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Bowling Green State University and our students have been blessed by the generous financial support from Robert and Ellen Thompson who founded the Thompson Scholarship for Working Families and from other donors who have contributed to support the mission of providing need-based opportunities for BGSU students to have access to and achieve their college education. We also want to thank all those who gave on BGSU's "One Day" of Giving to support Thompson Scholarship Programs. This year in review captures just some of the highlights from our program and students!

91.3%

First-Year Retention
(2018 Cohort)



92.9%

Transfer Cohort Retention
(2018 Transfer Cohort)



96.3%

Achievement Retention
(2018 Achievement Cohort)



2018-2019 Thompson Family Scholars

THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Thompson Scholarship Programs supports three populations: a **Freshmen** Cohort (4 year award for incoming first-year students); an **Achievement** Cohort (3 year award for rising sophomores); and a **Transfer** Cohort (2 year award for students who transfer to BGSU). Our staff meets with each Thompson Family Scholar throughout the year in one-on-one and group settings to provide holistic support from orientation through graduation. We seek to provide opportunities for Thompson Family Scholars to Connect, Engage, and Serve while at BGSU and beyond! Our Summer Link Program, Tuesday Night Common Time, Student Leadership Team Meetings, and weekly lunches are just a few ways we engage our scholars!

TFS Common Time

Our Tuesday Night Common Times included opportunities for social events, de-stress events, service activities including creating homesick bags and stress kits, and academic/career programming including a time management and resume workshop.



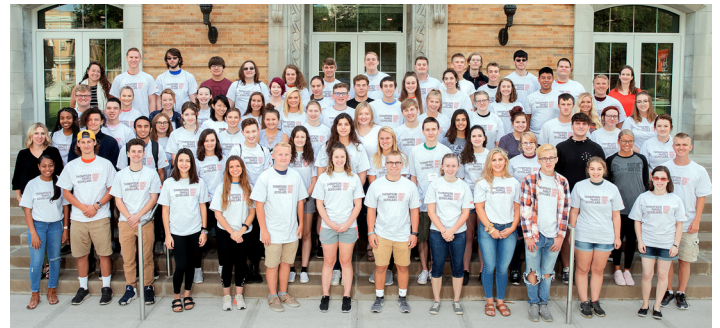
De-Stress Event



TFS Potluck

Summer Link Program

The Program was a huge success with 67 of the 80 incoming first-year recipients attending our first-ever program from August 21-23, 2018. They participated in activities and programming to support their transition to BGSU and set them up for success as Thompson Family Scholars.



2018 Cohort members who attended the Summer Link Program.



Summer Link Student Leaders

Front Row: Janae Johnson, Lisa Gemmer;
Back Row: Breanna Ellerbrock, Patrick Kinnear,
Dionna Sorrells, Sierra Nathans;
Not Pictured: Oshionna Lee-Hicks

“When I heard about the Summer Link Program, I was so excited. In those two days, I met and made friends with so many other Thompson Scholars that I still talk to every day. The advisors did everything they could to start us off on the right foot and help us feel prepared to be successful at BG. Thanks to the Summer Link Program, my semester is off to an amazing start!”

— **Kylee Gmuca** (2018 Cohort)

In Fall 2018, we officially welcomed our first Achievement Cohort with 80 scholars. These first-year students were selected for the scholarship in March 2018 and attended their orientation in April. They will receive the Thompson Scholarship for Working Families for their remaining three years at BGSU.



1,124+ one-on-ones took place for 2018-19 academic year

Jadyn Cline (2018 Achievement Cohort) speaks about his experience as a Thompson Family Scholar during the Orientation in April for the new 2019 Achievement Cohort. 125 Achievement Scholars will officially join the program in August 2019.



With the growing numbers over the next several years, the Thompson Scholarship Programs staff hosted a professional development session for academic advisors across campus to learn more about the scholarship and how we support our students which span all the college areas. **Janae Johnson (2017) and Bonnie Bailey (2016)** were able to share from a student perspective how this scholarship has changed their lives.

MEET THE STAFF/ADVISORS



Left Photo: Thompson Scholarship Programs Staff: (L to R) Jason Nankivell, Kristin Payne, Mary Kay Inkrott, Rachel Bensink

Right Photo: First-year graduate advisor Jason celebrates with second-year, Rachel, who graduated in May with her Master's in College Student Personnel (CSP). Rachel was the first graduate advisor for Thompson Scholarship Programs and was instrumental in building the foundation for the program. Rachel also received the 2019 CSP Graduate Student of the Year Award.

THOMPSON WORKING FAMILY

2015 COHORT



Jenna Bartholomew

Graduated December 2018 - Summa Cum Laude

Major

Criminal Justice (Forensic Investigations)

Organizations

Alpha Kappa Delta; International Sociology Society

Post Grad Plans

John Jay College (CUNY) Master of Public Administration - MPA, Inspection, and Oversight



Rebekah Eversole

Graduated May 2019

Major

Accounting & Mathematics

Organizations

Chi Omega; Academic Investment in Math and Science (AIMS)

Accomplishments

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, undergraduate researcher (Summer 2016); Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, internal audit intern (Summer 2018)

Post Grad Plans

Accountant with Cintas



Sam Gronow

Graduated May 2019 - Cum Laude

Major

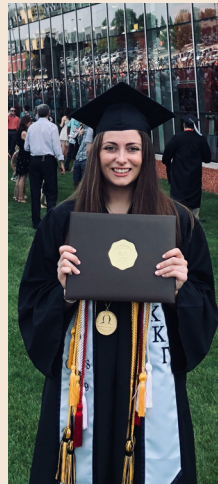
Supply Chain Management / International Business

Accomplishments

College of Business Student Ambassador; Dean's Scholar; College of Business Peer Leader; Rally Cap Sports - Executive Finance; Women in Business Leadership; Internships with Nationwide, Marathon, and Honda

Post Grad Plans

Interior Plastics Buyer at Honda in Marysville, Ohio



Elizabeth (Lizzie) Keller

Graduated May 2019 - Summa Cum Laude

Major

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Organizations

Order of Omega, President; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Vice President of Academic Excellence; Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma; National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Accomplishments

Study Abroad to Spain; 2018 Distinguished Service Award

Post Grad Plans

1st Grade Teacher with Marion City Schools

2018 TRANSFER COHORT



Armani Borden

Graduated May 2019

Major

Film Production

Accomplishments

Won Best in Show in the Film and Media Festival for "Party Favor"

Post Grad Plans

Become a screenwriter, actress, and director



Emily Eikost

Graduated May 2019 - Summa Cum Laude

Major

English

Accomplishments

Worked through college as a specialist for the Career Readiness Program teaching GED classes at Owens Community College; Graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average

Post Grad Plans

Graduate School for English in Fall 2020

SCHOLAR GRADUATES



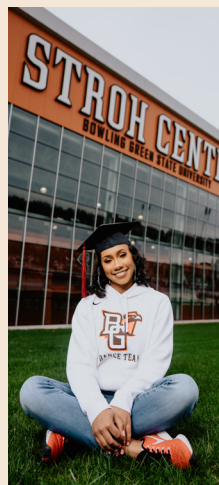
Elizabeth (Lisa) Gemmer

Graduated May 2019 - Cum Laude & University Honors

Major & Minor
Political Science & Aviation

Accomplishments
Completed Honors Project on "Aviation Sustainability"; Served as a Student Leader for 2018 Summer Link Program

Post Grad Plans
Job searching locally with long-term plans to work in the aviation industry in management or sustainability



Navier Grimes

Graduated May 2019

Major
Broadcast Journalism

Accomplishments
Interned with WTOL Channel 11 News; BG24 News Reporter; BGSU Dance Team

Post Grad Plans
University of Southern California to pursue a Master's degree in Strategic Public Relations



Megan Martin

Graduated May 2019 - Magna Cum Laude

Major
Middle Childhood Education

Student Teaching
Eisenhower Intermediate, 6th Grade Language Arts and Social Studies

Accomplishments
Academic Peer Mentor Team Lead

Post Grad Plans
Accepted a Graduate Assistantship in the Master's of Reading Program at BGSU



2018 ACHIEVEMENT COHORT



Annaliese Keiser

Graduated May 2019 - Cum Laude

Major
Mathematics

Accomplishments
Youngest graduate at 17 years old for the May 2019 Commencement graduating two years early; Tutored math for three years at the Learning Commons

Post Grad Plans
Master's in Mathematics at the University of Michigan

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations and best wishes to our graduates! We are proud of you and look forward to the amazing things you will accomplish as BGSU Alumni!

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENTS WITH 4.0 CUMULATIVE GPAS

Jessica Bragg	Hannah Ferguson	Jordyn Kuemerle	Kaitlyn Niek	Alexander Rudzinski
Angeline Cirino	Linnea Forbes	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler	Lena Nighswander	Gabriel Sayer
Tristan Conklin	Kylee Gmuca	Jordyn Lenox	Ryan Olee	Lauren Scherette
Charles Copeland	Quinn Gordon	Leslee Liberadzki	Julia Orshoski	Catherine Sestokas
Sabryna Creech	Jennifer Grabel	Emma Marsh	Christine Painter	Scarlet Sevits
Kelli Curcillo	Tessa Haselman	Madisyn McCoy	Jordan Parker	Rachel Suzor
Sophia DeBord	Felicity Jinnings	Nolan McHugh	Amanda Pobega	Tammarind Turner
Fiely Destiney	Ian Kenny	Estee Miller	Grace Portentoso	Kyle Walny
Emily Eikost	Emily Kepple	Alexis Mills	Mikey Ragusa	Claire Wilkinson
Maya Elias	Adreanna Klepec	Russell Molter	Natalie Ray	Andrew Wood
Kassidy Fark	Veronica Knott	Laura Mosler	Peyton Riddell	

STUDENTS WITH 4.0 SEMESTER GPAS

Fall 2018 – 88 scholars:	Emily Kepple	Madison Smith	Kassidy Fark	Kyrsten Nagypaul
Jenna Bartholomew	Adreanna Klepec	Simon Stock	Hannah Ferguson	Kaitlyn Niek
Colton Battin	Elizabeth Klopstein	Jace Stockwell	Cameron Flynn	Lena Nighswander
Hayley Boysel	Veronica Knott	Rachel Suzor	Linnea Forbes	Ryan Olee
Jessica Bragg	Jordyn Kuemerle	Tamarind Turner	Alexandria Freehoffer	Julia Orshoski
Angeline Cirino	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler	Alicia Vanscorder	Madysyn Gabriele	Christine Painter
Tristan Conklin	Jordyn Lenox	Kyle Walny	Megan Gercak	Jordan Parker
Kate Cook	Leslee Liberadzki	Jessie Walton	Kylee Gmuca	Morgan Pesnell
Charles Copeland	Jesse Luther	Blaire Wehrley	Quinn Gordon	Bailee Pihlblad
Sabryna Creech	Erin Lynch	Clarke Wheeler	Jennifer Grabel	Amanda Pobega
Kelli Curcillo	Emma Marsh	Claire Wilkinson	Elizabeth Groth	Grace Portentoso
Sophia DeBord	Megan Martin	Andrew Wood	Tessa Haselman	Valerie Prunty
Fiely Destiney	Madisyn McCoy	Taylor Zeller	Jami Hinz	Michael Ragusa
Hannah Dunn	Nolan McHugh	Spring 2019 – 96 scholars:	James Hof	Natalie Ray
Emily Eikost	Estee Miller	Emily Ackerman	Zolee Howard	Kathlyn Richmond
Maya Elias	Alexis Mills	Bonnie Bailey	Felicity Jinnings	Peyton Riddell
Kassidy Fark	Russell Molter	Colton Battin	Janae Johnson	Alexander Rudzinski
Hannah Ferguson	Laura Mosler	Samuel Beaver	Meadow Kaye	Gabriel Sayer
Cameron Flynn	Kaitlyn Niek	Jessica Bragg	Annaliese Keiser	Lauren Scherette
Linnea Forbes	Lena Nighswander	Norah Burge	Elizabeth Keller	Zachary Schneider
Corey Frank	Ryan Olee	Megan Butler	Ian Kenny	Brynna Schroeder
Megan Gercak	Julia Orshoski	Angeline Cirino	Emily Kepple	Audrey Schweers
Ahmad Ghanim	Christine Painter	Jace Clemens	Adreanna Klepec	Catherine Sestokas
Chambers Glenn	Jordan Parker	Jadyn Cline	Veronica Knott	Olivia Sevits
Kylee Gmuca	Amanda Pobega	Tristan Conklin	Jordyn Kuemerle	Scarlet Sevits
Quinn Gordon	Grace Portentoso	Kate Cook	Cecilia Kuss-Shivler	Gracyn Stechschulte
Jennifer Grabel	Michael Ragusa	Charles Copeland	Jordyn Lenox	Simon Stock
Samantha Gronow	Natalie Ray	Kayla Crawford	Leslee Liberadzki	Rachel Suzor
Megan Harnish	Elizabeth Richmond	Sabryna Creech	Emma Marsh	Alexander Telzrow
Tessa Haselman	Peyton Riddell	Kelli Curcillo	Kortni Martin	Tamarind Turner
Jason Hernandez	Alexander Rudzinski	Michael Davis	Jared Mayberry	Kyle Walny
James Hof	Gabriel Sayer	Sophia DeBord	Madisyn McCoy	Claire Wilkinson
Faith Hofacker	Lauren Scherette	Robert Dunham	Nolan McHugh	Andrew Wood
Hunter Huffman	Audrey Schweers	Emily Eikost	Carly Miller	Cori Zickel
Felicity Jinnings	Catherine Sestokas	Maya Elias	Estee Miller	Nicole Zimmerman
Meadow Kaye	Olivia Sevits	Breanna Ellerbrock	Alexis Mills	
Elizabeth Keller	Scarlet Sevits	Anna Fargo	Russell Molter	
Ian Kenny	Kacie Smith		Laura Mosler	

D E A N ' S L I S T

Fall 2018 – 31 scholars:

Marra Aldredge
 Jenna Bartholomew
 Kialynne Bland
 Megan Bulter
 Glenn Chambers
 Isela Cook
 Catherine Curry
 Michael Davis
 Fiely Destiney
 Madyson Gabriele
 Seth Grine
 Elizabeth Groth
 Megan Harnish
 Olivia Hedderly
 James Hof
 Hunter Huffman
 Elizabeth Keller
 Elizabeth Klopstein
 Jesse Luther
 Erin Lynch
 Megan Martin
 Hannah Natzke
 Erika Prusak
 Michael Ragusa
 Sara Ripploh
 Alexander Rudzinski
 Colin Sampson
 Cecilia Seibert
 Morghan Strayer
 Tamarind Turner
 Nicole Zimmerman

Spring 2019 – 31 scholars:

Sana Ali
 William Allen
 Armani Borden
 Isabelle Breger
 Dylan Byers
 Megan Carmen
 Cassandra Clark
 Jace Clemens
 Courtney Cooper
 Angel Dennis
 Anna Fargo
 Navier Grimes
 Taylor Holtman
 Annaliese Keiser
 Patrick Kinnear
 Carly Miller
 Sierra Nathans
 Julia Orshoski
 Morgan Pesnell
 Clark Ping
 Tyler Raab
 Hanna Rhodes
 Kathlyn Richmond
 Noah Roscoe
 Dionna Sorrells
 Corynn Spahr
 Jace Stockwell
 Shelby Stoneman
 Ryan Talbert
 Alexis Willis
 Trey Yates

Both Semesters – 120 scholars:

Emily Ackerman
 Madyson Aguinaga
 Bonnie Bailey
 Colton Battin
 Samuel Beaver
 Mycah Blevins
 Jessica Bragg
 Hayley Boysel
 Norah Burge
 Capri Catania
 Emma Childers
 Angeline Cirino
 Jadyne Cline
 Tristan Conklin
 Kate Cook
 Charles Copeland
 Deborah Corson
 Kayla Crawford
 Sabryna Creech
 Kelli Curcillo
 Sophia DeBord
 Kylie Dible
 Mason Dicke
 Noah Diehl
 Robert Dunham
 Hannah Dunn
 Emily Eikost
 Maya Elias
 Breanna Ellerbrock
 Joseph Fargo
 Cassidy Fark
 Hannah Ferguson
 Linnea Forbes
 Cameron Flynn
 Corey Frank
 Alexandria Freehoffer
 Gavin Friedrichsen
 Elizabeth Gemmer
 Megan Gercak

Ahmad Ghanim
 Kylee Gmuca
 Quinn Gordon
 Jennifer Grabel
 Abigail Grilliot
 Samantha Gronow
 Richard Hansel
 Tessa Haselman
 Samantha Hastings
 Trevor Hensley
 Jason Hernandez
 Jami Hinz
 Faith Hofacker
 Gracie Hollingsworth
 Zolee Howard
 Morgan Jaquis
 Felicity Jinnings
 Janae Johnson
 Joshua Kagy
 Meadow Kaye
 Stephen Kells
 Ian Kenny
 Emily Kepple
 Adreanna Klepec
 Veronica Knott
 Jordyn Kuemerle
 Cecilia Kuss-Shivler
 Jordyn Lenox
 Caitlin Lewis
 Callaghan Lewis
 Leslee Liberadzki
 Emma Marsh
 Kortni Martin
 Olivia Martin
 Jared Mayberry
 Madisyn McCoy
 Nolan McHugh
 Estee Miller
 Alexis Mills
 Russell Molter
 Laura Mosler

Kyrsten Nagypaul
 Kaitlyn Niek
 Lena Nighswander
 Ryan Olee
 Christine Painter
 Michael Palichleb
 Jordan Parker
 Bailee Pihlblad
 Alexa Plantado
 Amanda Pobega
 Grace Portentosio
 Valerie Prunty
 Natalie Ray
 Elizabeth Richmond
 Peyton Riddell
 Gabriel Sayer
 Lauren Scherette
 Zachery Schneider
 Brynna Schroeder
 Audrey Schweers
 Catherine Sestokas
 Olivia Sevits
 Scarlet Sevits
 Abigail Shifley
 Kacie Smith
 Gracy Stechschulte
 Sawyer Stippich
 Simon Stock
 Rachel Suzor
 Alexander Telzrow
 Alicia Vanscoder
 Kyle Walny
 Jessie Walton
 Blaire Wehrley
 Jacqueline Weir
 Clarke Wheeler
 Claire Wilkinson
 Andrew Wood
 Taylor Zeller
 Cora Zickel

STAND OUT.

3.65

TOTAL SCHOLAR GPA AVERAGE

69%

PERCENT ABOVE 3.5 CUMULATIVE GPA

23%

PERCENT WITH 4.0 CUMULATIVE GPA

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service Impact includes: Wood County Humane Society; Friday Night Lights; Black Swamp Arts Festival; BG Alternative Breaks; Literacy in the Park; St. Baldrick's; Dance Marathon; BGSU Mobile Food Pantry; Blood Drives; Church Events; BGSU President's Day; Rally Cap Sports; and many more



Lizzie Keller (2014 Cohort) helped with a school supply donation drive in her hometown to support students in need and emphasize the importance of education.



Thompson Scholarship Programs coordinated bagels and letters of thanks for our BGSU veterans in conjunction with their annual Wreath Ceremony around Veteran's Day. One of our Thompson Family Scholars **Bonnie Bailey (2016 Cohort)** is a veteran.



235 students completed 6,429+ service hours for the 2018-19 academic year

Artie Adams (2017 Cohort), Keelie Speckert (2016 Cohort), and Megan Carmen (2018 Cohort) volunteered to help with BGSU's Literacy in the Park event on May 4.



Rachel Suzor (2018 Transfer Cohort) volunteered at one of the tents at the Black Swamp Arts Festival in September.



Zolee Howard (2018 Achievement Cohort) raised \$1258.94 and was awarded a Top Fundraiser medal for raising the highest amount of money for the St. Baldrick's Event on-campus to support childhood cancer research. Zolee donated 24 inches of hair!



Erin Lynch (2018 Achievement Cohort), on the right, coordinated a service event for Alpha Omicron Pi to partner with HopefulRI to make fleece blankets for orphaned children in Rhode Island. Because of the success of the event it will be a service event continued each year. Erin was also involved in many other service projects including a weekly food bank and volunteered for a total of 210 hours this academic year!

Led by Thompson Scholarship Programs Graduate Advisor Rachel Bensink, five Thompson Family Scholars participated in a service camping trip put on by BG Alternative Breaks and Outdoor Programs. The group helped Schooner Farms prepare for a busy season of growing fresh food, flowers, and lavender organically.

Thompson Scholarship Programs organized monthly group service opportunities for Thompson Family Scholars to participate in during the 2018-19 academic year.



In August, new Thompson Family Scholars who participated in the Summer Link Program assisted with BGSU's Move-In Day!



On September 29, **Leslee Liberadzki (2018 Transfer Cohort)**, **Hannah Natzke (2018 Achievement Cohort)** and other Thompson Family Scholars volunteered to help at stations in the "Flight Zone" for BGSU's STEM in the Park.



November 8 is the National 1st Gen Celebration Day. BGSU hosted several events to highlight our students who neither parent has earned a four-year degree. Some of our first-generation Thompson Family Scholars from the 2018 Cohort (**Laura Mosler, Morgan Pesnell, Kaitlyn Niek, and Kylee Gmuca**) helped promote this day at the union tables.



At the beginning of October, more than 25 Thompson Family Scholars volunteered between two shifts to help the Bowling Green Parks process native plant seeds for future use in the Wintergarden/St. John's Nature Preserve.



For December's group service event, **Julia Orshoski (2018 Achievement Cohort)** and other Thompson Family Scholars volunteered with community members at a Family Christmas Workshop, hosted by the First United Methodist Church, at Crim Elementary.



In February, Thompson Family Scholars volunteered at a spaghetti dinner to support the Black Swamp Ice Frogs, a local children's hockey team.



Graduate Advisor Jason Nankivell coordinated our March group event during Sibs 'N Kids Weekend for BGSU students and their siblings/families. Prior to the event, our office accepted stuffed animal donations in which attendees could write a back-story for fun about each animal. The stuffed animals and their stories were then donated to Stuffed Animals for Emergencies, a non-profit organization that gives back to children in need.

25+ Thompson Family Scholars packed 151 boxes (32,616 meals) in 2 hours for our April group service event with Feed My Starving Children. Several volunteered multiple shifts to support this all-day event which sends packaged meals overseas for malnourished children.



In May, Thompson Family Scholars helped to clear overgrown brush at Simpson Garden Park in Bowling Green.



PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

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.



Jessie Walton (2018 Achievement Cohort) helped with the BGSU Science day, helping children learn about the STEM program and engage in activities to further their love for education and science.



Griffin Spilman (2018 Achievement Cohort) visited Australia and Bali during a study abroad experience. Griffin said of his experience: "I have made so many memories during my time abroad and I totally couldn't do it without the Thompson Family Scholarship, which I am so grateful for!"

Marra Aldredge (2018 Achievement Cohort) climbed Machu Picchu, met locals, and learned about their culture during her study abroad experience in Peru.

Estee Miller (2018 Achievement Cohort), in the middle next to President Rogers, was the Vice President of Late Night Programming for the University Activities Organization and had a large helping hand in planning the Falcon Finale, an end of year celebration with fireworks, live entertainment, food, crafts, and more that reached over 1,200 students.



Mikey Ragusa (2018 Cohort) is the 2019 National Champion for Dramatic Interpretation in speech and debate. Mikey was also the lead in the play, *The Sleeper*, was cast in his first main stage production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and was the only freshman cast in *Broadway Cares*. Mikey also served as treasurer for MuTS (musical theatre student organization).



Gabe Sayer (2018 Cohort), middle, with other Thompson Family Scholars at the Thompson Dedication Ceremony. Gabe serves as a Student Ambassador for the College of Business. This Spring he was recognized for outstanding academic performance in the department of Finance and was initiated into the professional business fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.



Anna Fargo and Sawyer Stippich (both 2018 Achievement Cohort) volunteering for the "Green Team" at one of BGSU's football games this past fall. This year Sawyer had two poems published by *Sonder Midwest*, a literary journal based in the Quad Cities. Her first poem, *Pan di Spagna*, focuses on the way society can force acts of kindness towards those who do not deserve it. Her second poem, *Student Poet*, is a structured slam poem that comments on the tropes connected to fine arts students.

Clarke Wheeler (2018 Achievement Cohort) was a Champions Program Honoree through the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Leslee Liberadzki (2018 Transfer Cohort) was presented with the Outstanding Junior Award from the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association banquet.



Corynn Spahr (2018 Achievement Cohort), front center, attended the Model U.N. Conference in New York City. The BGSU team earned honorable mention.

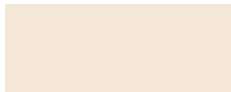


Estee Miller (2018 Achievement Cohort) received the Julie Ann Snyder Legacy Award for exemplifying authenticity, loyalty, and integrity in leadership. Estee received the Resident Advisor of the Year Award; she also served as the Director of Service for the National Residence Hall Honorary.



Elizabeth Richmond (2018 Achievement Cohort), third from left, was elected onto the executive board of the Tau Beta Sigma chapter of Alpha Xi as the secretary and membership chair for next year.

Veronica Knott (2017 Cohort) was a Product Management Intern for Tuttle Construction.



Navier Grimes (2015 Cohort) was a recipient of the TRIO Directors Award (award for students who show hardwork and dedication inside and outside the classroom at BGSU).



Anna Fargo and Grace Weir (both 2018 Achievement Cohort) spent the summer as Orientation Leaders for SOAR! (pictured with Kristin Payne, their scholarship advisor)



Caitlyn McNulty and Hannah Natzke (both 2018 Achievement Cohort) riding horses in Santorini, Greece. The two studied abroad with the Strasbourg Business School in France during Spring 2019 and had the opportunity to visit 15 countries and 33 cities in four months! Some of their highlights included visiting the Buckingham Palace, Giants Causeway in Northern Ireland, Trevi Fountain in Rome, Ruins of Delphi in Greece, and Nuechwanstein Castle.

Jadyn Cline (2018 Achievement Cohort) and Janae Johnson (2017 Cohort) represented BGSU with President Rogers at the Ohio Statehouse advocating for higher education funding.



Isabelle Breger (2016 Cohort) attended a networking trip to Washington D.C. sponsored by the Career Center and had the opportunity to tour our nation's capital.

THOMPSON DEDICATION CEREMONY

Thompson Family Scholars gathered with the BGSU community at the Bowen-Thompson Quadrangle Dedication Ceremony on May 10 to honor and celebrate Bob and Ellen Thompson for their giving to the University and their generous support of scholarships for BGSU students.



Armani Borden and others shake hands with Mr. Thompson to express their thanks and appreciation for changing their lives through their scholarship.



Jordan Parker personally thanks the Thompsons for their generosity.



Bonnie Bailey and Janae Johnson present Mr. and Mrs. Thompson with a basket full of notes expressing gratitude and appreciation from each of the Thompson Scholars. Bonnie and Janae spoke on behalf of the recipients of the Thompson Scholarship for Working Families. A Thompson Military Scholar (Andrew Kling) and President's Leadership Academy Thompson Scholar (Ashlee Norman) also spoke at the event.



GRATITUDE FOR THE THOMPSONS

"This scholarship changed my life, not just because of the financial aspect, but also because of the example that you both set for me to follow. Thank you for showing me that kindness, compassion and service are worth more than any amount of money in the world."

— **Kassidy Fark (2018 Cohort)**

"Having this scholarship and the support it brings helped me to be able to afford college and be able to become a first-generation college student. Without your kindness I do not think I would be in college right now."

— **Stephen Buga (2018 Cohort)**

"Receiving the Thompson Family Scholarship was a life saver, enabling me to attend BGSU. I would like to thank you so much for this incredible opportunity. It is an honor, privilege and pleasure to be counted amongst the ranks of Thompson Family Scholars."

— **Mike Palichleb (2018 Transfer Cohort)**

"This opportunity that has been graciously given, replenishes my hope that there are good people in this world. Hearing your story and how this scholarship came to be, inspires me to carry on your legacy even after I am through here at Bowling Green. My hope is that I always think of others and find ways to help make the world a better place."

— **Catherine Sestokas (2018 Transfer Cohort)**



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GRATITUDE FOR THE PROGRAM

“I am extremely happy with my acceptance into the scholarship program. Money aside, I am incredibly grateful to be surrounded by people that are rooting for my success and people who are willing to help me reach my goals.”

— Capri Catania —
(2018 Achievement Cohort)

“I love how this scholarship is something I can be proud to be a part of; the people involved in the program are great. While it’s only been two weeks since I’ve been on campus with the Thompson Scholars Program, I can already see the importance of community and togetherness with the program. I am very thankful for this scholarship. It’s more than just money to me; it is a community that believes in giving back to the community. The program promotes hard work and honesty and I am proud to be a part of this organization.”

— Hannah Dunn —
(2018 Cohort)



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