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Kaitlyn Batts is majoring in Elementary Education and plans to graduate in spring 2024. At the moment, she is preparing to receive her teacher's license by studying for the necessary exams. Kaitlyn has benefited from undergraduate research because it has provided her the opportunity to learn about important hot topics related to the education field.



Andrew Benfante earned his B.S. in Applied Mathematics from Old Dominion University in May 2023 concentrating in Big Data Analytics. He currently works as a data analyst for ARCSys CECL Software in Norfolk, VA.

Cydney Battle graduated in May of 2023 with a B.S. Biology degree. She has found a passion in scientific research. Cydney is currently working in veterinary medicine and aims to be an innovator within the field.



Vu Giang is majoring in Applied Mathematics in class of 2025. He's a supply chain analyst intern at STIHL, and this research opportunity has benefited him with skills that he's applied everywhere.



Taylor Howse is an Old Dominion University alumni who graduated with a B.S. in Nursing in May of 2023. She will be starting her career in the medical field as a nurse in an intensive care unit in the Hampton Roads area.

Susanna Larsen is a political science and philosophy double major, expected to graduate in Spring 2024. She is currently working at a local law firm and studying for law school.





Ashley Levins graduated with a degree in Psychology in May of 2023. Currently, she is pursuing her Master's in College Counseling at North Carolina State University. Undergraduate research allowed her to think critically about history while expanding her worldview regarding social justice.

Summer Markham is currently a senior and will be graduating May 2024. She is obtaining a BFA in the graphic design program while working as a graphic designer for Housing & Residence Life here at Old Dominion University. Undergraduate research granted her a love for art history and an understanding of how it truly communicates culture and reflects the time period in which a work of art was created.



Adam Poyner is a recent graduate of Old Dominion University with a major in Finance and Real Estate. He's currently a residential property manager. Adam benefited from undergraduate research by exploring the reasons behind the collapse of our national housing market during the Great Recession. This particular knowledge serves as useful background towards how regulations to our real estate market influence buyers and sellers within our local community.



Reagan Richardson is a 2023 graduate with a B.S. in Biomedical Sciences and Spanish. Currently, she is working towards applying to medical school. As a pre-med student, having the opportunity to conduct research on community and public health has been highly rewarding for Reagan.