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Letter from the Staff

Dr. Richard Pierce, Dr. Maria McKenna, Amanda Hammond, and Sarah Kubinski

Happy Graduation greetings from the AnBryce Scholars Program. After a year that saw everyone's work at Notre Dame change in unprecedented ways we wanted to share some of our "good news" with all of you. We could not do what we do without the support, encouragement, and partnerships that you provide. Thank you so much for everything you do for us and for the wider university. Please enjoy, share, and ask us more about all of our good news!

Odalis Gonzalez '21

Scholar Spotlight: Odalis Gonzalez Reyes '21

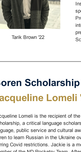
Odalis Gonzalez Reyes is a ray of sunshine from American Falls, Idaho. She arrived on campus 4 years ago after a memorable cross country car ride with her high school teacher, Mrs. Caroline White (56). Fast forward to today, and that wide-eyed freshman has flourished in ways that not only affected her, personally, but also impacted those in her orbit. It is no wonder she recently was named the 2021 Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh C.S.C. Award winner.

Read more here about Odalis's journey through Notre Dame and beyond.

Scholar Spotlight: Teayanna Leytham '21

We are excited to have Teayanna remain in our orbit as an ENTERN fellow at Notre Dame beginning next fall. This Master of Science degree program explores the intersection of Engineering, Business and Entrepreneurship. Prior to graduating, Teayanna was President of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). A global traveller, pre-Covid she was a Fulbright Summer Institute Scholar in Scotland, travelled to Rome with the School of Engineering, and spent her Junior Fall abroad in Dublin. Teayanna's team is so lucky to have her.

Teayanna Leytham '21



Tarik Brown '22

Truman Scholarship Winner: Tarik Brown '22

Tarik Brown is a 2021 Truman Scholar. He is one of only 62 scholars nationwide from a pool of 845 applicants. Scholars receive funding for public service-related graduate programs, attend the Truman Scholars leadership week and their Summer Institute and are provided career and networking support. Tarik spent this past semester at Notre Dame California's Silicon Valley Program and will remain there this summer to continue his internship with Clarix, a subsidiary of Apple. Tarik spent the previous two summers with Microsoft. You can read the Truman Scholar news release from Notre Dame here.

Boren Scholarship Winner: Jacqueline Lomeli '22

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Jacqueline Lomeli is the recipient of the prestigious Boren Scholarship, a critical language scholarship developed to enhance language, public service and cultural awareness. She will use the Boren to learn Russian in the Ukraine over the summer, barring Covid restrictions. Jackie is a mechanical engineer and a member of the ND Rockley Team. After graduation, Jackie hopes to work at NASA where Russian is a prerequisite for many of the positions. She dreams of advancing human presence in outer space. You can read the press release here.

Fulbright ETA Alternates: Shamar Cousin '21 and Tia Wilson '21

Shamar Cousin and Tia Wilson were named Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Alternates for 2021-2022. This was a remarkably competitive year, as most award winners from last year deferred their acceptance to this year. An Alternate status this year would have been a fellowship winner in another year.

Shamar is an alternate for the Fulbright ETA site in India, with plans to study Montessori methods.

Tia Wilson is an alternate for the Fulbright ETA site in South Africa, with plans to study educational disparities in that country.

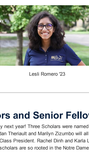
Shamar Cousin '21

Tia Wilson '21

Gilman Scholarship Winners: Rachel Dinh '22, Bryan Barriga '23, Aaron Jalca '23, Carlondrea Petty '23, Lesli Romero '23, Ida Addo '24

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program supports undergraduate students who wish to study abroad, but who might not participate due to financial concerns. These scholars join a Gilman network that includes AnBryce alumni Jahleica Gregory '20, Armando Sanchez '20, Teayanna Leytham '21, and Tia Wilson '21.

Rachel Dinh '22



Bryan Barriga '23

Aaron Jalca '23

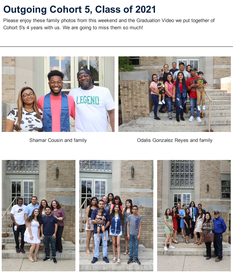
Carlondra (Lala) Petty '23

Lesli Romero '23

Ida Addo '24

Resident Advisors and Senior Fellows

Our Class of 2022 will be very busy next year! Three Scholars were named Resident Advisors for their dorms next year. Tarik Brown, Jordan Theriault and Marilyn Zizumbo will all have dorm leadership next fall. Jordan was this year's Junior Class President. Rachel Dinh and Karla Luquin will be Senior Fellows next year. We are thrilled that our scholars are so rooted in the Notre Dame community!



Top left to right: Pam Alvarado-Alfaro, Jackie Lomeli, Helton Rodriguez, Rachel Dinh | Bottom left to right: Tarik Brown, Marilyn Zizumbo, Jordan Theriault, Karla Luquin, Carlos Flores

Incoming Cohort 9, Class of 2025

Selection is complete for the 9th Cohort of AnBryce Scholars! We are thrilled to welcome our largest group of scholars (11!) to campus in the fall. This was an incredibly competitive year and every incoming scholar brings remarkable gifts and perspectives to our campus. We can't wait to introduce them to you!

Outgoing Cohort 5, Class of 2021

Please enjoy these family photos from this weekend and the Graduation Video we put together of Cohort 5's 4 years with us. We are going to miss them so much!

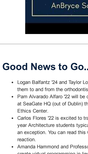
Shamar Cousin and family

Odalis Gonzalez Reyes and family

Christina Dulal and family

Iset Otero Torres and family

Raphael Barruelos and family



Teayanna Leytham and family

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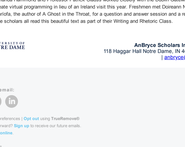

Good News to Go...

- Logan Ballantz '24 and Taylor Locust '23 are out of braces and Amanda is done transporting them to and from the orthodontist! They (all) couldn't be happier.
- Pam Avarado Alfaro '22 will be doing a remote internship with the Compliance and Ethics Team at SeaGate HQ (out of Dublin) this summer. This internship came through the Notre Dame Tech Ethics Center.
- Carlos Flores '22 is excited to travel to Italy with the School of Architecture this summer. 3rd year Architecture students typically spend the entire academic year in Rome, but this year was an exception. You can read this Observer article for more on the thoughtful decision and student reaction.
- Amanda Hammond and Professor Patrick Clauss worked closely with the Dublin Gateway to create virtual programming in lieu of an Ireland visit this year. Freshmen met Dioraann Ni Ghrofa, the author of A Ghost in the Throat, for a question and answer session and a reading. The scholars all read this beautiful text as part of their Writing and Rhetoric Class.

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