

# Joy Day

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN



# *Ivy Day*

## *Spring 2020*

### *Opening Remarks*

Ronnie Green, Chancellor

### *Keynote Address*

Joseph Manglitz, Innocents Society Alumnus

### *Reflections*

Jared Noetzel, Innocents Society Vice President

Vinny Malene, Mortar Board Vice President

*Ivy Day is a special opportunity each year to gather together and celebrate some of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s most accomplished student leaders.*

This year, we are celebrating Ivy Day online through a virtual experience installing new classes and recognizing the outgoing classes of the two oldest and most selective senior honor societies on campus: The Innocents Society and The Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board.

Since the humble beginning of Innocents (1903) and Mortar Board (1905), these honor societies have upheld their commitment to scholarship, service and school spirit by installing a new class of dedicated seniors each year to fulfill their organization’s missions.

As we look ahead to the exciting year to come for the new inductees of these societies, we will also reflect on the impact of our graduating seniors and the rising potential of our outstanding underclassmen.

Thank you for joining us this spring to virtually celebrate this momentous occasion for these hardworking Huskers. 🍀

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*“Traditions are the lifeblood of a university. Without them, university life would lack the color, the romance, and the sentiment which attaches to such traditions as Ivy Day.”*

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This quote from a student in 1919 reflects what Ivy Day has meant to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. 🍀

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## *Keynote Speaker*



JOSEPH MANGLITZ

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
INSTRUCTOR PILOT

Major Joe “Zorro” Manglitz is an instructor pilot in the B-2 Stealth Bomber and T-38 Talon for the United States Air Force. He is a command pilot with over 2,000 flying hours maintaining combat readiness in both nuclear and conventional worldwide missions. He has been awarded the Aerial Achievement and Meritorious Service Medals, among other decorations. He holds a bachelors degree in music education and masters degree in education administration and leadership. In his last duty assignment as the Wing Executive Officer at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, he provided direct executive support to the base commander, advising on key operational issues and interacted daily with associate units, community leaders, and higher-headquarters staff. In 2008, Major Manglitz commissioned through the ROTC program at the University of Nebraska. After graduating pilot training, he flew the B-52 primarily at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, and deployed twice to the Pacific Area of Operations. Currently, he is a student at Command and General Staff College studying at the U.S. Army’s premiere institution of military education at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In June, he will transfer to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, to become the Chief of Air-Delivered Strike Capabilities for the United States Strategic Command. Joe is married to Brianne and they have three children, William (6), Weston (3), and Harper (2 mo.).

# *The Innocents Society*

The Innocents Society was founded on April 24, 1903, through the efforts of notable University of Nebraska alumni, including George Condra and Roscoe Pound. The first Innocents took charge of such activities as supervising pep rallies, selecting yell squad members, and organizing Homecoming festivities. Members worked to promote school spirit and create an appreciation among the student body for the greater values for which Nebraska stands.

These ideals still describe the Society today. Unlike most senior honoraries, the Innocents Society is uniquely Nebraskan, forming a link between the faculty and student body and guarding significant University of Nebraska traditions.

Each year, 13 juniors with records of academic excellence and campus leadership are selected to carry on the traditions and goals of the Innocents Society.

The Innocents Society this year has chosen one honorary Innocent who joins past honorees, including former Nebraska football coach and Congressman Tom Osborne, past University of Nebraska president Martin Massengale, former governors Kay Orr and Charles Thone, former congressman Doug Bereuter, and former state senator Steve Fowler. In addition, the group recognizes three outstanding seniors and four freshman scholarship winners: one has earned the James S. Pittenger Scholarship, one has earned the Irvin A. Sherman Memorial Scholarship, and two will receive the Innocents Memorial Scholarship.

Former members of the Innocents Society include former United States senator Robert Kerrey, former governor Norbert Tiemann, former State Republican Party chairman Ralph Knobel, and former State Department of Agriculture director Robert Raun. ☺

## *Advisors*

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MICHELLE WAITE, M.L.S., Assistant to the Chancellor for Government & Military Relations

SHANNON HARNER, J.D., President and CEO, Home Services of Nebraska and Innocents Society Alumna

JOSH EGLEY, Senior Director of Development for IANR, University of Nebraska Foundation and Innocents Society Alumnus

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## *Honorary Innocent*



LORI ROMANO

Lori Romano is a Nebraska native with a rich background in both secondary and higher education. Lori is a first-generation student who earned a bachelors degree in English and creative writing from Concordia College–New York (CCNY) and a masters degree in secondary English education from CUNY–Lehman College. After working in both the Admissions and Marketing and Public Relations offices at CCNY, Lori went on to teach high school English at Truman High School in the Bronx, language arts at San Manuel Jr. High School in Arizona, and English composition at Central Arizona College. Lori also has experience in the nonprofit sector as an education coordinator, professional development specialist, and freelance writer.

Lori is excited to work in a role where she can connect with students and help them achieve success. She loves learning and hopes that she is able to provide students at Nebraska with the same sort of guidance and support she received when she was starting her own college journey.

When she's not at work, Lori enjoys reading, writing, hosting Walking Dead dinner parties, and spending time with her husband, kids, and hound dog.

# *The Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board*

Mortar Board, established at the University of Nebraska in 1920, is the only national senior honor society on the university campus. Today's university chapter began in 1905 when the Secret Order of the Black Masque was organized on the University of Nebraska campus. The society affiliated with national Mortar Board on October 20, 1920.

Each spring, new members are tapped into the Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board by Mortar Board members wearing black masks and robes. The new members are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service to the university and community.

The purpose of this honor society is to facilitate cooperation among honor societies, to contribute to the self-awareness of members, to promote equal opportunities among all people, to emphasize the advancement of the status of women, to support the ideals of the university, to advance the spirit of scholarship, to recognize and encourage leadership, to provide service to the university and community, and to establish opportunities for meaningful exchange of ideas as individuals and as a group.

Nationally, Mortar Board was founded in 1918 as the first official honor society for college senior women. Membership was extended to men at a special National Conference in 1975. The national network of Mortar Board includes over 200 collegiate chapters and 25 regional sections. Since 1918, over 175,000 college seniors have been initiated into the Mortar Board tradition of scholarship, leadership and service. 🌹

## *Advisors*

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GRANT RATHJE, M.B.A., Graduate Student and Mortar Board Alumnus

AMY STRUTHERS, PH.D., Interim Dean, College of Journalism and Mass Communications

JENNA VITOSH, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones and Mortar Board Alumna

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## Honorary Mortar Board



TOM FIELD

Tom Field, Ph.D., serves the people of Nebraska as the director of the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program and holder of the Engler Chair in Entrepreneurship at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. An enthusiastic advocate for free enterprise, the potential of young people and opportunities in both agriculture and rural communities, Tom is an internationally recognized educator and innovator who has the ability to connect the dots between people, industries, and ideas. A fifth generation cattleman who is in partnership in a family cow-calf business in western Colorado, he also authors the column ‘Out of the Box’, consults and advises a number of enterprises and organizations, and is a sought-after speaker who challenges and inspires audiences to lead their organizations to excellence by asking the right questions, seeking solutions beyond conventional wisdom, and unleashing the power of focused creativity. He and his wife Laura and their family live near Raymond, NE. Tom is a native Coloradoan and earned his bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees at Colorado State University.



REGENT HOWARD L. HAWKS

Howard Hawks is the founder and chairman of Tenaska, an independent energy company known for its expertise in natural gas, wind, and solar power plant development and operations, energy production and marketing, and private equity fund management. He has spent decades as a patron and supporter of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln College of Business, endowing the Howard Hawks Chair in Business Ethics and Leadership at the College of Business, which is now housed in Howard L. Hawks Hall.

Hawks has been elected to three terms on the NU Board of Regents and served as chairman in 2005 and 2014. In 2004, he received the College of Business Lifetime Achievement Award and has earned community and statewide recognition for his many years of philanthropy. He and his wife, Rhonda, live in Omaha.



TERRY S. THOMAS

Terry S. Thomas has practiced as a family nurse practitioner at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Student Health Center for 11 years. She provides medical care and psychological support for students in order to help them achieve their personal and academic goals. Terry has received multiple awards, including the UNL Women’s Center “Woman of Courage, Character and Commitment,” and the Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award by the UNL Parents Association. She serves as a co-advisor for both the University Health Center Student Advisory Board and the UNMC Volunteer Faculty, the latter of which trains master- and doctoral-level nurse practitioner students in their clinical education.

Terry is the chair of the legislative committee for Nebraska Nurse Practitioners, which has achieved full practice authority for nurse practitioners—one of 22 states with this level of practice. She is active in state and federal healthcare policy, meeting with Nebraska and federal legislators regarding health policy affecting nurse practitioners and ultimately their patients. She received the 2020 State Award for Excellence by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for demonstrated excellence in clinical practice.

# Innocents Society

## Thirteen Outstanding Juniors Selected for 2020–2021 Membership in Innocents Society



**JARED LONG**

Jared Long, son of Ed and Lisa Long of Beloit, KS, is a political science and journalism double major with a history minor. He is also pursuing the Certificate for Civic Engagement. On campus, Jared has served as the Internal Vice President and Speaker of the Senate of ASUN Student Government, through which he has coordinated programs such as Converge Nebraska to promote civil discourse

and The Bandana Project to promote mental health awareness. He is the president of Honors Peer Mentoring, a member of Honors Ambassadors, and an Honors Campus Host. Jared has served as a New Student Enrollment Orientation Leader, is a member of NSE Student Staff, and volunteers with Lincoln Literacy. He is on the dean's list for both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. After graduation, Jared plans to attend law school.



**SHENG-JIE LIM**

Sheng-Jie Lim, son of Ing-Wah Lim and Jung-Hui Lai of Omaha, is a computer science and economics major with minors in psychology, business, and mathematics. On campus, Sheng-Jie is a student of the Raikes School, an Honors Program Ambassador, and an undergraduate researcher. Additionally, Sheng-Jie is a member of the Bathtub Dogs, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's premiere all-male A Cappella group, as a tenor and the business manager. Currently, Sheng-Jie is the development manager of the Raikes School Design Studio team at Hudl. He has completed internships at Nelinet, Principal Financial Group, and Zillow. This summer, he will join Microsoft as a software engineering intern. Sheng-Jie is a Regents Scholar and on the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in technology as a software engineer.



**ADRIAN PILKINGTON**

Adrian Pilkington, son of Doug and Jill Pilkington of Lincoln, is a software engineering major with minors in math, French, and business. Adrian is on the dean's list and is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship. On campus, Adrian serves as a teaching assistant for various computer science classes and is dedicated to mentoring and teaching those younger than him. He is also involved on the organizing committee for CornHacks, a member of CSE Student Advisory Board, and the University Honors Program. Last summer, and this upcoming summer, he worked as an information technology intern at Vanguard. After college, Adrian hopes to combine his passion for technology and business.



**AHMED AHMED**

Ahmed Ahmed, son of Mustafa Ahmed and Bakhita Hassan of Lincoln, is an accounting major with minors in math, law, and business. He is a current William H. Thompson and Nebraska Achievement Scholar. Ahmed has experience as an accounting intern for William H. Thompson and will intern for BKD accounting firm in Summer 2020. He also accepted an internship with one of the Big

Four accounting firms, KPMG, for Spring 2021. He currently works at the Bureau of Sociological Research and is the treasurer of the African Student Association. In 2019, he helped form a new chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants and is serving as its secretary. Ahmed has years of experience volunteering for the People's City Mission and the Center for People in Need. He is also running for student government as part of the Committee for Fee Allocation. Ahmed intends to attend graduate school to earn an MPA degree in accountancy and become a certified public accountant.



**MADELINE REDDEL**

Madeline Reddel, daughter of David and Julia Reddel of Omaha, is a junior music education major and history minor. She is an ASUN Senator for the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts and president of the Hixson-Lied Student Advisory Board. Madeline has been a member of multiple university ensembles such as Jazz Singers (DownBeat Jazz Award 2020), University Chorale, Steel Pan

Ensemble, UNL Opera, and is currently the vice president of University Singers. Her past service activities include founding and organizing the Foundry Open Mic Night Series, volunteering as a vocal and band mentor for the educational program "Omaha Girls Rock," a counselor for the Omaha Children's Choir, a workshop clinician for BluesEd, as well as an education volunteer for Lincoln's annual Jazz in June events. Madeline participates as a vocalist in local jazz and indie bands and was selected to represent the Blues Society of Omaha at the 2018 International Blues Challenge Showcase in Memphis, Tennessee. Following graduation, Madeline will use her degree to develop inclusive communities through the arts.



**HALEY DEWITT**

Haley DeWitt, daughter of Christopher and Melisa DeWitt of Omaha, is studying biology with minors in Spanish, biochemistry, and humanities in medicine. On campus, Haley is vice president of Relay for Life, selections chair for Honors Ambassadors, a member of the Honors Program Student Advisory Board, and serves as a peer mentor for the OASIS program. Within the

biology department, she is a genetics lab teaching assistant and conducts research investigating how environmental toxins can lead to neurodegenerative diseases. In the community, Haley volunteers as a Spanish interpreter at Clinic with a Heart and as a tutor preparing immigrants for the U.S. Citizenship exam at El Centro de las Americas. Additionally, she volunteers weekly as a cardiac rehabilitation consultant at CHI St. Elizabeth Hospital. Haley is a Nebraska Achievement Scholar and plans to attend medical school following graduation.



#### COLE SHARDELOW

Cole Shardelow, son of Scott and Diane Shardelow of Hastings, is a philosophy major with math, communication, and public policy and analysis minors. On campus, Cole is a service-learning coordinator at the Center for Civic Engagement, former teaching assistant for the Pepsi Service-Scholars, and former research assistant at the Legal Decision-Making Center. Cole is also a competitor on

UNL's speech and debate team in which he advocates social policies and has earned competitive awards at the national level. Outside of campus, Cole interns as a senior mediator at the Consumer Protection Division of the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. He is an Eagle Scout, member of the UNL Honors Program, a Regents and Annis Sorensen Scholar, and is on the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. After graduation, Cole plans to attend law school to pursue public policy research.



#### DREW HARRAHILL

Drew Harrahill, son of Bill and Tiffany Harrhill of Omaha, is a biochemistry major with minors in math, psychology, and chemistry. He is involved with ASUN Student Government, undergraduate research, and the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Within ASUN, he currently serves as the Speaker of the Senate and previously acted as the Freshman Campus Leadership Associates

co-director. As a scientist, he has worked in labs at UNL, University of Nebraska Medical Center, and University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus studying Alzheimer's Disease, Fragile X Syndrome, and ALS. In Pi Kappa Alpha, Drew is the mental health chair and previously worked as the internal vice president and alumni relations chair. Upon graduation, Drew hopes to attend an M.D./Ph.D. dual degree program. He has interests in neuropharmacology and psychiatry and wants to pursue both degrees so the observations he sees in patients will drive the research questions that he asks.



#### SAISHA ADHIKARI

Saisha Adhikari, daughter of Ramesh and Sasmita Adhikari of Omaha, is a biology and psychology double major on the public-health track with a minor in humanities in medicine. On campus, Saisha currently serves as the external vice president of ASUN Student Government, Child Maltreatment Research Lab Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences Recruitment Intern/Ambassador,

University Health Center Advisory Board, and William H. Thompson Scholars Learning Community. Off campus, Saisha volunteers as a Refugee Health Promoter at Lincoln Lutheran Services and at an after-school program at Boys and Girls Club. Saisha has interned in Nepal at the Department of Neuroscience to study the disparities in global medicine. Upon graduation, she hopes to work at a public health organization, then pursue a masters degree in public health.



#### GRACE OH

Grace Oh, daughter of Byung-Taek Oh and Sina Kang of Lincoln, is a biochemistry major with three minors. On campus, Grace is a member of Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc., where she has been serving on the minor board, and the Asian Student Union, where she was the social recruitment chair. In the Lincoln community, Grace has been volunteering at Bright Lights Summer Camp as a teaching

assistant and at CHI Health St. Elizabeth. She was the Registration Committee Lead in the 2019 Asian Student Leadership Conference. Grace has participated in the 2018 Summer Health Professions Education Program at UNMC and received funding from UCARE while she worked at NL3 Wang Lab. She is on the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List and is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship. Following graduation, Grace plans to attend medical school.



#### ADEN DAVIS

Aden Davis, son of Aaron and Brooke Davis of Lincoln, has majors in history, philosophy and classical studies in the College of Arts and Sciences where he is on the dean's list. On campus, Aden is a mentor for NHRI, a member of ASUN's Diversity and Inclusion committee, and president of UNICEF Campus Initiative. He has served as philanthropy chairman of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and

was a member of FCLA as a freshman. Aden has participated in research on the Black Homesteader Project through the Center for Great Plains Studies and is currently researching Ancient Rome for his distinction thesis at UNL. In the summer of 2019, Aden worked as a human rights intern in Accra, Ghana, focusing on the issues of child labor and gender inequality. Following graduation, he plans on attending law school in order to pursue a career in international law.



#### MATTHEW GROMOWSKY

Matthew Gromowsky, son of Amy and Jeff Gromowsky of Omaha, is a chemistry and biochemistry major with a mathematics minor. Matthew is doing research in Dr. Steven Morin's lab at UNL as well as Dr. Tony Hollingsworth's lab at UNMC. He has been a general chemistry recitation teaching assistant since his sophomore year.

He spends time volunteering at the Clinic With a Heart in Lincoln, the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Omaha, and has been a volunteer for the Rapid Autopsy of the Pancreas Program at UNMC. He is involved in multiple RSOs on campus, is a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board, and is the head social chairman for the UNL Newman Center. He has served as the Intramural chairman and Vice President of Intellectual Development for his fraternity Phi Kappa Theta. Matthew plans to attend medical school following graduation.



#### AIAH NOUR

Aiah Nour, daughter of Siddig Nour and Samia Gamie of Khartoum, Sudan, is a biochemistry major with minors in chemistry and psychology. Aiah is currently vice president of the African Student Association and is active in the Minority Pre-Health Association and the Biochemistry Club on campus. She is a McNair scholar, as well as a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and

Molecular Biology, and is in the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society for transfer students. She is currently an undergraduate research assistant for Dr. Edward Harris's lab where she works with Stabilin receptors and their physiological structure and function. Aiah completed the Summer Health Professions Education Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where she was elected the president of the 2019 cohort. She volunteers with the Islamic Foundation of Lincoln in teaching young kids Islam and the Quran. Aiah is currently an active Certified Nurse's Assistant and Certified Medication Aide, working in long-term care. Upon graduation, Aiah will attend medical school and hopes to pursue the M.D./Ph.D. track. 🐾

### Outstanding Seniors

Jake Piccini  
Cassie Kiihne  
Jada Loro

### Freshman Scholarship Winners

Jessica Stump - James S. Pittenger Scholarship  
Ashley Faith Thyges - Irvin A. Sherman Memorial Scholarship  
Samuel Walla Rice - Innocents Society Memorial Scholarship  
Dorian Bobbett - Innocents Society Memorial Scholarship

# Mortar Board

## Twenty-Eight Outstanding Juniors Selected for 2020-2021 Membership in Mortar Board



**CAMERON AZIMI**

Cameron Azimi, son of Amir and Kris Azimi of Lincoln, is a global studies and political science major. He is a current member of the University Conduct Board, the founder and current president of Sigma Iota Rho Global Studies Honors Society, and a current member and former vice president for UNL Model United Nations. He has previously served as a senator of Neihardt for the Residence Hall Association, and an English language teacher for Catholic Social Services. Cameron is a Regents Scholar, a member of the University Honors Program, and a member of the dean's list.



**ANNA BARENT**

Anna Barent, daughter of Rick and Betsy Barent of Lincoln, is a biological sciences major with minors in biochemistry, psychology, and gerontology. She serves as an executive member of The Big Event, a leadership mentor and FDP representative for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, a teaching assistant and undergraduate research assistant for the genetics department, and an emergency department volunteer at Bryan Health. Anna is a Regents Scholar and a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List.



**KYLIE BECKER**

Kylie Becker, daughter of Tyler and Cathy Becker of Osage Beach, MO, is an actuarial science major with minors in computer science and mathematics. She is a student in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management, the treasurer of Chi Omega, the executive secretary of the UNL Newman Center Student Advisory Board, the current treasurer and former vice president of the UNL College Diabetes Network, and a mentor for FIRST Robotics teams in both Lincoln and Camdenton, MO. She is the recipient of the Chancellor's Scholarship and a member of both the College of Business Dean's List and the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society.



**LUKE BOGUS**

Luke Bogus, son of Rick and Dawn Bogus of Columbus and Mary Sowers of Denton, is a marketing and management major with a minor in computer science. He is a student in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management, the cymbal rank leader for the Cornhusker Marching Band Drumline, the marketing committee chair for UNL Relay For Life, and a member of the College of Business Student Advisory Board. He has previously served as the external vice president of Pi Kappa Alpha and a tech fee committee member for ASUN Student Government. Luke is a Forbes Under 30 Scholar, a recipient of the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame Scholarship, and a previous recipient of the Drvol Family Scholarship.



**SYDNEY BREWER**

Sydney Brewer, daughter of Mark and Becky Brewer of Falls City, is a fisheries and wildlife major with a minor in environmental studies. She serves as an executive vice president of Panhellenic Council, an executive member of The Big Event, the philanthropy chair for Phi Mu, a leadership mentor for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, a staff member for Dance Marathon, and an ambassador for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Sydney is a member of the dean's list and the Delta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.



**GRACE BROWN**

Grace Brown, daughter of Greg and Kristen Brown of Iowa City, IA, is a child, youth and family studies major with minors in education, coaching and Spanish. She serves as the captain of the UNL Women's Soccer Team and a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She is a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, a two-time member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team, and a recurring Academic All-Big Ten honoree.



**ELIZABETH BYRNES**

Elizabeth Byrnes, daughter of Robert and Mary Byrnes of Omaha, is a sociology and communications studies major with minors in business and humanities in medicine. She serves as an executive vice president for Panhellenic Council, an undergraduate research assistant for the Minority Health Disparities Initiative, and a mentor for the DREAMBIG Academy. Elizabeth is a recipient of the Alice Frost Howard Memorial Scholarship and was named an Outstanding Sociology Undergraduate and an Outstanding Communications Studies Undergraduate.



**EMMA CLAUSEN**

Emma Clausen, daughter of Matthew and Anna Clausen of Omaha, is a computer science major with minors in business and mathematics. She is a student in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management, the Green Fund committee head for ASUN Student Government, a member of the Chancellor's Environment, Sustainability and Resilience Commission, the career and personal development chair for Chi Omega, the treasurer and secretary of the Raikes School Student Advisory Board, a teaching assistant for computer systems engineering, and a Raikes School peer mentor. Emma is a Regents Scholar, a recipient of the Nebraska Academy of the Sciences Scholarship, and a previous champion of the UNL Geography Bee.



**JOHN ELLIS**

John Ellis, son of Craig and Cindy Ellis of Omaha, is a political science and history major with a minor in national security studies. He is a scholar for the Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, a Climate Security Policy researcher for the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, a former intern for both the Nebraska State Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives, and the former risk manager for Beta Theta Pi. John's research on nationalism and bargaining failure was awarded second place at the 2019 "Festival of Great Ideas," hosted at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. John is also a member of the dean's list.



#### ZAKARY FOLCHERT

Zakary Folchert, son of Ken and Dawn Folchert of North Platte, is a biological sciences major with minors in biochemistry and gerontology. He is a two-time vice president of academic excellence for Delta Upsilon, a teaching assistant for general chemistry, an environmental sustainability committee member for ASUN Student Government, a morale captain for Dance Marathon, a volunteer staffer for Launch Leadership, and a previous orientation leader for New Student Enrollment. Zakary is a Regents Scholar and a member of the dean's list.



#### COOPER GRABENSTEIN

Cooper Grabenstein, son of Todd and Tricia Grabenstein of Smithfield, is an agricultural business major with an emphasis in finance. He is the president and former vice president of Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council, the secretary and former recruitment supervisor for FarmHouse Fraternity, a leadership mentor for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, a member of Navigators Bible Study, a 4-H volunteer for Gosper County, and a volunteer for Urban Youth Farm Tours. Cooper is a William H. Thompson Scholar, a Nebraska Bankers' Association Scholar, and a notable of academic excellence for the agricultural economics department.



#### SIMON HOVIS

Simon Hovis, son of Phill and Ann Hovis of Lincoln, is a business administration major with a minor in English. He is the president and former vice president of FarmHouse Fraternity, the fundraising chair for Dance Marathon, and a leadership mentor for NHRI Leadership Mentoring. Simon is a Regents Scholar.



#### ALEXIS KARKAZIS

Alexis Karkazis, daughter of John and Jill Karkazis of Western Springs, IL, is a computer science major with minors in business law, business administration, and mathematics. She is a student in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management and currently serves as the president of Delta Gamma, a student co-chair of the Chancellor's Campuswide Collaborative on Sexual Misconduct, and a global peer mentor for the International Student and Scholar Office. She has previously served as an executive vice president for Panhellenic Council, a co-director for Freshman Campus Leadership Associates, and a senator for ASUN Student Government. Alexis is a recipient of the George Beadle Scholarship and was named the 2018 Raikes School Design Studio Intern of the Year.



#### SALAN PREET KAUR

Salan Preet Kaur, daughter of Rabinder Singh and Palwinder Kaur of Jalandhar, Punjab, India, is a biological sciences major with minors in humanities in medicine and psychology. She is the president of the Humanities in Medicine Student Advisory Board, a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board, a diversity and inclusion committee member for ASUN Student Government, a research assistant for the virology department, and a student ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences. Salan is a member of the dean's list and a recipient of both the Global Excellency Scholarship and the UCARE Research Grant.



#### ANNA KRAUSE

Anna Krause, daughter of Scott and Beth Krause of Lincoln, is a history major with minors in computer science, English, and digital humanities. She is the president of the College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board, an Honors Peer Mentor Leader, an undergraduate research assistant for the Department of History, and an ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences. She has previously served as the vice president of Chi Omega. Anna is a Regents Scholar, a recipient of the Larry Gerlach Scholarship, and a former Mortar Board notable.



#### RONI MILLER

Roni Miller, daughter of Troy and Danene Miller of Crete, is a political science and Spanish major with a minor in national security studies. She is a senator and Campus Life and Safety committee chair for ASUN Student Government, a co-chair for the student policy committee on the Chancellor's Campuswide Collaborative on Sexual Misconduct, a member of the JED Alcohol and Other Drug Council, a member of Chi Omega, and a volunteer staffer for Launch Leadership. She has previously served as a well-being coach for the Office of Big Red Resilience and Well-Being and a peer mentor and ambassador for the Honors Program. Roni is a Regents Scholar, an Intelligence Community Scholar, and an honorable mention for the 2020 Student Luminary Award.



#### LAUREN MOTT

Lauren Mott, daughter of Justin and Kristina Mott of Omaha, is a biological sciences major with minors in mathematics and business. She is a current member and former president of the Honors Program Student Advisory Board, a member of the Executive Vice Chancellor Student Advisory Board, an undergraduate researcher for STEM education and communications, and an appraiser for the nonprofit Destination Imagination. She has previously served as a curriculum designer for two Beyond School Bells design intensives. Lauren is a Regents Scholar and a recipient of both the 2020 Student Luminary Award and the Jane S. Welch Scholarship.



#### VICTOR NSENGIYUMVA MPORE

Victor Nsengiyumva Mpora, son of Françoise Muteteli of Kigali, Rwanda, is an integrated science major with minors in leadership and entrepreneurship and conservation agriculture and an emphasis in biochemistry. He is a leadership mentor, student board representative, co-chair and former teaching assistant for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, an International Welcome Team member for New Student Enrollment, a research assistant for the biochemistry department, and the head programmer for the Rwandan Student Association. Victor is a student in the CASNR Undergraduate Scholars Program and served as an emcee at the U.S. Rwanda Embassy's 25th commemoration of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi.



#### JACOB PEDDICORD

Jacob Peddicord, son of Tom and Kelly Peddicord of Shawnee, KS, is a computer science major with a minor in business and mathematics. He is a student in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management, the sergeant-at-arms executive member and previous health and safety chairman for Pi Kappa Alpha, and the technology director for Dance Marathon. He is also the co-founder of Brim, a tech startup that provides mobile solutions for local Lincoln coffee shops. Jacob has been named a finalist in several business pitch competitions and has competed in Hackathons hosted by other startups or institutions.



#### CARLI PFEIL

Carli Pfeil, daughter of Rex and Kris Pfeil of Blair, is a marketing major with a minor in management and an emphasis in advertising and public relations. She is the president of the College of Business Student Advisory Board, a student strengths coach for Gallup, a communications committee member and the current Homecoming Coordinator for ASUN Student Government, and a well-being ambassador for the Office of Big Red Resilience and Well-Being. She has previously served as a Wish and Development Intern for Make-A-Wish. Carli is a James H. Canfield Scholar and a member of the College of Business Dean's List.



#### KEEGAN SCHUCHART

Keegan Schuchart, son of Michael and Felicia Shuchart of Lincoln, is a biochemistry major with minors in chemistry and humanities in medicine. He is a leadership mentor and former teaching assistant for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, the ritual chairman and former new member educator for Beta Theta Pi, and a member of the University Health Center Student Advisory Board. Keegan is a James H. Canfield Scholar, a Pepsi Service Scholar, and a recipient of the UCARE Research Grant.



#### ERIKA SWENSON

Erika Swenson, daughter of Roger and Kris Swenson of Blair, is a fisheries and wildlife major with minors in mathematics, biological sciences, and economics. She currently serves as an orientation leader for New Student Enrollment, a leadership mentor, co-chair and previous teaching assistant for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, a peer mentor for the Honors Program, and a CASNR senator for ASUN Student Government. She also conducts research through the UCARE Research Grant. Erika is a Regents Scholar, two-time Mortar Board notable, and a recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture.



#### ROHAN THAKKER

Rohan Thakker, son of Jayesh and Angeli Thakker of Omaha, is a computer science and economics major with a minor in mathematics. He is a student in the Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management, the treasurer of the Computer Science and Engineering Student Advisory Board, a current College of Business senator and Green Fund member for ASUN Student Government, a Cornhacks committee member, and a Bureau of Business research scholar. Rohan is a Regents Scholar a member of the dean's list, and a previous champion of the UNL Geography Bee.



#### RAMEY VACHAL

Ramey Vachal, daughter of Paul and Kim Vachal of Lincoln, is a political science and journalism major with a minor in history. She is the membership coordinator for University Program Council, the public relations chair and executive team member for Honors Ambassadors, a support assistant for the Digital Learning Center, and an academic excellence committee member for Kappa Kappa Gamma. She has previously interned with Lincoln Literacy. Ramey is a Regents Scholar and a member of both the Honors Program and the dean's list.



#### PEYTON WALKER

Peyton Walker, daughter of Scott and Amy Walker of Fort Collins, CO, is a supply chain management major with a minor in political science. She is the co-founder and current wellness coach of the student-led well-being program through the Office of Big Red Resilience and Well-Being. She is the vice president of the College of Business Honors Academy Council, an orientation leader for New Student Enrollment, a resident assistant, and an undergraduate student representative for JED Campus. Peyton is a member of the College of Business Dean's List and a recipient of both the George Beadle Scholarship and the Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship.



#### PARKER WILLIAMS

Parker Williams, son of Lincoln and Kristi Williams of Lincoln, is a mechanical engineering major. He is the president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, the philanthropy chair for FarmHouse Fraternity, a student leader for Navigators, and a member of Engler Entrepreneurship Program. He has previously served on the Engineering Student Advisory Board. Parker is a recipient of the David Distinguished Scholarship and a member of both the Tau Beta Pi Honor Society and the College of Engineering Dean's List.



#### SYDNEY WILKINSON

Sydney Wilkinson, daughter of Heith and Jodi Wilkinson of Hickman, is a biological sciences major with minors in psychology and humanities in medicine. She is the vice president of programming and former director of social events for Delta Gamma, a leadership mentor and previous teaching assistant for NHRI Leadership Mentoring, and the programming staff leader for Dance Marathon. Sydney is a member of the dean's list and a recipient of both the James H. Canfield Scholarship and the Degering Trust Fund Scholarship.



#### RILEY YOUNG

Riley Young, daughter of Brad and Meg Young of Flower Mound, TX, is an athletic training major with minors in psychology and leadership and communication. She is the internal vice president and former moral captain chair for Dance Marathon, the fundraising executive of the Athletic Training Student Association, a teaching assistant for the agricultural leadership, education, and communication department, an operations staff member for The Big Event, a member of the Honors Program, and a former recruitment guide for Panhellenic Council. Riley is a member of the dean's list and a recipient of both the Ruth Leverton Scholarship and the Scarlett Scholarship. 🐝

### Senior Notable

Karl Schenk

### Sophomore Notables

Aila Ganic

### Freshman Notables

Grant Gubbels

Kloee Sander

Jessica Stump

### Drvol Family Innocents Society/ Mortar Board Scholarship Recipient

Guilherme Mainieri Eymael

# Outgoing Members of 2019–2020 Reflect



## 2019–2020 Innocents

**Left to right:** Kamryn Sannicks, Jared Noetzel, Precious Nyabami, Spencer Nussrallah, Dana Hoppe, Amy Heusinkvelt, Jessica Humphrey, Sarah Weisbecker, Rose Wehrman, Ibraheem Hamzat, Miranda Kuzella, Matthew Meacham, Lauren Lesiak

### ❁ INNOCENTS SOCIETY ❁

#### KAMRYN SANNICKS

Kamryn Sannicks is the daughter of Kristin Ceballos of Lincoln. She currently serves as president of the Innocents Society and is studying sociology, ethnic studies and political science, with minors in human rights and humanitarian affairs, national security studies and history. After graduation, Kamryn will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Nebraska National Guard, attend Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) for Air and Missile Defense Officer training, and deploy with her unit. When she returns to the U.S., Kamryn is planning to attend law school. Her favorite memory is solving the great chair saga of the Innocents Society.

#### JARED NOETZEL

Jared Noetzel is the son of Sameena and Juergen Noetzel of Omaha. He currently serves as vice president of the Innocents Society and is studying psychology with minors in music, chemistry, and humanities in medicine. After graduation, Jared will work in Boys Town's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Program this summer and then teach English in South Korea for a year while applying to psychology doctoral programs. His favorite memory is the banana cookies made by Rose's grandmother.

#### PRECIOUS V NYABAMI

Precious Nyabami is the daughter of Kaligirwa Rose and Rutikara Augustin of Kigali, Rwanda. She currently serves as the silent note taker of history in the making in the Innocents Society. She is an integrated science major with a concentration in agronomy and minors in leadership and entrepreneurship. Upon graduation, she will work in sustainable food production either as a graduate student or as an analyst in the CEO's office at One-Acre Fund Rwanda. Her favorite memory is the homecoming dance practice and performance.

#### SPENCER NUSSRALLAH

Spencer Nussrallah is the son of Tom and Tammie Nussrallah of Omaha. He serves as treasurer of the Innocents Society and is majoring in accounting, economics, and finance with minors in computer science and math from the Raikes School. Upon graduating, Spencer will be moving to San Francisco, CA, to work as an investment banking analyst, covering technology at BMO Capital Markets. His favorite memory was spending time with 12 of his closest friends on Thursday evenings—even when he knew he had to be in Omaha by 9am the next day.

#### DANA HOPPE

Dana Hoppe is the son of Fred and Donna Hoppe of Columbus. He serves as sergeant at arms for the Innocents Society and is studying computer science with minors in philosophy, art, and mathematics. After graduation, he will be taking a gap year to produce paintings, stone sculpture, and algorithmic art in addition to applying to graduate programs. His favorite memory is Ibraheem seeing a cow up close for the first time.

#### AMY HEUSINKVELT

Amy Heusinkvelt is the daughter of Mary and Bryan Heusinkvelt of Columbus. She holds the position of Keeper of Traditions for the Innocents Society, while studying geography with minors in English, environmental education, and international studies. This summer, Amy will be working as a park ranger in Oklahoma at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Her favorite memory is finding out what Pioneers Park looks like just before sunrise.

#### JESS HUMPHREY

Jess Humphrey is the daughter of John and Mary Ann Humphrey of Columbus, NE. She currently serves as the philanthropy chair of the Innocents Society and is studying food science and technology with a minor in Spanish. Next year, Jess will be attending graduate school to obtain her masters degree in food science. Her favorite memory was getting driving advice from everyone during their volunteering trip across Nebraska (even though she did an impeccable job).

#### SARAH WEISBECKER

Sarah Weisbecker is the daughter of David and Julie Weisbecker of Waconia, MN. She currently serves as the initiation and social chair of the Innocents Society and is studying political science and sociology with minors in human rights and humanitarian affairs and English. Next year, Sarah has taken an Americorps position with Kid Power in Washington, D.C., working with after school programming in public schools. Her favorite memory was digging the 15 passenger van out of the snow in the middle of nowhere.

#### MIRANDA KUZELA

Miranda Kuzela, daughter of Joey and Sharon Kuzela of Bellevue, serves as one of the selections chairs of the Innocents Society. She is majoring in Russian, Spanish, political science and global studies and has minors in human rights and national security studies. As a Fulbright semi-finalist, Miranda hopes to move to Russia for a year to teach English at a university. Her favorite memory was going on the not-ski ski trip to Colorado with everyone.

#### MATTHEW MEACHAM

Matthew Meacham is the son of Jeanette and John Meacham of Omaha. He serves as the other selections chair of the Innocents Society and is majoring in computer science and mathematics with a minor in business from the Raikes School. Upon graduating, Matthew will be moving to Washington, D.C., to work as a software engineer at Palantir, a data analysis and integration company. His favorite memory was traveling across Nebraska volunteering with his 12 closest friends.

#### IBRAHEEM HAMZAT

Ibraheem Hamzat is the son of Raheem and Saidat Hamzat of Lagos, Nigeria. He currently serves as the homecoming chair of the Innocents Society and is studying microbiology with a minor in biochemistry. After graduation, Ibraheem will be attending medical school at the University of Chicago. His favorite memory is touching cattle in Ogallala, NE.

#### ROSE WEHRMAN

Rose Wehrman is the daughter of Margaret and Clifton Wehrman of Kenesaw. She currently serves as the homecoming chair of the Innocents Society and is studying English with minors in criminology and criminal justice, and psychology. After graduation, Rose plans to teach English abroad for a year while continuing her ongoing internal debate on whether or not to go to law school. Her favorite memory is ice skating during the ski trip (both on the rink and down the hill we were not equipped to hike).

#### LAUREN LESIAK

Lauren Lesiak is the daughter of Chris and Marty Lesiak of Lincoln. She serves as the historian for the Innocents Society and is majoring in chemistry and biochemistry with minors in mathematics and music. Next year, Lauren will be attending graduate school to earn her Ph.D. in chemistry. Her favorite memory is searching for the 200th Class of Innocents on terraformed Mars. 🌍



## 2019–2020 Mortar Board

**Front Row:** (left to right) Olivia Maras, Vincent Malene, Olivia Miller, Emily Johnson, Frances Munro, Cheyenne Gerlach

**Middle Row:** (left to right) Alexandra Otto, Dylan Mathers, Hannah O’Neill, Jayden Garrett, Jessica Moore, Spencer Hosch, Lukas Hall, Bree Hurt, Gauri Ramesh

**Back Row:** (left to right) Gitau Wambugu, Jacob Shiohira, Connor Eksi, Philip Holubeck, Spencer Jones, Liam Carroll, Braden Dvorak, Nate Netz, Mary Greufe

**Not Pictured:** Gregory Tracey, Lauryn Wengert

### 🌿 MORTAR BOARD 🌿

#### LIAM CARROLL

Liam Carroll, son of Michael and Robin Carroll of Overland Park, KS, is a violin performance major with minors in biochemistry and chemistry. He served as our apparel chair. Next year, Liam will attend medical school. Liam’s favorite memory from his time in Mortar Board was “every minute of ski trip.”

#### BRADEN DVORAK

Braden Dvorak, son of Dean and Tammy Dvorak of Dodge, will graduate with a major in agricultural economics and minors in political science and leadership and communications, with an emphasis in public policy. He served as one of the fundraising chairs. When asked about his post-graduate plans, Braden responded, “Any ideas???” His favorite memory from Mortar Board was paying for a ride on the alpine coaster at the Breckenridge ski resort, because “he went really fast.”

#### CONNOR EKSI

Connor Eksi, son of Hakan and Tina Eksi of Overland Park, KS, is a biochemistry major with minors in chemistry, psychology, and mathematics. He served as one of the social chairs. After graduation, Andrew plans to attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Connor’s favorite memories include the inside jokes formulated on both the ski trip and river float trip.

#### JAYDEN GARRETT

Jayden Garrett, daughter of Chris and Julie Garrett of Chadron, will graduate with a nutrition, exercise, and health science major. She served as the health and wellness chair and assisted with the Professor of the Month chair. After graduation, she will join staff with Citylight Church’s college ministry for one year before beginning the physical therapy program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board was the meeting where the group played dodgeball!

#### CHEYENNE GERLACH

Cheyenne Gerlach, daughter of Rick and Amy Gerlach of DeWitt, will graduate with a major in integrated science, minors in Engler agribusiness entrepreneurship and global studies, with focuses on social entrepreneurship and storytelling. She served as our extensions chair. After graduation, Cheyenne will either attend the University of California-Davis or Wageningen University in the Netherlands for a masters in International Agricultural Development. Her favorite memory from Mortar Board was bonding for the first time with Jess, Alex, and Hannah during the Minnesota trip. “We made the best out of the very tiny, kind of scary, slightly unclean AirBnB!”

#### MARY GREUFE

Mary Greufe, daughter of Jim and Nancy Greufe of Elkhorn, is an elementary education major. She served as one of the homecoming chairs. Next year, she plans to work for her sorority, Chi Omega, as a national leadership consultant before starting her career as a teacher. Her favorite memory was watching the entire homecoming float tip over and shatter “literally thirty minutes before the parade,” but still getting first place for Mortar Board in the float competition somehow.

#### LUKAS HALL

Lukas Hall, son of Ryan and Paula Hall of Omaha, is a biochemistry major with minors in mathematics and chemistry. He served as president. After graduation, he will attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Lukas’ favorite memory was either making a music video to the song “Down” by Jay Sean or winning the Homecoming competition.

#### PHILIP HOLUBECK

Philip Holubeck, son of Paul and Diane Holubeck of Omaha, will graduate with a major in biochemistry and minors in mathematics, chemistry, and psychology. He served as one of the social chairs. Next year, Philip will attend medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. His favorite memory of Mortar Board was when the boys gathered around for a nightly “conference call” in the ski trip hot tub.

#### SPENCER HOSCH

Spencer Hosch, son of Gregory and Shelly Hosch of Omaha, is a management major with a minor in business law and an emphasis in entrepreneurship and innovation. He served as the alumni relations chair. This coming fall, Spencer will attend the University of Nebraska College of Law. His favorite memory from Mortar Board was initiation week, specifically when the group got to know each other as a cohort.

#### BREE HURT

Bree Hurt, daughter of Michelle Hurt of Kansas City, MO, will graduate with a major in criminology and criminal justice, and minors in psychology and Spanish. She served as one of the fundraising chairs. Next year, Bree will either attend the University of Nebraska College of Law or find a position in the juvenile criminal justice system. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board included painting and “pumping” the Homecoming float while listening to great music and chatting with others.

#### EMILY JOHNSON

Emily Johnson, daughter of Todd and Kristi Johnson of Seward, is a triple major in political science, Spanish, and global studies. She served as secretary. After spending next summer in Washington, D.C., as a Truman scholar, Emily will either attend Harvard Law School or contribute to literacy education as a Fulbright scholar. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board was watching Greg Tracey completely destroy everyone in a trivia board game during the ski trip.

#### SPENCER JONES

Spencer Jones, son of Dirk and Julie Jones of Wichita, KS, will graduate with a major in biochemistry and a minor in chemistry. He served as one of the selections chair. Next year, Spencer will attend medical school. His favorite memory included all the times he beat Greg, Connor, and Vinny in the card game, Euchre.

#### VINCENT MALENE

Vincent Malene, son of Don and Dawn Malene of Omaha, is an actuarial science major with minors in mathematics and economics. He served as vice president. After graduation, Vinny plans to backpack around Europe with family and later move to Minneapolis, MN, to work as an actuarial consultant at Deloitte. His favorite memory from Mortar Board was performing in the Homecoming Dance, specifically when he, Liam, Spencer Jones, and Jacob executed a flawless routine to the song “My Humps” by the Black Eyed Peas.

#### OLIVIA MARAS

Olivia Maras, daughter of Chris and JoEllen Maras of Blair, will graduate with a psychology major and minors in English and criminology and criminal justice. She served as one of the initiation chairs. Olivia “will answer what she’s doing after graduation at a later time.” Her favorite memory was during the Mortar Board ski trip when the hiking crew went on a wrong trail for two miles that ended up actually being a road. But she said it was still one of the best bonding experiences!

#### DYLAN MATHERS

Dylan Mathers, daughter of Jeff and Jill Mathers of Lincoln, is an athletic training major with a minor in psychology. She served as one of the initiation chairs. After graduation, Dylan will attend Bowling Green State University to serve as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for their men’s soccer team while pursuing a masters in sports administration. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board was running around campus on tapping day, including some quick stops at Fuzzy’s Taco Shop.

#### OLIVIA MILLER

Olivia Miller, daughter of Keith and Kathryn Miller of Lincoln, is a triple major in biological sciences, history, and classics and religious studies. She served as historian. Next year, Olivia will attend law school at Northwestern University. Her favorite memory from Mortar Board was skiing with a big group at Breckenridge.

#### JESSICA MOORE

Jessica Moore, daughter of Ronnie and Abby Moore of Topeka, KS, will graduate with majors in broadcasting, advertising and public relations, and a minor in Jewish studies. She served as the People Who Inspire chair. After graduation, Jessica will pursue her long-time dream of producing or participating on The Bachelor. Her favorite memories include any bonding moment, including the Minnesota trip, ski trip shenanigans, heartfelt conversations, and Wednesdays at Iggy’s!

#### FRANCES MUNRO

Frances Munro, daughter of Michael Munro and Susan Keisler-Munro of Lincoln, is a double major in finance and economics with minors in management and mathematics. She served as treasurer. Next year, Frances will begin working as a product consulting analyst at Enfusion Systems in Chicago, IL. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board was undoubtedly becoming friends with Dylan Mathers.

#### NATE NETZ

Nate Netz, son of Doug and Robin Netz of Lincoln, will graduate with a major in marketing, minors in agribusiness entrepreneurship and economics, and a certificate in sales. He served as one of the homecoming chairs. This coming fall, Nate will attend the University of Nebraska College of Law. His favorite memory was the fun dodgeball meeting.

#### HANNAH O’NEILL

Hannah O’Neill, daughter of Patrick and Farida O’Neill of Lincoln, is a biochemistry major with minors in mathematics and French. She served as one of our selections chairs. After graduation, Hannah plans to pursue competitive curling. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board was the ski trip.

#### ALEXANDREA OTTO

Alexandrea Otto, daughter of Friedhelm and Shelley Otto of Omaha, is a fisheries and wildlife major with a minor in biological sciences and a concentration in conservation biology. She served as one of the philanthropy chairs. In the coming years, Alexandra will work towards a masters and Ph.D. in marine biology to pursue research of marine mammal physiology, ecology, and conservation. Her favorite memory from Mortar Board was driving up the Colorado mountain in the backseat of Vinny’s car, holding a single string of rope to keep Vinny’s hatchback from flying open. She says, “It was horrible.”

#### GAURI RAMESH

Gauri Ramesh, daughter of Sangitha Chandramouli and Ramesh Balakrishnan of Omaha, will graduate with a computer science major and minors in mathematics and business administration. She served as the scholarship chair. Next year, Gauri will work as a software engineer at Microsoft in Seattle, WA. Her favorite memory was all of the ski trip, especially when the group played board games and Jackbox games on the TV!

#### JACOB SHIOHIRA

Jacob Shiohira, son of Bill and Deborah Shiohira of Bentonville, AR, is a double major in computer science and mathematics with a minor in business administration. He served as the social media chair. After graduation, Jacob will begin work as a software engineer at Amazon in Seattle, WA. His favorite Mortar Board memory was the hike during the ski trip that ended up as a leisurely stroll along a snow-covered road. This group excursion was filled with spontaneous snowball fights, a few too many portrait mode pictures, and a lot of laughs and fond memories.

#### GREGORY TRACEY

Gregory Tracey, son of Stanley and Joan Tracey of Omaha, will graduate with majors in economics and global studies and minors in Russian, mathematics, and national security studies. He served as the technology chair. Next year, Greg will either pursue a masters degree or work for the federal government. His favorite memory was the ski trip.

#### GITAU WAMBUGU

Gitau Wambugu, son of Mercy Muthoni Wambugu of Nairobi, Kenya, is a chemical engineering major. He served as the recruitment chair and one of the selections chairs. After graduation, Gitau will do something, most likely somewhere on Planet Earth. His favorite memory included improving Mortar Board's outreach on campus by stopping into different student organizations to provide recruitment information.

#### LAURYN WENGERT

Lauryn Wengert, daughter of Leigh and Daniel Wengert of Omaha, will graduate with majors in political science, Spanish, and global studies and minors in national security studies and human rights and humanitarian affairs. She served as one of the philanthropy chairs. After graduation, Lauryn plans to work or teach abroad for a year before attending law school. Her favorite memory of Mortar Board included anytime the group played games, such as Sardines, Our Family, Signs, Jackbox, or Euchre! 🍷🎲

