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BIOGRAPHIES

Cathryn Bowling graduated in the spring of 2022 with a B.S. in Biology and will be attending the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine beginning in the fall. Her undergraduate research revealed a passion for marine conservation biology and will serve as the foundation of a future career in scientific research.

Bryanna Binger, a 2021 alumni with a B.S. in Communications, recounts her undergraduate research at ODU, stating that the program offers students critical analysis skills. She now works in digital media investment for an advertising agency.

Dan Burzek graduated Summa Cum Laude in Electrical Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University in May 2022. He now works as an electronic engineer at Motion Control Systems in Radford Virginia. He describes his research work with the Perry Honors College as “an opportunity to delve deeper into a topic from the classroom that may pique one’s interest and bring it to life.”

Zabia Evans is pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Speech-language Pathology with completion in December 2022. She is currently preparing for graduate school through gaining clinical experience for admission in the fall 2023 cycle. This research process allowed her to build a connection between therapy practice and real-world issues.

Sydney Haulenbeek is a senior at Old Dominion University. She is majoring in English with a minor in entrepreneurship. She has a passion for researching participatory cultures and is pursuing journalism.
Sophie McConnell graduated from Old Dominion University in December of 2021 with her Bachelor’s of Science in Speech Language Pathology and a minor in Special Education. She will be returning to Old Dominion to pursue her Master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology in the fall of 2022. Sophie believes that undergraduate research has improved her critical thinking, independent research, and organization, and encourages everyone to participate in undergraduate research when they can.

Hannah Ross’s major is Enterprise Cybersecurity, and she will be graduating in May 2023. She is currently preparing to take IT certification exams while taking summer courses.

Stephanie Trusty graduated in December 2021 having majored in Computer Science. Undergraduate research motivated her to pursue further education. She is entering the Data Science M.S.E program at Johns Hopkins University this fall.

Raines VanHuss graduated from ODU in May of 2022 with a BS in electrical engineering and a minor in computer science. After graduating cum laude, he is currently employed with the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC). The undergraduate research he conducted influenced his interest in power and renewable energy and allowed him to gain valuable experience in his field.

Melissa Wagner graduated from ODU in December of 2020. She lives in Southeast Florida and volunteers at a nonprofit coral restoration organization: The Reef Institute – gaining experience and connections in preparation for graduate school. She wants to study coral restoration and help save corals! Melissa learned much from her undergraduate research experience and believes it will serve her in the future as well.
Eleni Zivla is a Biochemistry major with a minor in Biomedical Engineering and is set to graduate in May 2023. Eleni is planning to apply to post-graduate programs by 2023-2024.