## **BSHS/MSPA Student Highlights**

Our first freshman admit cohort graduated from Jefferson University in August 2020. Mikaela Crowley PA-C was recognized by Jefferson University with the prestigious **Dr. Edward E. Dowden Award for Academic Excellence** for the Jefferson University Class of 2020. According to Jefferson University, this award recognizes an "outstanding student who has excelled in all aspects of their education, both in didactic as well as the clinical year."





Mikaela Crowley PA-C

2018 Stockton University BSHS graduate & 2020 Jefferson University MSPA graduate

Photo provided by Mikaela Crowley

We are one of the few dual-degree undergraduate PA programs who encourage and enthusiastically support study abroad opportunities for our students. Jaclyn Vece was our first student to complete a semester abroad in Rome, Italy during fall 2018. This was especially valuable as Jaclyn was also a Global Studies minor.

In spring 2020, we had three students participate in study abroad; unfortunately, their time abroad was cut short by the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

L-R, Dominique, Molly, & Rebecca in Lisbon, Portugal

Photo provided by Dominique Hunt

Dominique Hunt was able to go to Florence, Italy, while Molly Burch (a Spanish minor) and Rebecca Schiafone went to Barcelona, Spain. The three students were able to meet up for some sight-seeing in Lisbon, Portugal before returning home.

For the May 2021 graduation ceremonies, the BSHS/MSPA program was especially proud to have two of our students be selected as graduation speakers. Students selected to speak at graduation are chosen for their academic achievement and campus impact related to community engagement, research, and/or creative work. Hannah Durning graduated early from Stockton University, at the end of three years, with two minors (Biology and Behavioral Neuroscience) and an overall GPA of 3.99. She is part of the Jefferson University MSPA Class of 2023. Madelyn Pepe is part of the Jefferson University MSPA Class of 2022, graduating from Stockton University with an overall GPA of 3.97.



Hannah Durning, Stockton University graduation speaker Class of 2021 for the School of Health Sciences.

Photo provided by Hannah Durning



Madelyn Pepe, Stockton University graduation speaker Class of 2021 for the School of Health Sciences.

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Our BSHS/MSPA students are also active in athletics, clubs, and leadership activities while at Stockton.

Lauren Preston (Stockton University Class of 2022, Jefferson University Class of 2023) qualified for All-American status after securing a fifth-place finish in the women's pole vault at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships in May 2021. Read more about Lauren here:

https://stocktonathletics.com/news/2021/5/27/womens-trackfield-preston-fifth-holland-t-ninth-at-ncaachampionships.aspx

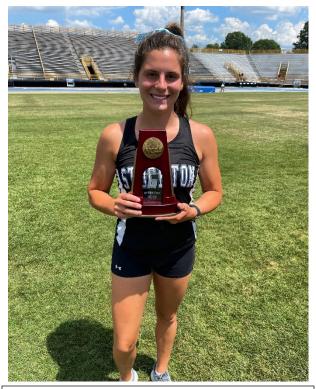
Brandon Yip was part of the founding Stockton University esports program, where he was named one of the MVPs for League of Legends in the spring 2019 season. Read about Brandon here:

https://stockton.edu/stocktonnow/spring2019/ospreynews.html

Kate Lastihenos was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success during her freshman year.

Many students in the program have been able to complete minors during their three undergraduate years. Some of the minors they have completed are Spanish, Holistic Health, Behavioral Neuroscience, Global Health, and Biology.

Alyssa Immendorf, an internal transfer student into the BSHS/MSPA program, is the Jefferson University Class of 2022 President.



Lauren Preston, qualified for All-American status in Pole Vault through Stockton's Athletics program.

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