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BIOGRAPHIES

Natalia Allen graduated in May of 2021 with a bachelor's in Speech Pathology and a minor in Special Education. She is starting her graduate degree in August of 2021 to become a Speech Pathologist.



Rebecca Beach is a recent graduate of ODU with a Bachelors of Arts in World Cultural Studies as well as a minor in the Urban Community. Right after graduation, she began her job as the Coordinator for the Model United Nations Club which has been her home away from home these past four years. Other than poetry, she writes short stories. She also paints and draws. Her hope is that as she enters the next stage of life, she can continue to be creative and explore her capabilities and passions.



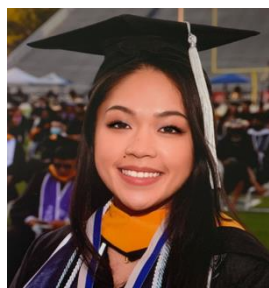
Lily Daniels is a senior at ODU majoring in Math and English and plans to graduate in May 2022. She also tutors at the ODU Math and Science Resource Center. In her spare time, Lily likes to draw and keep her plant babies alive. She is thankful for the opportunity she had in her literature class with Dr. Kathryn Bennett. Undergraduate research has helped her explore her interests and gain public speaking experience.



Jianfeng Guo was a visiting scholar at ODU from March 2019 to July 2020. He is currently a PhD student in computational mathematics at Sun Yat-sen University and is interested in medical image reconstruction.



Gregory Hubbard is a 4th year Computer Science major with minors in chemistry and math. After graduation he plans on attending medical school. In his spare time, he enjoys swimming and playing banjo.



Melanie Huynh graduated from ODU with a B.S. in Biology and a double minor in Psychology and Health & Wellness. She is currently applying to graduate school and hopes to serve in the medical field as a PA. Melanie began her undergraduate research at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) in 2017 and worked under the guidance of Dr. Earl Godfrey for a few years. She strongly credits this opportunity as the driving force of her academic success because it allowed her to integrate and apply the scientific concepts and theories taught within lecture to the field of medicine in real-time, collaborate and learn from established scientists and medical professionals, and build an overall strong foundation in the sciences that she believes will facilitate her journey into becoming a future provider.

Sami Jackson majored in Political Science and graduated in May 2021. She now works at Virginia Beach General District Court as a Deputy Clerk, and enjoys seeing how politics and legislature affect her work.



Rachel R. Mantos is an English major with a concentration in Journalism and a minor in Film and Video Studies. She anticipates graduating in December 2022. While not in school, Rachel works as office manager for a construction company in Norfolk and writes in her free time.

Mindy Medrana graduated with a bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology in Spring 2021. This research taught her how to better support students on the spectrum and prepared her for the job she currently holds at a program for children with autism. She will enter graduate school in Fall 2021 to achieve her Master's in Speech-Language Pathology.



Olivia Snipes is an Exercise Science major committed to graduate in 2022. She has always found herself interested in the mystery and fascinating machinery that makes the human body. Her passions, along with being an advocate for female reproductive rights, led her to research the physically demanding process that is childbearing and childbirth in the hopes that the comprehensive findings would be of benefit to

carrying mothers and those who have the opportunity to be of assistance during the process.

Daniel Weddle is an Applied Mathematics major and Computer Science minor at ODU set to graduate in May 2022. He is interested in many career directions, including data science and operations research. Among other benefits, involvement in undergraduate research has provided Daniel extra motivation for related coursework and given him a taste of the vast world of mathematical studies beyond the Bachelor of Science.

Christina Zendzian graduated in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in History Education and a minor in Japanese Studies. They are currently pursuing a career in education at the high school level. Undergraduate research benefited Christina as a first-year teacher. As an educator, undergraduate research was beneficial in giving them insight into how academic research is conducted and what steps are necessary to be successful during said research. Christina plans on using the experience they gained from undergraduate research and to transfer that knowledge and skills into teaching developing minds to do the same.