone feels welcomed and wanted at an event or meeting. His demonstrated leadership in how he goes about serving the Marquette community is truly valuable, and he spreads joy to those he encounters with ease.

—Hannah Mauch, Residence Life



Abigail Truog is a
sophomore in the
College of Nursing.

AJ has been vocal about her desire to step into a role as a mentor. She is an outgoing and confident student who is not afraid to step into uncomfortable situations to develop relationships and connections. She is a commuter student who understands how to navigate challenges in her personal life and the difficulty of being a student at Marquette. AJ can be a great influence to help a student develop the confidence needed to persist.

—Lester Harris Jr, Student Affairs

Melissa Variny is a junior double majoring in Accounting and Real Estate. She currently serves as the Treasurer of Beta Alpha Psi, and also has two jobs. She works at the Student Wellness Center where she promotes wellness and prevention, and she is also an Accounting Intern at Physicians Realty Trust, where she does property accounting year round. Finally, she volunteers as an Interviewer for the Honors College here at Marquette where she interviews prospective MU Honors students. Melissa is one of the first 10 members of Marquette's new REAP program and also achieved the Emerging Leader Award last school year. Outside of school, Melissa loves to cook and bake, work out, paint, travel, and spend time with her friends and family.



Melissa Variny is a Wellness Peer Educator, the Treasurer for Beta Alpha Psi, and a Core Honors Student. Melissa is inquisitive, dedicated, and an active leader in any setting on Marquette's campus. In the time that I have known Melissa, she has taken every opportunity that has been presented to her, no matter how challenging. She initiates dialogue with student and university leaders as she creates and institutes education and prevention programming through her position as a Peer Plus in the Student Wellness Center. Melissa also explored the various avenues of alcohol and other drug programming, sexual violence and prevention education, and wellness education. Above All, Melissa is an outstanding and compassionate mentor to others and an incredible leader with enthusiasm for everything she does. I am proud to know Melissa and witness her academic and professional successes.

—Emily Foley, Medical Clinic/Wellness Programs



Dominique Vazquez is a senior majoring in Elementary Education and Broad Field Science. She is also minoring in Theology. Dominique has served for the past two years as the president of the Marquette University Liturgical Choir. Previously she had held the positions of Retreat chair and Service chair for the Liturgical Choir and has taken on the role of the choir Librarian for this semester. Dominique also currently works as a desk receptionist in the Campus Ministry office and has been for the past three years. She is also a cantor for Thursday night 10 pm mass at Joan of Arc and the Liturgical Choir, participated in Midnight Run as a volunteer for one semester, and took part in St. Robert Bellarmine Society as a freshman and sophomore.

Since arriving at Marquette University, Dominique has enthusiastically embraced the ideals of leadership and service exemplified by this Jesuit University. This has been demonstrated most clearly through her role as President of the Liturgical Choir. Dominique has served as President of the Choir Council during two challenging years, encouraging choir members when singing in person was challenging. She has worked diligently to promote engaging opportunities, connection, and community among our members. Throughout her time at Marquette, Dominique has been especially active in promoting opportunities for ecumenical prayer and has faithfully assumed the musical planning and leadership of the weekly 10pm Thursday night Masses in Joan of Arc Chapel. In addition, Dominique has made a significant contribution that is over and above her duties as President of the Council by generously taking on an active role as member of the Liturgical Choir Alumni Concert Steering Committee.

—Thomas Koester, Campus Ministry



Olivia Wang is a sophomore majoring in Exercise Physiology in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. She has been involved with the Center of Engagement and Inclusion by being a RISE mentor this past year, and plans to join the RISE team again next year. She is a leader for Asian American Intervarsity on campus. Olivia also figure skates for Marquette's intercollegiate club team, and speed skates in her free time at a local club. She recently began the position of a College of Health Sciences Ambassador, and started teaching kids how to skate.

Olivia has a very open mind and perspective. She is open to growth and learning through assisting others get acclimated to Marquette. She is involved in the figure skating and speed skating student organization, a leader for Asian American Intervarsity, and will be a College of Health Sciences Ambassador. Recently starting a role to teach kids how to skate, Olivia is patient and has demonstrated the potential to lead many of her peers in serving others.

—Clara Dwyer, Engagement and Inclusion



Abby Willner is a sophomore majoring in Advertising with a minor in public relations. She currently is serving the position as a Prevention and Wellness Peer Educator on campus to promote the importance of health and wellness. Her focus area as a Wellness Peer Educator is on the Alcohol and Other Drugs prevention team, where she researches and collaborates with other peers to educate the Marquette community about alcohol and drug use and prevention. Abby also serves to present the sessions of Red Watch Band, Bringing in the Bystander, and supports other programs and wellness peers on campus.

Abby has been an excellent member of our team of Prevention and Wellness Peer Educators. She has presented several sessions of Red Watch Band and Bringing in the Bystander to her peers and is always available to support the team. She has a passion for alcohol and other drug prevention and a natural public speaking ability.

—Kacie Otto, Student Development



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