

Author and Artist Biographies



Ella Hansen is a third-year psychology and English double major with a humanities and medicine minor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. As well as being an honors student, Ella works as a Writing Consultant and Writing Fellow at the Writing Center and loves helping others get their ideas onto paper. She is the treasurer of UNL's competitive figure skating club, volunteers with the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center, and has a knack for making sandwiches. If you happen across Ella, she will likely be contemplating the psychology of her life on the way to class.



Mallory Heinzerling is a recent graduate from the University of Minnesota Duluth with cum laude honors. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science with a minor in public health. Mallory spent time working with the athletics department at UMD through her internship. She has also presented her academic work at the Northland American College of Sports Medicine Conference. Mallory will be attending Northern Arizona University to further her education and obtain a Master of Science in Athletic Training. She plans to further her research in graduate school and her career to help address the issues presented in her paper.



Lindsey Hoffman recently graduated summa cum laude from the Temple University Honors Program. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a certificate in American Sign Language (ASL). During her time at Temple, she served on the executive board for Active Minds and Talking Hands, the Mental Health Club and ASL Club, respectively. She also volunteered for Temple's Cherry Pantry and was a preceptor for ASL III and IV. Lindsey will continue learning about Deaf culture by working at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Philadelphia. Her future goal is to become a Teacher of the Deaf.



Rachael Jenness is a recent graduate of Gonzaga University. She earned her B.A. in international studies and criminology, with a minor in Spanish and concentrations in international political economy and the European region. In her time at Gonzaga, she was an active participant on the Honors Council, studied abroad in Madrid, Spain, and competed in mock trial. She plans to attend law school next fall to pursue a J.D. in international law. In her free time, Rachael enjoys creating poetry out of fridge magnets, reading, and eating various types of potatoes.

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Samantha Laurin is a senior honors student at the University of San Diego, pursuing a B.A. in psychology with minors in marketing and communication. On campus, Samantha researches spatial and cognitive awareness and serves as the president of Intervarsity Christian Ministries and scholarship director of Panhellenic. She is a part of two national honors societies, Mortar Board and Psi Chi, and is a captain of the honors club. She is furthering her education with a Masters of Arts in Clinical Counseling at Point Loma Nazarene University, hoping to help those struggling with mental health.



Rachel Ledoux is a first-year honors student at Simmons University, where she is double majoring in political science and economics within an accelerated public policy graduate program. She is also pursuing minors in international relations, public policy, and law & justice. Rachel serves as co-President of Simmons Democracy Matters and Op-Ed Editor for the *Simmons Voice*, in addition to her work within the honors program. She has a passion for education policy and plans to pursue a career in the non-profit sphere after graduation. In her free time, Rachel enjoys reading, thrifting, and musical theatre.

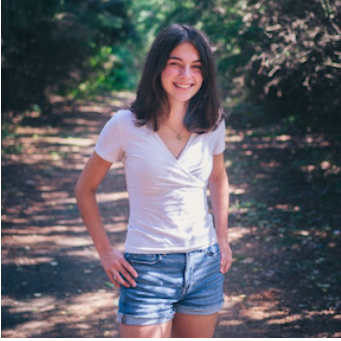


Avery Segall is a current senior at Seattle University, set to graduate magna cum laude in June 2025. She is pursuing a double major in English and women, gender, and sexuality studies and a minor in medieval and early modern studies. Avery is an alumni of the Intellectual Traditions track of the Seattle University Honors Program and a current Naef Scholar. She served as a student editor for the *Seattle University Undergraduate Research Journal* and is currently developing a joint departmental honors thesis paper.



Aashka Shah is a freshman honors student at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is double majoring in chemistry and psychology on the pre-med track and is a member of the Guaranteed Admission for Medicine Program. She plans to be an oncologist one day. She loves volunteering with Operation Smile, Doorways, and Medlife, and she spends a lot of her time doing research in public health, cancer genetics, and immunology.

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Sedona Skenderian is a junior at the University of Wyoming. She is majoring in history with a minor in honors and museum studies. She has recently been inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honors societies and works at the American Heritage Center archives as a reading room assistant. Though she loves history, creative writing is a passion of hers, and she would love to continue to pursue it alongside her other interests. In the future, she hopes to obtain a law degree and specialize in museum law.



Ansel Smith (he/him) is a senior at the University of Alabama earning his master's and bachelor's in mathematics with minors in Chinese, computer science, and the liberal arts as a Blount Scholar. Ansel is a founding member of the award-winning *Red Rook Press*, performs research in ornithology and early school history as an Emerging Scholar, and has served as a representative of the Honors College Assembly. He has spent a semester abroad in Thailand and will study math in Hungary in Summer 2025. Upon completion of his undergraduate coursework, Ansel hopes to pursue his interdisciplinary interests with further graduate studies.



Hillary Sotomayor is a sophomore honors student at the University of Colorado Denver, where she is a member of the University Honors & Leadership Program. She is majoring in biochemistry and minoring in psychology. In her free time, Hillary enjoys volunteering at a local OB clinic and at sexual assault and abuse safehouses. She also enjoys drawing, reading, playing the piano, and building terrariums for her betta fish. She hopes to conduct more research with a focus on bringing greater awareness to sexual assault and abuse. While currently working in sales, Hillary hopes to pursue a career in psychology.



Natalia Turkiewicz graduated cum laude from SUNY New Paltz with a B.S. in psychobiology and a minor in evolutionary studies. An Honors College member and mentor, she served as Treasurer of the Biology Club and engaged in academic research via a social perception lab focused on morality, development, and cross-cultural research. In addition to her academic pursuits, Natalia is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) on the road to becoming a licensed EMT. Natalia has aspirations of becoming a neurosurgeon and is currently in her gap year applying to medical school. Currently, Natalia works as a medical assistant at a cardiology practice while also preparing case reports for publication. Driven by a passion for medicine, research, and community service, Natalia is committed to making a lasting impact in healthcare through compassion, innovation, and dedication.

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Jason Wang is an honors student at Ohio State University studying applied mathematics and French. He is also pursuing research in East Asian architecture, particularly the physical properties of the wooden bracketing system (dougong). On campus, he has worked closely with the Bliss M. and Mildred A. Wiant Collection of Chinese Art, and he is currently a student assistant in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures. Given this involvement in a range of disciplines, he hopes to one day combine his interests in mathematics and the humanities into his future career.