

Thompson Scholarship Programs



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CONNECT. ENGAGE. SERVE.

Thompson Family Scholars and their families continue to be blessed by the vision and generosity of Robert and Ellen Thompson, who founded the Thompson Working Families Scholarship to provide access to higher education via need-based opportunities for BGSU students. Our scholars continue to excel academically and are deeply involved in the community. Every day, we hear from students about their amazing accomplishments and the exciting experiences afforded them by this program. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and all those who have contributed to support the Thompsons' mission and legacy. Please enjoy highlights of our program and our students from this past year!

The Thompson Working Families Scholarship provides funding for three populations of recipients: our **Traditional** Cohort (four-year award for incoming first-year students); our **Achiever** Cohort (three-year award for rising sophomores); and our **Transfer** Cohort (two-year award for students who transfer to BGSU with four semesters left in their degree program).

First-Year Retention
(2021 Cohort)

88.4%
(153/173 returning)

Transfer Retention
(2021 Cohort)

88.9%
(8/9 returning)

Achiever Retention
(2021 Cohort)

93.2%
(137/147 returning)



MEET THE THOMPSON TEAM

2021-22 Thompson Scholarship Programs Staff (L to R):
Jason Nankivell, Dae'lyn Do, Morgan Alexander-Coster, Kristin Payne,
Marianne Geisbuhler, Mary Kay Inkrott Hiser, Shontel Smith, Kayla
Ballinger and Nick Malendowski

**Congratulations and Thank You to our graduating Graduate
Advisors:** Morgan Alexander-Coster and Shontel Smith

Thompson Scholarship Programs

Beyond the financial benefit of the scholarship, our office strives to provide holistic support for each scholar. We serve as a springboard for growth while creating opportunities to connect, engage and serve from the time our scholars attend orientation through their graduation.

Scholarship Advisor

Each Thompson Family Scholar has a personal scholarship advisor they meet with one-on-one every semester. Our advisors provide support and guidance, reaching out and communicating with our scholars throughout the year to ensure they stay on track for success.

Our staff conducted 2,850 one-on-ones throughout the academic year, as well as hosted "Meet Your Advisor" small group sessions for our new cohorts.

BGSU 1910

In fall 2021, our staff taught six Thompson sections of BGSU 1910 for 105 Thompson Family Scholars. This one-credit hour class focuses on the concepts of Life Design and on cultivating skills for creating a meaningful and productive life while at BGSU and after. Thank you to the following scholars who served as teaching assistants for these classes: Ciera Gambrell, Sam Herman, Jess Hrich, Arin Kreill, Allissa Pow and Claire Smith.



Summer Link Program and Orientation

Our Summer Link helps our incoming first-year scholars acclimate to college life before the semester begins. Our staff and Summer Link Student Leaders facilitated programming helping new scholars connect, engage and serve together over several days. Participants connected with our staff and other scholars, learned about scholarship requirements and support, became familiar with academic resources, participated in personal and professional development sessions and got a jumpstart on their service hours.

During Summer Link 2021, 107 scholars participated in a variety of sessions including time management, imposter syndrome, meaningful service, Life Design and more. They also competed as teams in the TFS Olympics!



A HUGE thank you to all our Summer Link Student Leaders: Kaitlyn Balkcom, Macy Diaz-Southard, Mia Dmytrenko, Anna Doucette, Abbey Eggleton, Emily Foltz, Gavin Gunnoe, Raegan Hall, Steven Iwanek, Arin Kreill, Emma Kreill, Erika Prusak, Kylie Stanley, Noel Taylor and Faith Vermilyea



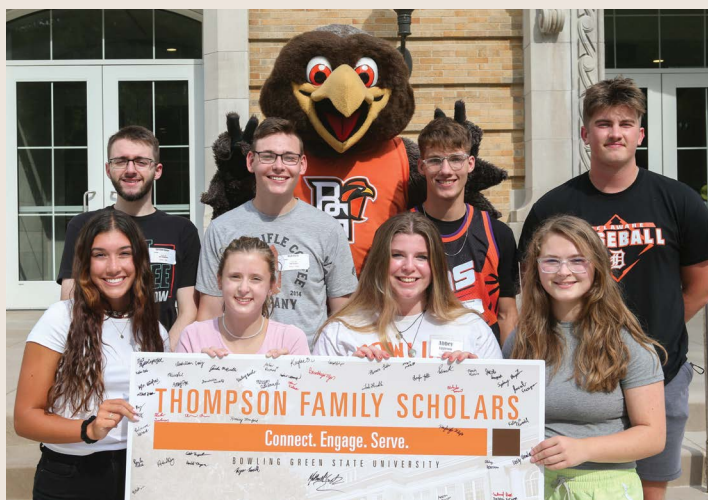
TFS Student Leadership Team

This year, we established a new structure for our Student Leadership Team. Sixteen scholars served on the leadership team as scholar representatives or as interns for our service, professional development and social initiatives. Members of the Student Leadership Team attended weekly meetings and celebrated a year of great work with a cookout at the end of the academic year.

- 318.5 total service hours earned through leadership team involvement
- Hosted 11 socials, 10 personal or professional development events and four service events
- 140 different scholars attended events planned by the leadership team



Freddie and Freida Falcon joined in the Summer Link closing ceremony.



TFS Social Media Interns

Three Thompson Family Scholars supported our program as social media interns by managing our Instagram (@bgsu_tfs). They advertised events and service opportunities, highlighted fellow scholars and hosted "Staff Trivia" to increase connections between our staff and scholars.

Community Service

One of the most important aspects of the Thompson Working Families Scholarship is service. Our goal to help our scholars cultivate hearts committed to serving others, just like Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Our staff and TFS Student Leadership Team organized more than 20 group service opportunities with campus and community partners during the 2021-22 academic year.

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STUDENTS COMPLETED **23,535+** SERVICE HOURS FOR THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

26.3

AVERAGE HOURS PER SCHOLAR

TFS Service Trip: In March 2021, a group of 11 scholars and three staff members traveled to Detroit for our first-ever TFS service trip. While there, we worked with Cass Community Social Services. This Detroit-based agency has a person-centered philosophy and is dedicated to providing food, housing, health services and job programs for those in need.



Food and Hygiene Products Drive

In both fall 2021 and spring 2022, Thompson Family Scholars collected and donated food and hygiene items for the BGSU Food Pantry, Dean of Students Grab N Go Bags and Brown Bag Food Project.

Fall 2021 (October-November)
3,019 items

Spring 2022 (March-April)
4,175 items



We also won two food drive competitions

Thompson Family Scholars won the "Pizza with a Purpose" and "Soup or Bowl?" competitions hosted by the Undergraduate Student Government. These accomplishments earned our scholars a celebratory pizza party with President Rogers.

Valentine's Day Card Making Event and Social

The TFS Student Leadership Team hosted a nostalgic Valentine's Day social where attendees swapped candy and valentines and crafted valentines for the Ronald McDonald Foundation and the residents of Bowling Green Manor.



Green Game Day Cleanup

Green Game Day is a collaboration between BGSU Athletics and Campus Sustainability to reduce waste at every home football game. Our scholars volunteered in large groups, which allowed them to give back to the campus community and connect with other scholars while serving.

"The Green Game Day cleanup was a fun experience that allowed me to meet so many new people from campus, as well as help the community of BG. It was a small gesture that helped in more ways than one, and it was super fun." - BAILEY SMITH (A2021 Cohort)



Dog Toy Making

In November 2021, the TFS Student Leadership Team hosted a group service event where scholars created more than 100 cat and dog toys from old T-shirts for local animal shelters and the area humane society.



Postcard Group Service

In February 2022, Thompson Family Scholars created and decorated handwritten postcards to be sent out to our incoming 2022 Cohort.



Bookmark Making Group Service

In March 2022, our TFS Service Interns planned a group service event where scholars crafted handmade bookmarks for the Liberation Library, an organization dedicated to providing books to youths in prison to encourage imagination, self-determination and connection to society.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS



"I enjoyed being outside and physically working at the Wood County Park's greenhouse. It felt like the work that I would help my grandpa with or if I were gardening."

–TIMOTHY CHANDLER (A2020 Cohort)



"I am a huge lover of plants, and it just so happens that BG has a community garden center that takes volunteers. I am very passionate about helping the garden center decrease food insecurity in the community and take care of the garden area. It is so exciting to get to work with so many wonderful people on things that I am passionate about!"

–MELISSA KUNKLER (A2021 Cohort)



"My service this semester aligned with my values and interests since I was able to help out in a high school. I want to be a teacher, so getting more experience in high schools is always a good thing. The food drive also contributes to that passion because the food I donated might be the difference between a student eating or going hungry, which ultimately impacts school performance."

– MITCH SHOOK (2021 Cohort)



"I like the variety of options we have for volunteering and the fact that we can choose to do any kind of service. It feels like a fun, rewarding experience rather than something I am simply told to do."

–SYDNEY FLESHMAN (2019 Cohort)



"I love seeing the impact that serving people can make in their lives. It's beautiful to see how something simple can give someone so much hope. This service made me wonder what else I can do in my community to serve others. Whether that means serving more often in the areas I already serve, taking up new service opportunities or even starting up my own. I am excited to see where I will serve next!"

–LIZZY MILLS (A2021 Cohort)



"Volunteering at the Brown Bag Food Pantry was what stood out to me most. I was able to give back to people in need in the Bowling Green community by packing bags of food and loading them into crates. We then took them out to the cars of people who stopped by the pantry."

– BRIAN WEGRZYN (2021 Cohort)

Graduate Recognition



During finals week of both the fall and spring semesters, we invited our Thompson graduates to stop by to be presented with a TFS commencement pin, note from their advisor and goodies to recognize their hard work and accomplishments during their time as a Thompson Family Scholar.

We also provided photos for graduating seniors, which were taken by staff and other scholars who volunteered their time.



Photo, above: Autumn Bowman (A2019 Cohort), Lo Riddell (2018 Cohort), Paige Emick (A2022 Cohort) and Montana White (A2019 Cohort) with their advisor, Kayla Ballinger.

Photo, right: Bryan Dominguez and Stephen Kells (both 2018 Cohort) with Director Mary Kay Inkott Hiser, center.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Average
Cumulative GPA:
(following S22)

3.562

Number of
Scholars with a
4.0 cumulative GPA:
(following S22)

142

Number of
Scholars with
3.5+ cumulative GPA:
(following S22)

630

Number of Thompson Family
Scholars on the Dean's List:

F21: **633** S22: **560**

Number of Thompson Family
Scholars with a 4.0 semester GPA:

F21: **346** S22: **322**

Graduating Seniors

Between August 2021, December 2021 and May 2022, we had 197 TFS Graduates! Congratulations and best wishes to each of you - we are so proud of you and look forward to all you will accomplish as BGSU Alumni! Please stay in touch.

August 2021 Graduates (12)

Hayley Boysel (A2018 Cohort)
Jace Stockwell (A2018 Cohort)
Mycah Blevins (2018 Cohort)
Jessica Bragg (2018 Cohort)
Linnea Forbes (2018 Cohort)
Laura Mosler (2018 Cohort)
Brennan Steward (T2019 Cohort)
Sean Blakesley (A2019 Cohort)
Morgan Holscher (A2019 Cohort)
Elene Kaufmann (A2019 Cohort)
Marina Kimmel (A2019 Cohort)
Marissa Ulmer (A2019 Cohort)

December 2021 Graduates (40)

Lukas Rodriguez (2016 Cohort)
Madisyn McCoy (T2018 Cohort)
Angel Dennis (A2018 Cohort)
Abby Grollmus (A2018 Cohort)
Olivia Sevits (A2018 Cohort)
Kacie Smith (A2018 Cohort)
Nicole Zimmerman (A2018 Cohort)
Megan Carmen (2018 Cohort)
Sabryna Creech (2018 Cohort)
Sophia DeBord (2018 Cohort)
Hannah Dunn (2018 Cohort)
Carly Miller (2018 Cohort)
Rusty Molter (2018 Cohort)
Zach Schneider (2018 Cohort)
Morgha Strayer (2018 Cohort)
Kyle Walny (2018 Cohort)
Claire Wilkinson (2018 Cohort)
Joy Ruetz (T2019 Cohort)
Katelyn Bache (A2019 Cohort)
Chandler Davidson (A2019 Cohort)
Emily Dwyer (A2019 Cohort)
Madeline Dyer (A2019 Cohort)
Emmalee Gabriele (A2019 Cohort)
Marissa Giron (A2019 Cohort)
Jessalyn Hall (A2019 Cohort)
Brayden Hanshaw (A2019 Cohort)
Kelly Hayden (A2019 Cohort)

Taylor Henault (A2019 Cohort)
Gena Leib (A2019 Cohort)
Katie Ludwig (A2019 Cohort)
Kendall Miragliotta (A2019 Cohort)
Isabella Patchett (A2019 Cohort)
Sydney Snyder (A2019 Cohort)
Ashton Spencer (A2019 Cohort)
Madison Spirnak (A2019 Cohort)
JTYsseldyke (A2019 Cohort)
Lauryn McMillan (2019 Cohort)
Johnny Noegel (2019 Cohort)
Kaitlyn McClintick (A2020 Cohort)
Annalyn Valentine (A2020 Cohort)

April 2022 Graduates (145)

Katie Richmond (2017 Cohort)
Kelli Curcillo (A2018 Cohort)
Clark Ping (A2018 Cohort)
Emily Ackerman (2018 Cohort)
Emma Childers (2018 Cohort)
Sloan Cox (2018 Cohort)
Kayla Crawford (2018 Cohort)
Noah Diehl (2018 Cohort)
Bryan Dominguez (2018 Cohort)
Robbie Dunham (2018 Cohort)
Maya Elias (2018 Cohort)
Gavin Friedrichsen (2018 Cohort)
Kylee Gmuca (2018 Cohort)
Jenn Grabel (2018 Cohort)
Seth Grine (2018 Cohort)
Jason Hernandez (2018 Cohort)
Faith Hofacker (2018 Cohort)
Hunter Huffman (2018 Cohort)
Felicity Jinnings (2018 Cohort)
Josh Kagy (2018 Cohort)
Stephen Kells (2018 Cohort)
Ian Kenny (2018 Cohort)
Jordyn Lenox (2018 Cohort)
Callaghan Lewis (2018 Cohort)
Olivia Martin (2018 Cohort)
Jared Mayberry (2018 Cohort)
Nolan McHugh (2018 Cohort)
Lena Nighswander (2018 Cohort)
Erika Prusak (2018 Cohort)
Tyler Raab (2018 Cohort)
Mikey Ragusa (2018 Cohort)
Dana Richards (2018 Cohort)
Lo Riddell (2018 Cohort)
Alexya Romo (2018 Cohort)
Noah Roscoe (2018 Cohort)
Gabe Sayer (2018 Cohort)
Caytlin Schultz (2018 Cohort)



MACKENZIE HAYNES (2019 Cohort)

Alex Telzrow (2018 Cohort)
Bailey Wensink (2018 Cohort)
Brendan Goforth (T2019 Cohort)
Makayla Aichholz (A2019 Cohort)
Sophia Albers (A2019 Cohort)
Kyle Barbopoulos (A2019 Cohort)
Talia Barker (A2019 Cohort)
Chloe Beeker (A2019 Cohort)
Al Benbow (A2019 Cohort)
Stephen Blanford (A2019 Cohort)
Julian Boudreaux (A2019 Cohort)
Haylie Bowlby (A2019 Cohort)
Autumn Bowman (A2019 Cohort)
Cale Brackman (A2019 Cohort)
Jordan Briggs (A2019 Cohort)
Chloe Brubaker (A2019 Cohort)
Olivia Buettner (A2019 Cohort)
Kara Butler (A2019 Cohort)
Emily Carroll (A2019 Cohort)
Allison Crisp (A2019 Cohort)
Indya Cunningham (A2019 Cohort)
Ari Curtis (A2019 Cohort)
Amethyst Dantzer (A2019 Cohort)
Samantha Davis (A2019 Cohort)
Brenden Dean (A2019 Cohort)
Gabrielle Dennis (A2019 Cohort)
Shannon Devitt (A2019 Cohort)
Ryenne Duchenev (A2019 Cohort)
Emily Eppard (A2019 Cohort)

Rosiland Fletcher (A2019 Cohort)
 Mitch Gable (A2019 Cohort)
 Jared Gilders (A2019 Cohort)
 Cora Greggs (A2019 Cohort)
 Alissa Gronwall (A2019 Cohort)
 Kiersten Guess (A2019 Cohort)
 Danny Howard (A2019 Cohort)
 Mary Huber (A2019 Cohort)
 Keegan Huston (A2019 Cohort)
 Dakota Jenkins (A2019 Cohort)
 Joshua Junker (A2019 Cohort)
 Katie Klopfenstein (A2019 Cohort)
 Emma Kreill (A2019 Cohort)
 Maddie Loges (A2019 Cohort)
 Courtney Lowe (A2019 Cohort)
 DeAnna MacKeigan (A2019 Cohort)
 Brittany Massey (A2019 Cohort)
 Raegan McElhose (A2019 Cohort)
 Savannah Meeker (A2019 Cohort)
 Carol Meier (A2019 Cohort)
 Sarah Miller (A2019 Cohort)
 Lauren Millington (A2019 Cohort)
 Violet Murphy (A2019 Cohort)
 Laika Myers (A2019 Cohort)
 Natalie Nieschwitz (A2019 Cohort)
 Riley Osborn (A2019 Cohort)
 Bayley Patterson (A2019 Cohort)
 Alexander Pawsey (A2019 Cohort)
 Marina Pennycuff (A2019 Cohort)
 Rachel Pratt (A2019 Cohort)
 Alyssa Radtke (A2019 Cohort)
 Maya Reineck (A2019 Cohort)
 Reagan Rubick (A2019 Cohort)
 Sydney Rupp (A2019 Cohort)
 Anthony Russell (A2019 Cohort)
 Renee Scaletta (A2019 Cohort)
 Nick Schoonover (A2019 Cohort)
 Grey Siek (A2019 Cohort)
 Kaitlyn Solymosi (A2019 Cohort)
 Kylie Stanley (A2019 Cohort)
 Sophia Stockham (A2019 Cohort)
 Jada Turner (A2019 Cohort)
 Grace Vanderbilt (A2019 Cohort)

Montana White (A2019 Cohort)
 Faith Wilker (A2019 Cohort)
 Nichole Wilson (A2019 Cohort)
 Sarah Wodzisz (A2019 Cohort)
 Branson Young (A2019 Cohort)
 Olivia Zidek (A2019 Cohort)
 Megan Bingham (2019 Cohort)
 Giovonni Colantonio (2019 Cohort)
 Ellie Davis (2019 Cohort)
 Ethan Gevedon (2019 Cohort)
 Mackenzie Haynes (2019 Cohort)
 Haley Lutz (2019 Cohort)
 Kaeli Saunders (2019 Cohort)
 Chris Simpson (2019 Cohort)
 Amanda Tucholski (2019 Cohort)
 Sarah VanDyke (2019 Cohort)
 Anna Windham (2019 Cohort)
 Mason Frazer (T2020 Cohort)
 Rebekah Geisler (T2020 Cohort)
 Sunshine Griffin (T2020 Cohort)
 Courtney Hardy (T2020 Cohort)

Zachary Horvath (T2020 Cohort)
 Tiffany Janowiecki (T2020 Cohort)
 Emmeline Phillips (T2020 Cohort)
 Arrah Sandy (T2020 Cohort)
 Michael Van Loon (T2020 Cohort)
 Meredith Cass (A2020 Cohort)
 Paige Emick (A2020 Cohort)
 Petilla Gest (A2020 Cohort)
 Kaleigh Maroulis (A2020 Cohort)
 Logan Muhlenkamp (A2020 Cohort)
 Kayla Musgrave (A2020 Cohort)
 Mandy Schroeder (A2020 Cohort)
 Madilyn Slingwine (A2020 Cohort)
 Paige Sparling (A2020 Cohort)
 Kelsie Williams (A2020 Cohort)



MARISSA GIRON (A2019 Cohort)

“The Thompson Family Scholarship staff and community have been so incredibly helpful to me these past four years. Meeting with staff members and being a part of a community that values education and community service has been a very solid thing for me to lean on. They provided me with assistance with my academic career decisions at BGSU and also gave me an invaluable perspective centered around helping one another.”

– MAYA ELIAS (2018 Cohort)

Student Accomplishments & Highlights

Brenden Dean and Danny Howard

(both A2019 Cohort) were revealed as two of this year's Freddie Falcon mascots.

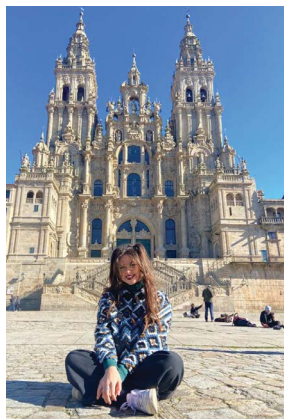


"The best part of being Freddie Falcon is the ability to change someone's day for the better," said Dean. "That can happen tens, sometimes hundreds, of times in a day. I enjoyed forming connections with so many organizations. Attending these organizations' events gave me so much perspective on what students are capable of doing at BGSU and showed me that each individual plays a unique part in making BGSU home for so many! BGSU is the home that I love!"

"It is truly amazing the impact Freddie and Frieda have on people," said Howard. "Their faces light up with excitement and most people are always happy to see us. That's what being a mascot is all about - spreading school spirit and making peoples' days better."

Rachel Fawcett (A2020 Cohort) spent the academic year studying abroad in Alcala de Henares, Spain. While there, she says she grew her Spanish speaking skills, experienced new classroom structures and worked hands-on in a bilingual classroom.

"Studying abroad has created opportunities I never expected," said Fawcett. "Taking classes in another country and living in an entirely different environment brings challenges and eye opening experiences everyday. Learning how to adapt and thrive in a new place where the language is different from your own is one of the most empowering experiences I've ever had."



Gabe Sayer (2018 Cohort) spent the fall 2021 semester studying abroad in Milan, Italy. He took multiple business courses, including a course about sustainability and climate change. He also traveled to eight European countries.



"I really enjoyed my time abroad in Italy," said Sayer. "The architecture in Italy is beautiful and the country is rich with history. Perhaps the biggest challenge for me was not speaking the language of the country, but fortunately there are a lot of English speakers all around Europe. Even though this was a challenge, it also became an opportunity to learn Italian while I was there, and I am continuing to learn Italian as I hope to move back to Italy one day!"

Javana Joyce (A2020 Cohort) was featured in BGSU's Changing Lives for the World video series, a new marketing campaign highlighting the impact of BGSU donors. In Javana's video, she shares her story working with the Marvin Center for Student Leadership as a student leadership assistant.



"The Marvin Center for Student Leadership has changed my life," said Joyce. "It helped me find a larger voice and taught me how to be a more effective leader. Working with a professional marketing team was a once in a lifetime experience and was so fun. The people who helped me through the process were amazing to work with."

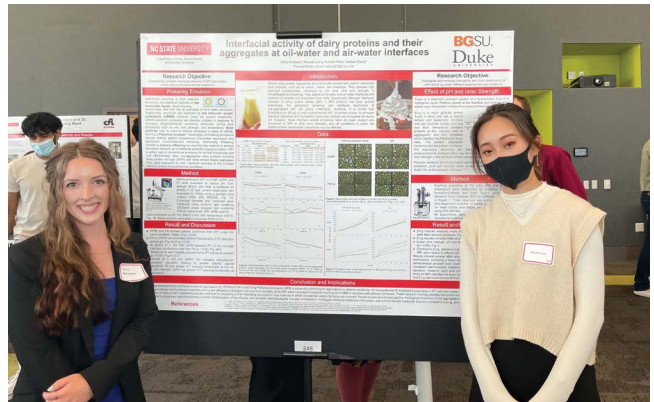


Andrew Puschel (2020 Cohort) placed second in the Conrad Arts Song Competition on April 9, 2022. Preparation for the competition was a yearlong process of rehearsing, exploring the nuances of each piece and collaborating with a variety of professors and other musical professionals.

“I love music and telling a story, and I feel most in my element when performing. The thrill is amazing, and it’s made even better by knowing that no matter what happens, you are as prepared as you can be.”



Emmalee Gabriele (A2019 Cohort) graduated in December, 2021. “One of my biggest goals was achieving a 4.0 GPA. With perseverance and determination, I was able to attain that goal, and for that, I am extremely proud.”



Chloe Brubaker (A2019 Cohort) “TFS was a game-changer in my life. I was able to pursue my academic and professional goals with tons of support behind me. Not only was the financial support critical, but the TFS staff and other scholars also served as an amazing support system. Everyone helped keep me on track and served as inspiration to achieve more.



Kaylee Ries (2020 Cohort), right, received the 2022 Outstanding Community Service Award and **Jayden Donald** (2020 Cohort), left, received the 2022 Student Life Award and the Student Affairs Advocates Board Scholarship at the Applauding Excellence Awards Banquet.



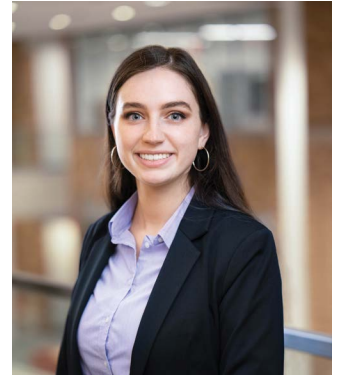
Emily Ackerman (2018 Cohort), third from left, participated in the University Dance Alliance and says she loved being on stage and making friends with a common passion.

Student Accomplishments & Highlights

Jayden Donald (2020 Cohort) was awarded the Outstanding Campus Involvement Award and the Greek Man of the Year Award at the Greek Life Awards Ceremony. The Outstanding Campus Involvement award is meant to highlight a student who has gone above and beyond to be involved in the campus community through various clubs, organizations and service opportunities. The Greek Man of the Year award recognizes a student who has excelled in character, leadership, academics and service and who has positively changed the Greek community on campus.



Jade Rush (A2020 Cohort) participated in The Hatch, a 10-week immersive Schmidthorst College of Business program. Each BGSU student entrepreneur, is paired with an alumni mentor who helps them prepare to present their business ideas to alumni investors in order to vie for funds to launch their businesses. Rush's business idea was to create a series of children's books about environmental topics made from 100 percent recycled and sustainable materials. Rush is passionate about preserving the environment and also currently serves as the event planner for the BGSU Environmental Action Group, a student organization that aims to make the campus more sustainable.



Nolan McHugh (2018 Cohort), right, served as the Internal Affairs Chair for Undergraduate Student Government. In this position, he organized monthly health and wellness drives in partnership with the Brown Bag Food Project and the Office of the Dean of Students, secured \$900 worth of permanent annual scholarships for student leaders within USG, jumpstarted a USG commitment to philanthropy and mutual aid, and submitted testimony in opposition to HB 322 and 327 in which he advocated for diversity, equity and inclusion.

"My experience with USG has enabled me to give back to campus and the BG community. Thank you for welcoming me into an amazingly friendly community that is determined to achieve positive change."



Chase Reinhart (T2021 Cohort) received the Course-Based Undergraduate Poster Presentation Group award at BGSU's 2022 Symposium on Diversity. Her group's poster presentation was titled "Is There a Correlation Between Homelessness and Mental Health Amongst Young and Middle Adults?"

"The Thompson Scholarship advisors are all so helpful and truly care for our success. I wouldn't be where I am now if it weren't for the guidance and continual support I received from everyone involved in the Thompson Family Scholarship program."

– SAVANNAH MEEKER (A2019 Cohort)

“With the scholarship program, I was able to find a sense of belonging and support. My advisors provided me with the support I needed to be successful and the feeling that I had a team behind me every step of the way. Everything that I accomplished in my time at Bowling Green State University was improved by my involvement with the Thompson Scholarship Program family. I felt truly loved and supported. I am forever grateful for my experience, and I cannot express my gratitude fully enough in writing.”

–EMMA KREILL (A2019 Cohort)



Justin Rettig (A2021 Cohort) is an aviation major from Napoleon, Ohio. He recently completed his load planning training at the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport in Toledo where he has completed two co-op experiences. He currently works at KTOL as a ramp agent, load planner and ground security coordinator. He is now a certified private pilot and is actively training to receive his instrument training.



Jordan Briggs (A2019 Cohort) a film production major, was recently highlighted by BGSU's marketing team. He shared how he discovered his passion for filmmaking and how BGSU was able to help him find opportunities to grow and prepare for all he hopes to accomplish in the future.

Kylie Stanley (A2019) was accepted into BGSU's accelerated Master of Public Administration program. As part of the curriculum, she presented an independent research poster about the connection between economic stress and mental health.



Mikey Ragusa (2018 Cohort) was able to meet and participate in workshops with Academy Award-winning filmmaker, writer and social activist Dustin Lance Black during the Edwin H. Simmons Creative Minds Series.



Gratitude

FROM OUR

Scholars

"I am truly so beyond grateful for the aid that you have provided me—both in terms of financial aid and aid to my character through service. My college experience would certainly have been far different if it wasn't for you two, and I will always be thankful for the Thompsons! I wish you both the very best and want you to know that you have had a great impact on my life."

– SARAH VANDYKE (2019 Cohort)

"Nothing I could write could ever express in its fullness how grateful I am to both of you for your generosity and kindness in believing in me and others to achieve the best and to give back when we can. The emotions well up inside me as I write this. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, you both changed my life and have been a complete inspiration. The gratitude is deep and has shaped who I am. Thank you both so much for believing in me and allowing me to achieve what would have been impossible without you."

– JOSH JUNKER (A2019 Cohort)

"I will never forget being an 18-year-old young girl, watching the video of you two telling the story of how you lived the life that you did. I was emotional, inspired and motivated to ensure that your investment in me would not go to waste. My 22-year-old self is sitting here today proud to say that I soaked up every single moment, and I have been changed for the better. That would not have happened if it were not for this scholarship. With the fullest heart, thank you for changing my life."

– KAYLA CRAWFORD (2018 Cohort)



"My experience at BGSU has been transformative and truly life-changing. My time as a Thompson Scholar is at the foundation of this experience. The financial support you provided has allowed me the opportunity to explore what BGSU has to offer. My advisor has been a huge role model for me and my time at BGSU. She has shown me the ability to overcome adversity and the obstacles facing a first-generation student."

– BRENDEN DEAN (left) (A2019 Cohort) with TFS Advisor DAE'LYN DO



"I have had so many lovely memories from my time here at BGSU and it feels very bittersweet to be leaving. I have loved being able to give back to the community that has made an influential impact on who I am as a person, and have made lifelong relationships while doing so. My TFS advisor has played a huge role in my time here as well. I am so grateful to have him as my advisor and I couldn't have done a lot of things without his help."

– JADA TURNER (A2019 Cohort)



"Because of my involvement with this scholarship, I put myself out there and left my comfort zone. The number of places I have volunteered at is more than I would have ever imagined. I have learned how much of a positive impact giving back can have on a person, and I always felt great after giving back to the community."

– MARISSA GIRON (A2019 Cohort)



"Thanks to the Thompson Family Scholarship, I have made valuable connections across campus that I will treasure for years to come. I have met many students similar to myself during community service while also connecting professionally with faculty and staff."

– KELLY HAYDEN (A2019 Cohort)

“While I am excited for this next step in my life, I know that I am going to miss BGSU and the Thompson Family Scholarship Program. TFS made me feel like I had a community of people that I could rely on throughout college, and I appreciated their constant support. I felt very lucky and proud to call myself a Thompson Family Scholar, and I want to thank you again for funding this scholarship. Because of you, I was able to pursue all of my dreams and accomplish all my goals in college, and I will forever be grateful for that.”

– DEANNA MACKEIGAN (A2019 Cohort)

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