

MSCS Mess

Seniors, these past couple of years you have served honorably as students of the MSCS department. To commemorate that and honor your achievements, we do hereby present the

Senior Salute 2015

Thomas Bearrood

Mathematics and Chemistry Majors

I will be pursuing a PhD in organic chemistry at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Geoff Bentsen

Mathematics Major

Next year I will be attending the Mathematics PhD program at University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Emily Berry

Biology Major; Statistics, Mathematical Biology, and Film Studies Concentrations

This summer I will be working as a statistics intern at Schneider Electric, then in the fall I will be attending Iowa State University for their MS program in Statistics.

Xandra Best

Computer Science and Mathematics Majors

I have accepted a position at the Boom Lab in Minneapolis as a full-time Technical Analyst.

Alyssa Boehnlein

Mathematics and Music Majors

After graduation, Alyssa plans to work for a year before returning to graduate school for music theory. She will always cherish the fantastic mathematical and musical experiences she has had at St. Olaf!

Sam Bosak

Computer Science and Physics Majors

This summer I'll start work as a software developer at Proto Labs, in Plymouth MN.

Jay Carlson

Mathematics Major

I plan to live in a music house in Minneapolis after graduation with a couple friends while catching up on life/sleep and taking frequent trips to local breweries.

Lanruo Chen

Mathematics and Economics Majors

I'll be going to graduate school.

Rebecca Cooper

Psychology Major; Statistics Concentration

After graduation I will be moving to Madison, Wisconsin to work on the culinary team at Epic, a healthcare software company, where I will cook for the 8000 employees daily and assist with catering events.

Ryan Coopergard

Mathematics Major

Next year, I will be going to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis to pursue my PhD in Mathematics.

Ezra Coughlin

Mathematics and ACS Chemistry Majors

I will be working at a medical device company in Eden Prairie for the summer. In the fall, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at Purdue University. Thanks to all of the great faculty members that have been a part of my St. Olaf experience!

Stephen Crouser

Mathematics and Economics Majors; Statistics and Finance Concentrations

Back to Oregon for the summer and then heading to the Twin Cities. Trying to tutor in the short term, but my long term goal is a career as an actuary.

Jessie Dahlquist

Computer Science and Mathematics Majors

I will be working as a software developer for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Seattle.

Soren Docken

Mathematics and Music Majors; Math Education Licensure

After working at Camp Onomia this summer, Soren will be student teaching in Chicago through the ACM Urban Education Program. Once that is completed, he will return to Minnesota to take substitute jobs in the Twin Cities and find more solidified teaching positions.

Muyun Marina Du

Mathematics Major; Management Studies Concentration

I will be doing work related to social enterprise/ impact investing or data science for social good in either Chicago or the West Coast.

Lacey Etzkorn

Mathematics Major; Statistics and Environmental Studies Concentrations

This fall, I will be beginning my Ph.D. in Biostatistics at Johns Hopkins University. I am looking forward to living in Baltimore, and I especially hope to get involved in community gardening.

Alex Everhart

Mathematics and Economics Majors

I will be taking a gap year to go teach English in Chengdu, China. After that, I plan on going to graduate school to get a PhD in Economics.

Erik Roger Gartland

Economics and Political Science Majors; Statistics Concentration

Working as a community organizer with a group called Sound Alliance in Seattle as part of Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

Zach Greimann

Mathematics and English Majors

This summer I will be doing an internship with the Iowa Summer Writing Festival and working in Iowa City before heading to New Zealand to wwoof. After that I hope to either find a job or pursue a graduate degree in some field related to English or Math.

Evan Griffith

Mathematics and Chemistry Majors; Biomedical Studies Concentration

Most likely staying in the twin cities either medical scribing or working in some clinical research labs.

Jenna Harder

Psychology Major; Statistics Concentration

Next year, I am going to Michigan State University for my PhD in Social and Personality Psychology.

Gina Haugen

Mathematics and Art Majors

Post graduation I'm working as a Student Ambassador at the USA Pavilion for Expo Milano 2015 (the World's Fair in Milan, Italy). After that I am returning to Northfield and will be participating in the Art Apprenticeship program through the art department.

Andrew Hess

Mathematics Major; Educational Studies Concentration

After spending the summer in Michigan I plan to return to Minnesota to teach middle or high school math in the Twin Cities area.

Ryana Danielle Holt

Mathematics and English Majors

After a summer of leading backpacking trips in Colorado, I will serve in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program for a year in Mexico. I will likely be working with pre-existing social justice programs, teaching English, or a mix of both.

Julia Hubmann

Economics Major, Statistics and Middle Eastern Studies Concentrations

I will be working in the Technology Development Program for United Health Group, likely in the data management or business analyst tract.

Corinne Idzorek

Mathematics and Economics Majors; Statistics Concentration

After graduation I'll be working at Thrivent Financial in Minneapolis, MN as an Associate Business Intelligence Analyst.

Kendra Johnson-Tesch

Mathematics Major; Statistics and Management Studies Concentrations

I plan to spend next year in New Zealand, where I will be working and exploring the country. I will most likely spend considerable time living in hobbit holes and trying to secure a role in the next Lord of the Rings movie.

Paing Phyo Kyaw

Mathematics and Physics Majors

I am going back to Burma and seek to work as a business analyst at a private company. I have an ambition to start a tour company in the future.

Alex Lampert

Mathematics Major

I will be a Research Analyst at the Lewin Group in Eden Prairie starting this summer. The position

includes health care policy research. I'll also be traveling to South Africa right after graduation to visit my sister who is studying abroad.

Robert Lehmann

Mathematics and English Majors

I'm coming back to Olaf in the fall to make up some English coursework that I missed on my semester off. During the fall, I plan to apply for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant position in addition to applying to education licensure programs. I'm currently not sure if I want to teach math or English in the future, but hopefully, this summer teaching English at Breakthrough Twin Cities (I taught math there last summer) will help me decide!

Ellie Levy

Mathematics and Economics Majors; Statistics Concentration

I will be working as a Merchandise Planning Business Analyst at Target Corporation.

Ben Liska

Mathematics Major; Mathematical Biology Concentration

I'll be starting at Epic Systems in July working on their Technical Services team.

Siri McCord

Mathematics and Biology Majors; Nordic Studies and Biomedical Studies Concentrations

Next year I will work as a Pathology Aide in Minneapolis. After that I plan to continue clinical research at Mayo Clinic for a year before pursuing a joint MD/MPH degree. Thank you to all of the fantastic faculty in the mathematics department for a great four years!

Natalie Mironov

Mathematics and Exercise Science Majors

I will be working as a clinical assistant at Tareen Dermatology in Roseville during my 1-2 gap years before medical school.

Guanlun Mu

Computer Science and Asian Studies Majors

I will be working as a Technical Consultant in Perficient Inc. at downtown Minneapolis, it is a full-time employment. Basically I'll be using technology to solve problems of local business with clients like Target, Thomson Reuters, and other local small businesses.

Tyler Muehlbauer

Mathematics Major; Statistics Concentration

After graduation I'm going to be an Actuarial Assistant at Travelers Insurance.

Megan Muhs

Mathematics Major; Education Concentration

I plan on student teaching at Harding High School next fall and after that hopefully teach internationally.

Luke Nelson

Mathematics and Music Major

I will be working within the Credit Risk Management and Advisory (CRMA) department at Goldman Sachs in Salt Lake City, Utah following graduation. While there I will be analyzing the exposure Goldman Sachs has to its trading counter-parties.

Robert Nevins

Mathematics, Physics, and Ancient Studies Majors

After graduation, I will be enrolling in the Geoinformation and Geodetic Engineering program at The Ohio State University.

Emma Ostby

Mathematics Major

Next year, Emma will be volunteering full-time with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Minneapolis at Simpson Housing Services. She then plans to attend medical school in the pursuit of becoming a physician.

Zihao (Daniel) Pan

Mathematics and Economics Majors; Management Studies Concentration

After graduation, I will be working for Deloitte risk advisory practice as a consultant starting this August in Minneapolis.

Steve Papciak

Mathematics Major

Playing professional hockey and studying for actuarial exams.

Harriet Pedersen

Mathematics and Physics Majors

After graduation I will be student teaching in India at Woodstock International School.

Nora Peterson

Biology Major; Statistics Concentration

I will be enrolling in the Duke University Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program.

Brianne Power

Mathematics Major; Family Studies Concentration

I'm heading to Harvard Law School next fall.

Kiegan Rice

Mathematics and Spanish Majors; Statistics Concentration

I will begin the Statistics PhD program at Iowa State University in the fall. I plan to spend the summer in between reading, kayaking, and catching up on sleep.

Ferhat Rodoplu

Mathematics and Economics Majors

I will be working as a Consultant at Boom Lab in Minneapolis after graduation.

Rachel Rongstad

Mathematics Major; Biomedical Studies Concentration

I'll be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year for medical school.

Samantha Rudy

Mathematics Major; Pre-Med

After I graduate from St. Olaf I intend to spend a year working as an EMT before heading to medical school to become a physician.

Gabrielle Sanderson

Mathematics and Physics Majors; Education Concentration

A week after graduation I will be starting work as a software engineer at Renaissance Learning in Minneapolis. In the coming few years I hope to learn a lot about programming and about being an adult. Eventually I plan to teach mathematics in some capacity. Thanks to all my math professors for supporting me through mathematical struggle and encouraging me to become a better thinker.

Karin Sather

Biology Major; Statistics Concentration

Next year I'll be heading to the University of Minnesota for Biostatistics.

Jonathon D. Schut

Mathematics and Physics Majors

After graduation, I will be attending Stanford University for a masters degree in aeronautics and astronautics.

Henry Scott

Mathematics and Economics Majors

I will be working for Epic Systems in Verona, WI starting this summer.

Aaron Shinn

Mathematics and Physics Majors

I will be pursuing some form of Math or Physics.

Sarah Stevens

Economics Major with Management Emphasis; Statistics Concentration

I will be working at Arts Midwest in Minneapolis as the Program Associate for the Arts Midwest Conference. I will get to put my analytical, critical thinking, and management skills to good use in the administrative side of an arts organization as I help plan their annual conference. I'm hoping to continue a career in the area of arts management.

Michael Taufen

Computer Science and Mathematics Majors

I'll be starting as an Engineering Resident at Google in Mountain View, CA in September.

Eric Topel

Mathematics and Physics Majors

After graduation I will be pursuing a Masters of Electrical Engineering at Purdue.

Rachel Ullrich

Mathematics and Chemistry Majors

I'll be attending Med School next year at the University of Iowa.

Bronwyn Vang

Mathematics and Asian Studies Majors

In May I'll be moving to Lincoln, NE just for the summer and working wherever hires me.

In September I will be moving elsewhere, maybe to Madison, WI or maybe Minneapolis, working wherever will hire me.

Eric Varley

Mathematics Major; Statistics Concentration

I'm going to work in Business Intelligence for Epic in Madison, WI.

Zach Westermeyer

Mathematics and Music Majors

I'll be working as an actuarial assistant at Travelers Insurance in downtown St. Paul.

Jennifer Wilson

Mathematics and English Majors

Next year I'm going to be working at Epic as a Technical Services Analyst.

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