

# THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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2017-2018 | YEAR IN REVIEW

# 77

T H O M P S O N F A M I L Y S C H O L A R S

Thanks to the generous financial support from Robert and Ellen Thompson, the Thompson Scholarship for Working Families provides valuable need-based opportunities for BGSU students to have access to and achieve their college education. Thompson Scholarship Programs strives to holistically support each scholar from orientation through graduation, providing opportunities to Connect, Engage, and Serve while at BGSU and beyond!

**90%**

First Year Retention  
(2017 Cohort)



**100%**

Transfer Cohort Retention  
(2017 Transfer Cohort)



"BGSU and the scholarship program have also taught me how to **set goals** and reach them. I appreciate the scholarship program and everything that the program is doing. It is very helpful and without it, many people including myself, would not have been able to have such great experiences."

— **Dionna Sorrells (2017 Cohort)**

"Honestly, I have not been in an organization that is more **supportive** than this scholarship program."

— **Jordyn Kuemerle (2017 Cohort)**

"Through this program I have become so much more outgoing and made **great friends** that I can always count on to support me and make me laugh."

— **Patrick Kinnear (2017 Cohort)**

"Some members of my cohort and I have truly become a **family** over this year. We hold each other accountable for setting and maintaining manageable goals, and we support each other when we need it."

— **Lizzie Groth (2017 Cohort)**

"This program has provided me with the resources I need to **succeed** at BGSU."

— **Ally Freehoffer (2017 Cohort)**

"The staff of the scholarship program has helped me reach these goals by always reminding me to keep my eye on the prize and provided me with the needed resources and advice if my eyesight waivered. The staff is truly **amazing!**"

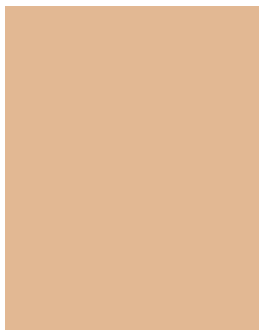
— **Janae Johnson (2017 Cohort)**

"Through this scholarship's community service requirements, we are given the power to help **change lives**, even if it is only in a small way, and this is amazing to me."

— **Emily Eikost (2017 Transfer Cohort)**

"Community service hours have helped me **appreciate** more of what I have, and I have enjoyed being able to give back to my community."

— **Ryan Talbert (2016 Cohort)**



### **In addition to one-on-one meetings with each scholar,**

Thompson Scholarship Programs looks to provide both personal and professional development opportunities, as well as social interaction and engagement opportunities for Thompson Family Scholars. Some of the events last year included time management workshops, values workshop, group meetings for first-year and transfer students, weekly TFS Lunches, dinner downtown followed by the BG Tree Lighting, de-stress events before finals week, and more.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**1,774+ reported service hours for the 2017-18 academic year (for 77 students)**

Examples: Wood County Humane Society; Literacy in the Park; Friday Night Lights; BG Parks & Rec Events; Black Swamp Arts Festival; Brown Bag Food Project; BG Alternative Breaks; Dance Marathon; St. Baldrick's; BGSU Mobile Food Pantry; and many more.

**Thompson Scholarship Programs hosted monthly service opportunities for Thompson Family Scholars to participate in during the 2017-18 academic year.**



Thompson Family Scholars assisted with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in the Park at BGSU in September.



In October, Thompson Family Scholars hosted children's activity stations and served as zombies for the BG Parks & Recreation Zombie Dash.



Thompson Family Scholars learned about seed harvesting at Wintergarden Park and helped BG Parks collect and process seeds in November.



Scholars volunteered in December at the First United Methodist Church to help with their annual Christmas Workshop, providing activities and crafts for children in the community.

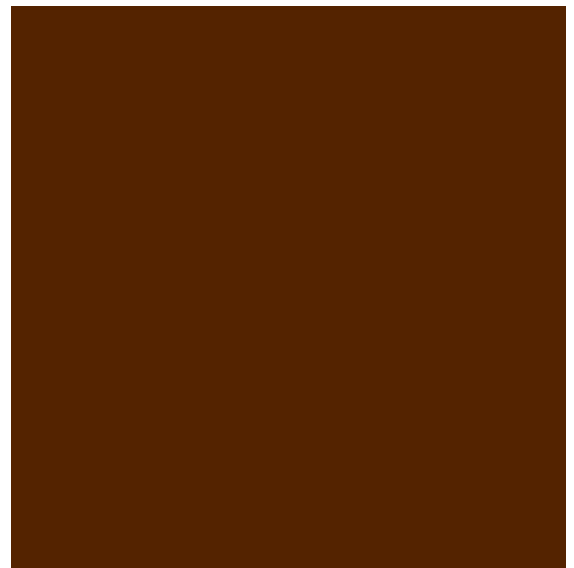


For BGSU's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in January, a group of Thompson Family Scholars helped build park benches for BG Parks & Recreation. Other scholars assisted with volunteer check-in or served on other volunteer teams to benefit community projects. Oshionna Lee-Hicks (2016 Cohort) and Jordyn Kuemerle (2017 Cohort) served as site leaders.

Thompson Family Scholars hosted a Sibs N Kids Weekend event in March providing participants with the opportunity to "give back" by making 15 fleece blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit focused on providing homemade blankets to children in need.



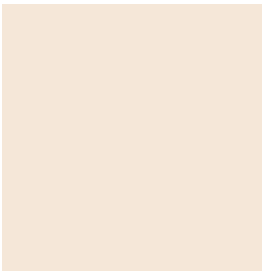
Adreanna Klepec (2017 Cohort) presents Mr. and Mrs. Thompson with a scrapbook on behalf of the recipients of the 2017 Cohort and 2017 Transfer Cohort.



**A small group of Thompson Family Scholars helped with the BG Winterfest Chocolate Crawl in February, answering questions and directing traffic in downtown Bowling Green.**

In April, Thompson Family Scholars supported Feed My Starving Children, where we helped pack over 36,720 meals to provide for children in need.





## HOMECOMING EVENT WITH THOMPSONS

**Thompson Family Scholars from the 2017 Cohort and 2017 Transfer Cohort** had the privilege to meet Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for a reception and receiving line at BGSU’s Homecoming on October 14, 2017. Each student had the opportunity to personally thank the Thompsons for their financial support and share its impact.

“Thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart for helping me through these past four years financially. Thank you for helping me get to where I am today, now a BGSU Alum!”

— **Candace DuBetz (2014 Cohort)**

“Coming from a working family with five children, it is impossible for my parents to pay for our college education. With this scholarship, my parents are at ease knowing that they do not have to worry about me or my finances. Thank you so much for giving to others. You are both amazing role models and show us that we should always find a way to give!”

— **Gracyn Stechshulte (2017 Cohort)**

“You’ve given me a chance to have a better life and for that, there are not enough thank yous in the world! One day I hope to follow in your footsteps and give someone the chance to have a better life!”

— **Abdijbar Abas (2016 Cohort)**

“I am honestly extremely thankful for your generosity and the opportunity you have provided me to learn and improve myself. It’s been the difference in allowing me to come to college and for that I’m very grateful!”

— **Will Allen (2017 Cohort)**

“I truly believe that neither of you will ever truly understand the impact you have made on my life, and many other students. I can’t thank you enough!”

— **Rebekah Eversole (2015 Cohort)**

“I am beyond grateful that your family decided to take a chance on me, thus allowing me to pursue these passions. Your family has played a major role in me being able to pursue a higher education, and I cannot thank you enough. Thank you for investing in me and my future!”

— **Janae Johnson (2017 Cohort)**

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

## STUDENTS WITH 4.0 CUMULATIVE GPAS

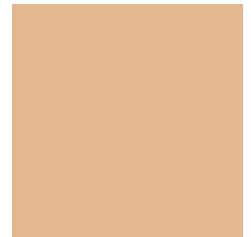
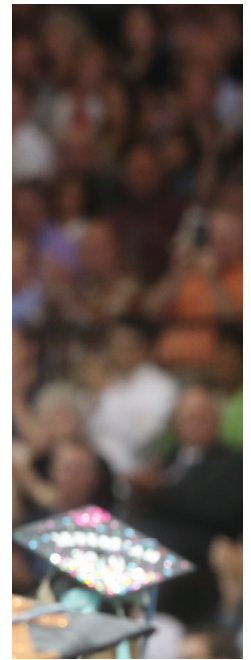
<b>Spring 2018 – 14 scholars:</b>	Janae Johnson (2017)	Gracyn Stechschulte (2017)
Sarah Adams (2014)	Adreanna Klepec (2017)	Emily Eikost (T2017)
Jace Clemens (2017)	Veronica Knott (2017)	Elizabeth Klopstein (T2017)
Breanna Ellerbrock (2017)	Jordyn Kuemerle (2017)	
Hannah Ferguson (2017)	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler (2017)	
Tessa Haselman (2017)	Callie Pfile (2017)	

## STUDENTS WITH 4.0 SEMESTER GPAS

<b>Fall 2017 – 23 scholars:</b>	Breanna Ellerbrock (2017)	<b>Spring 2018 – 26 scholars:</b>	Hannah Ferguson (2017)	Emily Eikost (T2017)
Sarah Adams (2014)	Hannah Ferguson (2017)	Sarah Adams (2014)	Tessa Haselman (2017)	James Hof (T2017)
Kristy Brooks (2014)	Tessa Haselman (2017)	Kristy Brooks (2014)	Janae Johnson (2017)	Elizabeth Klopstein (T2017)
Melissa Dureiko (2014)	Janae Johnson (2017)	Candace DuBetz (2014)	Adreanna Klepec (2017)	
Olivia Johnson (2014)	Adreanna Klepec (2017)	Courtney Keeney (2014)	Veronica Knott (2017)	
Jenna Bartholomew (2015)	Veronica Knott (2017)	Jenna Bartholomew (2015)	Jordyn Kuemerle (2017)	
Megan Harnish (2015)	Jordyn Kuemerle (2017)	Elizabeth Keller (2015)	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler (2017)	
Elizabeth Keller (2015)	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler (2017)	Madyson Gabriele (2016)	Kyrsten Nagypaul (2017)	
Megan Martin (2015)	Callie Pfile (2017)	Rachel Henry (2016)	Racheal Pelter (2017)	
Madyson Gabriele (2016)	Gracyn Stechschulte (2017)	Ryan Talbert (2016)	Callie Pfile (2017)	
Alexis Willis (2016)	Emily Eikost (T2017)	Jace Clemens (2017)	Gracyn Stechschulte (2017)	
Jace Clemens (2017)	Elizabeth Klopstein (T2017)	Breanna Ellerbrock (2017)	Megan Butler (T2017)	

## DEAN'S LIST

<b>Fall 2017 – 40 scholars:</b>	Jace Clemens (2017)	Elizabeth Klopstein (T2017)	Abigail Grilliot (2016)	Kyrsten Nagypaul (2017)
Sarah Adams (2014)	Breanna Ellerbrock (2017)	Cecilia Seibert (T2017)	Rachel Henry (2016)	Racheal Pelter (2017)
Candace DuBetz (2014)	Hannah Ferguson (2017)	Madison Smith (T2017)	Ryan Talbert (2016)	Callie Pfile (2017)
Melissa Dureiko (2014)	Tessa Haselman (2017)	<b>Spring 2018 – 45 scholars:</b>	William Allen (2017)	Kathlyn Richmond (2017)
Olivia Johnson (2014)	Janae Johnson (2017)	Sarah Adams (2014)	Alexis Armstrong (2017)	Gracyn Stechschulte (2017)
Courtney Keeney (2014)	Adreanna Klepec (2017)	Kristy Brooks (2014)	Norah Burge (2017)	Arthur Adams (T2017)
Shannon Turner (2014)	Veronica Knott (2017)	Candace DuBetz (2014)	Jace Clemens (2017)	Megan Butler (T2017)
Jenna Bartholomew (2015)	Jordyn Kuemerle (2017)	Olivia Johnson (2014)	Breanna Ellerbrock (2017)	Emily Eikost (T2017)
Lisa Gemmer (2015)	Jen Moodie (2017)	Courtney Keeney (2014)	Hannah Ferguson (2017)	James Hof (T2017)
Navier Grimes (2015)	Kyrsten Nagypaul (2017)	Jenna Bartholomew (2015)	Alexandria Freehoffer (2017)	Elizabeth Klopstein (T2017)
Megan Harnish (2015)	Racheal Pelter (2017)	Lisa Gemmer (2015)	Elizabeth Groth (2017)	Cecilia Seibert (T2017)
Elizabeth Keller (2015)	Callie Pfile (2017)	Navier Grimes (2015)	Tessa Haselman (2017)	Madison Smith (T2017)
Megan Martin (2015)	Kathlyn Richmond (2017)	Megan Harnish (2015)	Janae Johnson (2017)	
Bonnie Bailey (2016)	Gracyn Stechschulte (2017)	Megan Martin (2015)	Patrick Kinnear (2017)	
Michael Davis (2016)	Arthur Adams (T2017)	Bonnie Bailey (2016)	Adreanna Klepec (2017)	
Madyson Gabriel (2016)	Armani Borden (T2017)	Isabelle Breger (2016)	Veronica Knott (2017)	
Ryan Talbert (2016)	Megan Butler (T2017)	Michael Davis (2016)	Jordyn Kuemerle (2017)	
William Allen (2017)	Emily Eikost (T2017)	Madyson Gabriele (2016)	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler (2017)	
Gayge Carroll (2017)	James Hof (T2017)		Kortni Martin (2017)	



3.504

## TOTAL GPA AVERAGE

3.641

2014 COHORT

3.632

2015 COHORT

3.143

2016 COHORT

3.634

2017 COHORT

3.732

2017 TRANSFER COHORT

88.3%

PERCENT ABOVE 3.0 CUMULATIVE GPA

51.9%

PERCENT ABOVE 3.5 CUMULATIVE GPA

18%

PERCENT WITH 4.0 CUMULATIVE GPA

# GRATITUDE FOR THE THOMPSONS

“Without the help and generosity of your family and people like your family, I never would have been able to attend BGSU.”

— **Hannah Ferguson (2017 Cohort)**

“Without you, I would NOT be where I am today, and I am very thankful for you. Thank you for helping me to pursue my college degree and carry my family one step higher.”

— **Jade Hernandez (2016 Cohort)**

“Your generosity will not be forgotten, and because of it you have positively changed the lives of many. Thank you for your willingness to invest in the future; it changes lives and I believe that both of you have touched the hearts of many.”

— **Jenna Bartholomew (2015 Cohort)**

“Because of my involvement with this scholarship program, my time here at BGSU has been remarkable. I am so grateful to have an opportunity such as this one that keeps myself accountable for my academic excellence and involvement with the community.”

— **Megan Harnish (2015 Cohort)**

“As always, I would like to express my gratitude to you both for giving me the opportunity to relieve my financial stress so my focus can be on academics and living my best life at BGSU.

The values that you uphold are now ones that I hold close to me because of this scholarship.”

— **Olivia Johnson (2014 Cohort)**

“Having so many opportunities to make a difference and have a strong support group is making my college experience that much more memorable. Your generosity and compassion are what makes the difference to us scholars. I truly believe that having you and the scholarship staff as role models give us a chance to grow in our generosity and compassion.”

— **Adreanna Klepec (2017 Cohort)**



# THOMPSON WORKING FAMILY SCHOLAR GRADUATES

## 2014 COHORT



### SARAH ADAMS

Graduated in May - Summa Cum Laude

#### Post Grad Plans

Master's Degree in Mathematics at BGSU

#### Accomplishments

Top 10 Outstanding Senior Award; Outstanding Senior Mathematics Education Award; Class of 1926 Award (given to valedictorian).



### Melissa Dureiko

Graduated in December (semester early)

#### Post Grad Plans

Cambridge Education Group – Data Analyst

#### Accomplishments

Leadership roles in Alpha Chi Omega and Panhellenic Council



### Kristy Brooks

Graduated in May - Magna Cum Laude

#### Post Grad Plans

ViaQuest – Direct Support Personnel; graduate school next year

#### Accomplishments

BGSU Film Festival Award for Best Hair & Make-Up



### Olivia Johnson

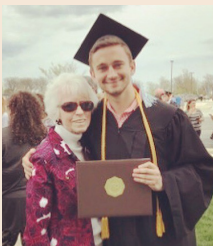
Graduated in May - Magna Cum Laude

#### Post Grad Plans

Gap year; then post-grad for possibly nursing or physician's assistant

#### Accomplishments

4 year Humane Society volunteer, Stone Ridge Golf Club Dining Room Supervisor, Alpha Phi – 2017 Social Media Chairman



### Ben Case

Graduated in May - Cum Laude

#### Post Grad Plans

Total Education Solutions – Behavior Specialist (for students with autism)

#### Accomplishments

Served as a Civic Action Leader; involved with Rally Cap Sports and Special Olympics



### Courtney Keeney

Graduated in May - Cum Laude

#### Post Grad Plans

Master's Degree in Public Administration at BGSU

#### Accomplishments

Published in undergraduate online journal – humanitarian aid and analysis of the system



### Rachel Cooper

Graduated in May

#### Post Grad Plans

Cooper Tire – Tax Analyst

#### Accomplishments

2017-18: VP of Donor Relations – Women in Business Leadership; coordinated their mentorship program



### Shannon Turner

Graduated in May - Cum Laude & University Honors

#### Post Grad Plans

Kansas (Topeka) Bureau of Investigations - Forensic Biologist

#### Accomplishments

Honors Project and conference presentations



### Candace DuBetz

Graduated in May - Cum Laude

#### Post Grad Plans

Kent State Ashtabula – Physical Therapy Assistant Program

#### Accomplishments

Spring Internship with Ohio Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Physical Therapy Clinic in Findlay. Passed her BOC exam to become a certified athletic trainer.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to the 2014 Cohort!

Proud of all your accomplishments and excited for everything to come! You are always welcome back home as a member of the Thompson Scholarship Family!

\*Chelsea Adams also of the 2014 Cohort graduated a year early in May 2017.

# PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/INVOLVEMENT

**Thompson Family Scholars are making a difference across campus**, involved in organizations ranging from Learning Communities to Greek Life to service or career-related student organizations. Many serve in leadership positions, mentor others, seek out professional experiences, and overall they are making a positive impact at BGSU and beyond.

**Sarah Adams (2014 Cohort)** with her BGSU chair at the Outstanding Senior Recognition. Sarah maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for her entire college career.



**Armani Borden (2017 Transfer Cohort)**, left, received honorable mention for one of her short films. She was featured at the BGSU Theatre and Film Festival, starring as an actress in one and helping direct two.

**Madyson Gabriele (2016 Cohort)** received the Lorrene & Vergil Ort/Kappa Delta Pi Scholarship at the College of Education & Human Development Banquet in April.



**Ethan Bores (2017 Cohort)** finished first place in the BGSU Homecoming 5k!



**Navier Grimes (2015 Cohort)** had an amazing opportunity to attend the International Media Seminar with her journalism class in March at the American University of Paris. Also, this year she was the Assistant Director for BG24 News and a production assistant for the WBGU PBS station, as well as continued to represent BGSU on the Dance Team. Navier was selected as a McNair Scholar and this summer is working on research and preparation for post-graduate work.



**Lizzie Groth (2017 Cohort)**, far right middle row, was a member of the Voices choral group and performed in their spring concert in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

**Courtney Cooper (2016 Cohort)** completed the Air Force Basic Military Training during the spring semester.





**Megan Harnish (2015 Cohort)** hosted a DIY Canvas Paint Event at the Perrysburg Area Senior Center.



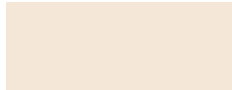
**Jade Hernandez (2016 Cohort)** served as a Vice President for Latino Student Union and spoke as a panelist as well as served as the MC for the Latino Issues Conference.



**Lizzie Keller (2015 Cohort)** received the 2018 Distinguished Service Award at the Greek Awards Banquet in April. This past year, she also served as the head of the philanthropy committee for Greek Weekend, and got elected as the next president of Order of Omega.



**Courtney Keeney (2014 Cohort)**, middle back row, attended the Model UN Conference in New York City. The team received an Honorable Mention Delegation award.



**Veronica Knott (2017 Cohort)** received the SSOE Group Scholarship at the College of Technology Architecture and Applied Engineering end of year banquet in April.



**Shannon Turner (2014 Cohort)** took a spring break service trip to Guatemala to help rebuild their community.

**Jen Moodie (2017 Cohort)** volunteered for the RSA Halloween Event October 2017. She was elected as VP of Accounting and Finance for RSA for the upcoming academic year and was also selected as an OWGL (opening weekend group leader).

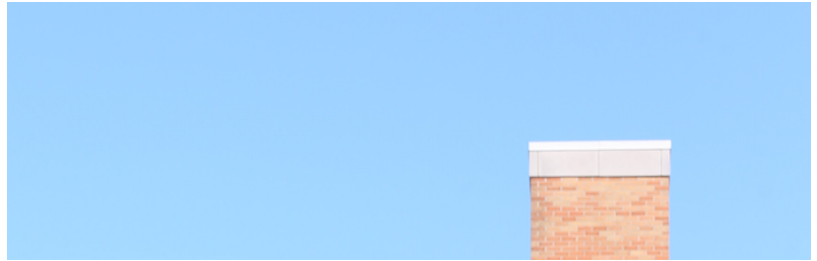


**Megan Martin (2014 Cohort)**, back row, served as the Local Missions and Group Admin Intern for H2O Church during the spring semester and summer. She helped organize a local service event over spring break for members to complete yard work for BG City Schools.



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