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## Dover Retreat Welcomes Returning and Incoming Scholars



Photo: Justin Knight

Scholars are all smiles at their first event back together for the new school year

By Jared Aimone '26

The 2022-23 year began in its usual fashion for this year's Presidential Scholars—"usual fashion," of course, meaning a one-of-a-kind weekend retreat. This year's 63 scholars, along with their program directors and a handful of alumni, gathered at the Connors Center to catch up with one another, preview the coming year, and bring on the Class of 2026.

The retreat opened in the Estate room with introductions from old scholars to new ones, and vice versa, along with updates from each scholar's summer: internships, research, service, and travels. Upperclassmen heard what their peers had been up to, and freshmen saw a glimpse of what their futures might hold.

Soon after, in the true manner of a Boston College retreat, scholars broke into small groups to reflect, share, and orient themselves toward the coming year. For many, these open conversations were a highlight of the weekend experience. For freshmen in particular, this was an opportunity to hear advice, voice concerns, and connect with upperclassmen of similar interests. As Garret Eichlin '26 said, "Scholars in

my group were phenomenal and pitched opportunities they had taken advantage of. One scholar in particular, Andy Hoffman, was especially helpful as he provided insight into the chemistry department, a subject I am very interested in pursuing."

Following these more conversational "mixed groups," members of each class met with adult leaders to learn more about their coming year: Seniors met with alumni Tate Krasner '16 and Rachel Simon '18 to discuss post-graduate plans, juniors met with alumnus Marty Long '13 to discuss internships, sophomores met to collaborate on their coming social justice project, and freshmen met with Program Director Kathleen Bailey for a welcome conversation and a big reveal for the Spring Break trip—Class of 2026 is headed to Ireland!

Day two started with a look ahead to the year's program events, followed by a presentation of the Class of 2025's social justice project. The pitch featured a preview of the documentary *Aftermath*, directed by Cyrus Rosen '25, exploring the impacts of the fast fashion industry. The sophomores outlined the rest of their project for the group, centered on the same

mission. The main event, an interactive panel and documentary screening open to the BC community, will take place on Tuesday, November 29, built by continued effort by the sophomores and advice passed down from previous years' projects. More information on the project can be found on Instagram, @threads\_bc.

The last quintessential part of the Dover Retreat was club pitches, an opportunity for each returning scholar to recommend an activity at BC to the GPSP first-years. This time was extremely fruitful, with many freshmen having since joined groups on campus recommended to them by older scholars. To name a few, Martin Kentas joined Francis Hodgins '24 in the Student Admissions Program, Lauren Heinzelman joined Caroline MacNeill '24 in the LGBTQ+ Leadership Council, and Amelia Gaffney joined multiple scholars in the theater after Aidan O'Neill's '23 recommendation.

When asked about the Dover experience, Gaffney shared, "I absolutely loved the opportunity to talk with upperclassmen about BC life, academics, and extracurriculars. They were all so welcoming, and I am incredibly appreciative of their insight."

# Class of 2023 Travels to Dubai & Jordan

By Molly Binder '23

Before embarking on their summer internships across the globe, the Class of 2023 traveled to Jordan in late May alongside Prof. Bailey and Prof. Tracy Regan. The Scholars had a nine-day itinerary replete with opportunities to learn about the political and religious context of the Middle East.

The 2023 Scholars began their journey in the United Arab Emirates in the bustling city of Dubai. Home to architectural feats, ultramodern innovation, and a luxury shopper's paradise, Dubai is a city unlike any other. With twenty-four hours to explore, the Scholars saw many of Dubai's most famous landmarks, including the Burj Khalifa, the Burj Al Arab, and the Dubai Mall. However, most of the magic happened when the Scholars left the city's skyline for the ultimate desert experience: ATV-riding in the sand dunes, followed by a traditional Bedouin dinner under the stars. The night – filled with unforgettable people, culture, and food – was the perfect start to a memorable journey.

The next day, they flew to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Upon stepping outside the airport, they were immediately exposed to the hospitable traditions of the Jordanian people: a large, energetic group of people were celebrating their family member's homecoming with singing and clapping. That celebratory greeting was extravagant and signaled the much larger pattern of Jordanian hospitality that the Scholars would become more acquainted with in the coming days. Upon exiting the airport, they met another embodiment of hospitality: their tour guide Basel, a local Jordanian with extensive knowledge of the Jordanian people and their landscape. Over the next eight days, Basel would guide us through the country, offering his insight, wisdom, and contagious smile.

The first day in Amman did not disappoint: they went to King Abdullah Mosque, where they learned about Islamic history and modern religious life in Jordan. Basel then led them back in time to an ancient citadel and Roman amphitheater constructed in the second century BCE, when Amman was a Greco-Roman city known as "Philadelphia." Over the



Photo courtesy of Caroline Bald

## Senior Scholars pose for a picture on top of a rock formation together in Wadi Rum

ensuing days in Amman, they would experience even more rewarding opportunities to dive into Jordanian culture.

Most notably, some of them had the chance to meet and talk to refugees at the Jesuit Refugee Service Center, an organization that provides psychosocial, medical, and educational support to refugees fleeing Syria, Iraq, and East African nations (such as Somalia and Sudan). They learned about the refugees' time in Jordan, their resettlement experiences, and their personal hobbies and career goals. The Scholars also got the opportunity to visit Tamkeen, an NGO that seeks to enhance protections for marginalized groups in Jordan through legal aid, awareness campaigns, and lobbying.

On several occasions, they ended their days with dinners at local Jordanian households, where they connected with Jordanian families and communities. One such household was that of Karim Kavar, the former Jordanian ambassador to the United States. On another night, they learned how to cook a traditional Arabic dinner of maqluba. A Palestinian tradition, maqluba translates to "upside down," and is a medley of rice, vegetables, and meat, cooked and then flipped onto a serving tray, creating an impressive and delicious tower of food. Throughout every experience, the people of Jordan went above and beyond to make the Scholars feel at home, offering tea, food, or pleasant conversation at every opportunity.

Jordan is a country brimming not only with amazing people, but also with historical treasures. They spent a day visiting Jerash, the best preserved Roman city outside of Italy, and walked through ruins that

were over six thousand years old. Another day, they visited Mount Nebo, the iconic ridge where Moses is said to have seen the Promised Land before his death. A trip to the Dead Sea offered a chance to escape the sweltering heat of the desert sun and treat their skin to some exfoliation using the Dead Sea's mineral-rich mud (of course, floating was fun too). Undeniably, the most majestic stop was Petra. It's no wonder Petra is one of the wonders of the world: the ornate details of the Treasury building – carved intricately into the sandstone cliffside – have withstood the test of time since the first century BCE. The beauty of Petra cannot be overstated, and seeing it in person was altogether a magical experience.

It would be remiss not to mention the all-star of the itinerary: the twenty-four hours spent in the rugged and dramatic desert landscape of Wadi Rum. Although it's only a couple of hours outside Amman, the gargantuan rock formations and red sand dunes make you feel like you've left Earth altogether. They had a night enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the desert, watching the sun set over the sand dunes, and stargazing over the clear night sky using high-tech telescopes.

As the Class of 2023's first non-canceled trip, Jordan was something of a miracle due to COVID-19 throwing a wrench in their planned international experiences. As Mercedes Hoyos '23 so perfectly sums up, "We got to wholeheartedly embrace the beauty of the Jordanian people and historical landscape, as well as each other's simple company, it being our first and last trip as a class. Truly, an unforgettable experience we'll cherish forever – shoutout to Basel."

# Class of 2025 Explores the Canals of Venice



**Back row (left to right): Hayoung Cho, Liz Schwab, Sancia Sehdev, Caroline Macneill, Garrett McCloskey, Maggie Hynes, Hunter Linton, Mairead Gatcliffe, Faith Drescher, Maria Fernanda De Nadai, Hector Tyser, Nick Tukuru, Charlie Neill**  
**Front row (left to right): Anisha Kundu, Moira Ujda, Jake Ottiger, Cyrus Rosen, Sam Peterson, Johany Jeune, Ai-Ke Cheung, Julian Castro, Jason Adhinarta**

## *By Johany Jeune '25*

In August, just before the annual retreat in Dover, the Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program Class of 2025 traveled with Director Kathy Bailey to Venice, Italy; an eagerly anticipated trip that had been rescheduled from March due to COVID restrictions. After the Scholars landed in Venice, there was a minor storm, but they eventually arrived, safely but soaking wet, at La Casa Cardinal Piazza where they changed and went out for their first meal in the beautiful city.

Father Jim Keenan, S.J., who had been in Venice for a week prior, met them and guided the Scholars around the city, taking them to the Rialto Bridge, San Marco, as well as the oldest farmacia in Venice. On a day trip to Murano and Burano, they saw stunning ar-

chitecture of the pastel colored houses in Burano, and beautiful artwork and glass blowing sculptures in Murano. History was everywhere, as they traveled to St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge Palace, and then to the Jewish Ghetto, where they learned of the history of Jewish people in Italy.

Outside of the itinerary, the Scholars got to explore on their own. They each developed their own perspectives on what made Italy memorable. A highlight for Moira Ujda, was seeing the art that she had learned about in class at BC, specifically the mosaics in St. Mark's Basilica. Learning the symbolism and history behind everything was a fruitful experience for her.

Caroline Macneill had similar sentiments. While Caroline reminisced on a memory of eat-

ing at restaurants by the pier and enjoying the great Venetian cuisine, a main novelty for her was exploring Murano. Caroline, much like Moira, touched upon how she found it interesting learning the Catholic culture and history. To her, she had a broadened perspective which enabled her to appreciate the significance of history.

For the GPSP class of 2025, the Italy trip was a bonding experience, aptly captured by the unofficial photographer, Cyrus Rosen, who also gained a lot from the trip. One of his major goals was to figure out a way in which he could experience Italy as much as possible without being distracted by pulling out his phone to make a video or snap a photo. He brought a film camera in order to capture the memories the Scholars were making without interrupting the experi-

ence. Limited to twenty pictures a day, and with the goal of capturing one personality shot of each person on the trip, Cyrus was successful in documenting snippets of the Class of 2025's experience in Venice.

Italy allowed the Scholars to come closer together as a class. They discussed upcoming projects, and experienced memories together that were immeasurable and long lasting. The trip encouraged them all to take a step back and focus on the moment, experience a language adventure in Italy, and acclimate to a different culture. Following Kathy and Jim around the cobblestone streets, and sprinkled with pasta nero, many canals, rain storms, gelato runs, mosquitos, and a plethora of Jesuit Churches, Italy was quite the bonding experience.

# Class of 2024 Complete IPLP Summers

By Garret Eichlin '26

From Stockholm to Seoul, our Scholars traveled to foreign countries across the globe this summer in pursuit of their International Perspective and Language Program (IPLP) placements.

IPLP placements are an influential part of the Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program experience. This six to ten week program typically takes place in the summer before a Scholar's Junior year, and while COVID brought international travel to a grinding halt from 2020 to 2021, Scholars were able to resume travels this past summer. The class of 2024 set their sights on traveling far and wide, for new language acquisition, internships abroad and experiencing different cultures.

Mikayla Quintana '24, a Neuroscience major on the pre-med track, went to Córdoba, Argentina for ten weeks as part of the Child Family Health International Global Health Program

this past summer. Quintana used the time to learn medical skills via internships at public hospitals such as Hospital Tránsito and Hospital Municipal de Emergencias, all while being immersed in a Spanish-speaking environment.

The Argentine dialect proved difficult for Quintana at first, primarily because medical terminology isn't on the typical Spanish course syllabus, and she needed to dedicate a significant amount of time learning these new phrases. It was no wonder that Quintana came back from her trip more fluent than ever! Despite the Argentine dialect being an initial barrier to understanding the conversations around her, Quintana did not let it stop her from becoming fully immersed in Córdoba's rich culture.

As Mikayla stated, she felt as if she was a "guest in the culture." She made a point of visiting, and learning as much as she could about the people she was observing in the hospital



**Junior Mikayla Quintana poses in the Andes during her IPLP**

every day. When interviewed, Quintana listed off countless sources of cultural immersion she experienced during her time in Argentina, including conversations with members of her host family about the life of a teenager in Córdoba, interacting with students at an English school where she volunteered, and drinking traditional mate tea when in class.

When reflecting upon her experiences in Córdoba, Quintana noted the unique opportunities she never would have had if not for her IPLP placement. Though this wasn't her first experience interning in the medical field, Quintana remarked she was able to converse with the doctors and patients when in the emergency room and various other departments of the hospital. She actively engaged with patients by asking questions about doctors' actions during check-up exams, recording observations such as breathing patterns or heart rate, and comparing with the professional's opinions.

During her ten weeks in Argentina, Quintana established a "home away from home" with her host family in Córdoba, making her departure from Argentina and arrival back to Boston College all the more bittersweet.

Though placements such as Quintana's came to an end this past July, Scholars will continue to partake in the IPLP tradition for years to come. In fact, the class of 2025 has already begun the preparation process for traveling abroad in the summer of 2023. While planning this trip may seem like a daunting task, Sophomores have already received guidance during panels orchestrated by upperclassmen including Kenneth Dao and Noah Kim, who traveled to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and Seoul, South Korea, respectively, this past summer. With advice from graduates of IPLP, the class of 2025 will undoubtedly have incredible experiences next summer.



**Junior Kenny Dao rides around South Korea while completing his IPLP Summer**

# Around the World: Abroad Highlights

Photo courtesy of Izzy Jones



Photo courtesy of Mercedes Hoyos

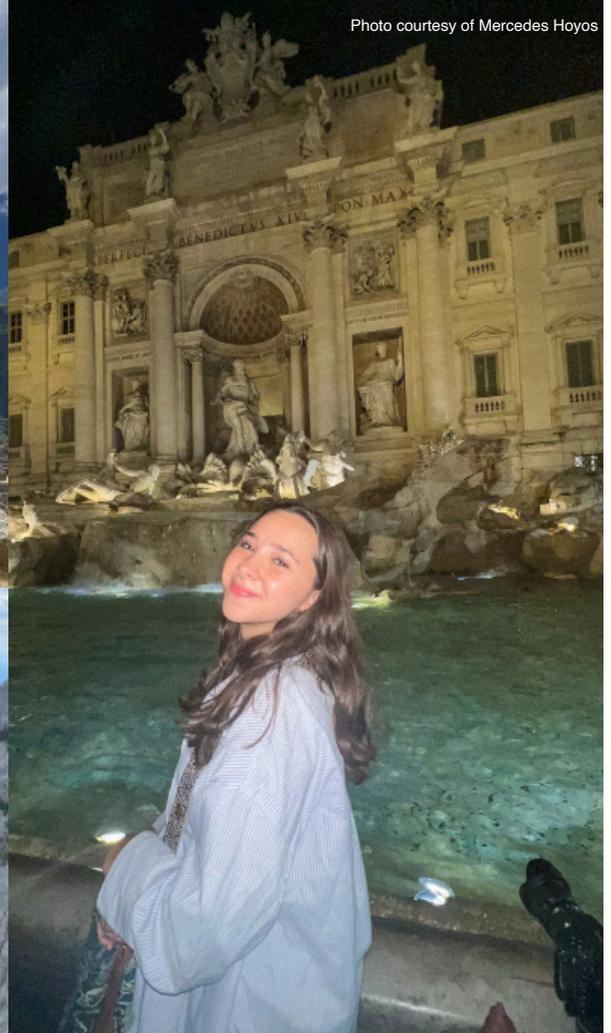


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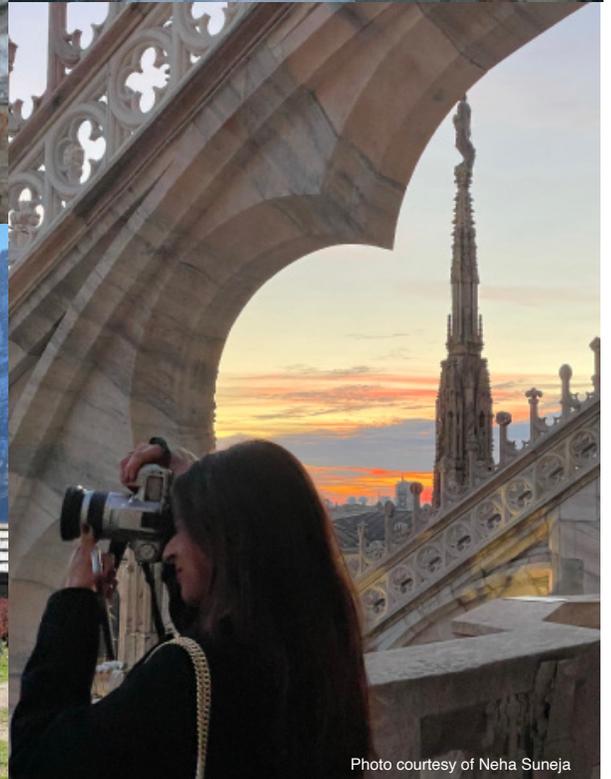


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# Recapping Semesters Spent Around the World



Photo courtesy of Mercedes Hoyos



Photo courtesy of Izzy Jones

More highlights abroad, from the top of a castle in Portugal to the top of a volcano in Ecuador

*By Courtney MacDonald '26*

A staple piece of the Gabelli Presidential Scholarship Program at Boston College is the emphasis on developing a group of people who are not just present in their own communities, but are willing to go out of their comfort zones, and immerse themselves in an entirely different country, culture, and overall lifestyle. This aspect of a sense of global community is made available to scholars their junior year, where they are able to take advantage of Boston College's rich foreign connections facilitated by the BC Office of Global Education.

This past year, we had multiple Scholars go to a variety of different places, ranging from pure curiosity-based desire for adventure, to wanting to develop a deeper insight on their studies through a different cultural lens. Izzy Jones '23 ended up studying in Quito, Ecuador at Universidad San Francisco de Quito. Jones chose Quito after hearing information passed

down from older students, as well as a result of her desire to experience life in a Spanish-speaking country. Another student, Lauren Gillet '23, chose to study at the University of Copenhagen in Copenhagen, Denmark. Gillet had a curiosity for Scandinavian culture, but also wanted to go to one of the less BC-student-populated destinations: "[Being one of the few students in Copenhagen] meant I'd really be pushed to meet new people and not just stay in my comfort zone of BC students, so I got to meet a lot of incredible exchange students from different countries."

Of course, the transition to a new country is bound to be an adjustment. All Scholars briefly touched on the immense cultural and environmental shock present in their chosen destinations. But in the end, the experiences paid off. Each Scholar had their own unique educational experiences abroad, whether it be learning something new, or simply expanding on their current knowl-

edge. Jones had background interest and experience in public health, so she chose to work as a research assistant for Dr. Ivan Palacios at the USFQ medical school. She also worked on a project in Checa on self-testing for HPV, which included making training videos in Spanish and recruiting local women to work on the project. Jones says, "Getting to visit the clinic and do this hands-on work was very informative and allowed me to connect what I had learned in the classroom to lived experiences." This work allowed Jones to expand on her interest in public health and develop a new angle of understanding and perspective on the field.

Gillet had a similar experience, but in a different area of study. Gillet is an economics major here at Boston College. She wanted to analyze the differences between the economic systems in the United States versus Denmark. "Denmark has one of the highest standards of living and is known as one of the happiest countries, and

so I was curious about how the Danish welfare system played out in everyday life," Gillet said. In Gillet's experience, most of her lessons on Danish economics came from the classes she took at the University of Copenhagen, which were designed specifically for international students. Gillet describes how these international-based classes created the environment to compare the economics of many different countries beyond Denmark.

The lessons learned and memories made through study abroad will hold special places in the Scholars' hearts as they move forward with a fresh perspective on a different culture and way of life. "I left with lots of travel memories, funny stories, and a desire to return soon!" Jones remarked. As GPSP continues on, it will continue to cultivate these unique abroad experiences for many BC students, producing well-rounded individuals open and willing to new opportunities.

# Class of 2025 Complete PULSE Placements

By Jason Adhinarta '25

Presidential Scholars pride themselves in forming tight-knit communities which transcend academic boundaries. The PULSE program which took place over the 2022 summer allowed the class of 2025 to form meaningful relationships that extend well beyond the confines of Tuesday night Devlin hall gatherings.

Sharing a living space in Greycliffe hall, allowed us to understand each other's lifestyles and have interesting intercultural conversations. Ai-Kee Cheung (MCAS) remarked "it was such a great atmosphere to be in everyday". Oftentimes, these exchanges offered great ways for the class to mature and become more aware of the global cultures that exist within the Program. For instance, for the dinner the students hosted for Kathy, Jennie, and Sarah, the students organized a three-course meal that consisted of dishes from the different cultures represented in the Program.

For appetizers, Maggie Hynes (MCAS) prepared a serving of bruschetta which res-

onated with many of the students of Italian descent. For the main course, Julian Castro (CSOM) prepared a sancocho antioqueño, a Colombian dish that his mother and grandmother would prepare during festive occasions. And for dessert, the students cut into Kathy's cake which had a satirical decoration directed at the amount of times the fire alarms went off during the Scholars' stay. Overall, the meal was a great time and it laid the groundwork for an environment that welcomed an exchange of cultures within everyone in the class.

Anisha Kundu (CSOM) and Sancia Sehdev (MCAS) also prepared some traditional Indian dishes, such as curry, and would often offer a taste to everyone that passed by the kitchen. Julian had the pleasure of trying their egg curry; which he said was amazing. Additionally, I would dare people to eat century-old eggs, a Chinese delicacy that was often a source of fear in the Greycliffe kitchen. Julian states that these interactions showed him "that this program was truly a mixture of twenty-three extremely unique and diverse individuals."

The service we did enabled us to better grasp the social problems that underprivileged communities face. As part of the Missing Them project, we had interviewed NYC locals about how COVID has tremendously impacted their family's lives. We were assigned to various community partners in Boston, to tackle problems such as clothing and food insecurity. In our class, we discussed problems such as legal racial discrimination and the inequalities in education. Steven Roche (MCAS) shared a similar sentiment, "PULSE changed my perspective on how I can be an active agent of change in a world of injustice."

The lessons we learned after PULSE continued after the summer. A few students have continued to serve at Haley House through the semester. Jake Ottiger (CSOM) has decided to follow up on the Innocence Project which aims to absolve those who are wrongfully convicted. Moreover, the class of 2025 is planning to tackle the problem of clothing insecurity in Boston for their Sophomore Social Justice Project.



Photo courtesy of: Liz Schwab

The sophomore scholars enjoy some quality downtime after volunteering at their Summer PULSE placements

# A Scholar's Account from Ukraine

By Hector Tyser '25

Last year I took Professor Bailey's course, Introduction to Modern Politics in which a significant portion of the class was dedicated to the war in Ukraine. As an international student from London, living in Boston, I initially felt far removed from the topic, despite my interest; I felt like an outsider looking in on what it must have felt like for Russian and Ukrainian people as war broke out. The spring semester eventually came to a close and I was proud to have finished the majority of Prof. Bailey's long reading list, but I still wanted to know more.

Following my time in summer PULSE, I flew back to London and was met with large posters welcoming and advising Ukrainian refugees as to what to do when they arrived. This got me thinking. A quick Google search of the flight time between Heathrow and Rzeszów airport in eastern Poland — the public airport via which the UN delivers weapons to Ukraine - was only ninety minutes (shorter than the flight time between Boston and Miami!).

After more digging down Google's rabbit holes re, I found Siobhan's Trust — the charity for which I would later work. My mind was made. I was going to Ukraine. Of course, this decision was not going to be popular with my parents, especially my mother. My brother, Caspar, helpfully reminded me of the cliché 'don't ask for permission, ask for forgiveness' a mantra which unfortunately for our parents was often put

into practice throughout our childhood. So, a few days later flights were booked and we were on our way to what my mother believed was a cultural trip to Krakow.

Upon descending into Rzeszów, I was immediately struck by the anti-missile weaponry on the runway, making it clear that even though we were still in Poland tension in and around the area was going to be high. Caspar and I made it through customs and left the airport in a safe car provided by the charity which took us directly to Medyka, the town on the Ukraine-Poland border. Whilst in the car, we were instructed to take out our sim cards because Russia was tracking western phones, and if there were too many spotted in a particular location, they would take action. Our driver also gave specific instructions on how to behave when crossing no-man's land as well as how to safely get from the Ukrainian side of the border to Lviv, where we would be based.

As Caspar and I made our way to customs on foot, it was immediately clear we were moving against the tide, as the line to get back into Poland tailed hundreds of meters, while we simply walked through with no wait. Walking through no-man's land was a very eerie experience, but not as overwhelming as simply standing on the Ukrainian side. Once through customs, it became apparent that no one could understand our language, and we struggled to understand the value of the Ukrainian currency, as 1 USD is roughly equivalent to 37 Ukrai-

nian hryvnias. This certainly complicated things when trying to negotiate taxi prices, among other things, and our passports became our most valuable possessions.

The drive from Medyka to Lviv was long and intimidating as the driver pointed out, in broken English, the locations that had been hit by Russian strikes, including the main train station in Lviv. However, as soon as we arrived at our hotel things began to feel more normal. Yes, air raid sirens went off an average of four times per day, but people were used to it and had come to the realization that if you went to a shelter for each siren there would simply be no time left in the day to get anything done — an idea that struck me as an interesting blend of dystopian normalcy.

The first evening, we had dinner with the other volunteers to discuss what we would be doing the next day as well as general introductions among the group. I was amazed by how much gossip there was amongst the volunteers, mostly all single and ranging in age from twenty to thirty-five. It seemed as though war had intensified everyone's emotions, motivating them as well as blurring the lines between co-workers, friends and partners.

Over the next period we traveled with the charity around Lviv visiting orphanages, rehab centers and shelters. One particular conversation at the orphanage we visited stood out from the others: a nineteen year old girl (my age) from the Donbas region had been relocated to the orphanage in Lviv, while both of her parents had suffered significant traumas and been hospitalized in the eastern part of the country.

She had been planning to go to university next year but told me that it seemed like an unrealistic dream. I found this particularly striking because of how difficult it was for me to reconcile her experience with my own: that in a matter of weeks I would be returning to Chestnut Hill as a Presidential Scholar and there was nothing I could do to improve her situation. So, if I brought anything back from my time with the Siobhan Trust in Lviv, it would be to make the most of each moment and always seek to dig deeper beyond what may appear on the surface.



Photo courtesy of: Hector Tyser

Hector prepares food for a gathering crowd

# Class of 2023 Completes Summer Internships



Senior Rishi Srinivasan goes bungee jumping while “interning” in South Africa

## *By Sarah You '26*

As the COVID-19 pandemic eased during the summer of 2022, the GPSP class of 2023 traveled across the globe to explore their interests and bring what they learned back to Boston College. Researching Parkinson’s disease, shadowing at a dental clinic, working with the branding and design elements of various concerts at the Pasadena Symphony and Pops, and interning as an analyst at Bank of America are just a few highlights of the internships they participated in.

Molly Binder '23, majoring in Applied Psychology, spent her summer at a treatment program based out of Judge Baker Children’s center for children diagnosed with ADHD. The program runs for six weeks and provides evidence-based interventions for kids with behavioral or mental health challenges. After a week of training, Binder was assigned to a group of fourteen boys, from ages five to nine, as the undergraduate counselor for the program. She provided treatment to kids through traditional camp activities, and coaching different sports skills. “[This internship] offered a unique opportunity to

engage with a clinical population as an undergraduate psychology student, which is a rare experience to have,” said Binder.

Rishi Srinivasan '23, majoring in Neuroscience on a pre-med track, traveled to Transkei, South Africa, and Istanbul, Turkey, for his summer. First interning at the Zithulele Research Center and Hospital, Srinivasan and his mentor traveled with an X-Ray van to homes and local clinics in Transkei and helped with the process of documenting results of tuberculosis/HIV. Aside from his work, he also had the opportunity to work on tuberculosis research in AA&D in Durban, South Africa, primarily with homeless individuals helping out with administrative and logistical tasks at

the homeless hospital clinic. Srinivasan also interned at the Victoria Hospital in Capetown, South Africa, where he primarily shadowed a pediatric doctor and learned more about how tuberculosis affects the pediatric population of South Africa. Srinivasan said, “this entire experience in South Africa was one of the most memorable and impactful ones of my life... Here I had the opportunity to not only participate in rewarding work, but also truly become a part of a rich community.”

Connor Roukey '23, majoring in Accounting and Philosophy, is interested in a potential future vocation as a parish priest. He interned with the Archdiocese of Boston/St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. “I am confident that this internship will prove beneficial for my future studies and career,” Roukey remarked. He spent most of his internship at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Brookline, MA, and occasionally assisted with special projects and events at the Archdiocesan Central Ministries/Cardinal’s Office and Office of the West Regional Bishop. Roukey set up for Mass, coordinated volunteer schedules, and helped the Pastor with specific tasks. He also coordinated many major liturgies at the parish and assisted in organizing parish social events such as their annual cookout and young adult barbecue.

These experiences were just a small sample of the fantastic and fulfilling experience the Class of 2023 had during the past summer. Despite the different locations and positions, each Scholar experienced, they all came out more certain of what they wanted to do in the future.

## Welcome GPSP Class of 2026!



**Caroline Ahn**  
Fulton, MD

**Jared Aimone**  
Long Beach, CA

**Evan Dao**  
Randolph, MA

**Garret Eichlin**  
Oak Ridge, NC

**Amelia Gaffney**  
E. Greenwich, RI

**Joshua Gorniak**  
Parlin, NJ

**Lauren Heinzelman**  
Bainbridge Island, WA

**Samiksh Jain**  
Mumbai, India

**Martin Kentas**  
New York, NY

**Courtney McDonald**  
Salinas, CA

**Sarah You**  
Wuhan, China

## Alumni Announcements

**Chris Scullin '10** and his wife Nicole welcomed Rowan Robert Scullin on October 10. Brother Rory (~2.25 yrs old) is excited to share his trucks. They also moved after 10 years in Boston to Larkspur, CA in the SF Bay Area in June, returning to their home state of CA

**Nadya Muchoney '13** completed her PhD in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology at the University of Nevada, Reno in May 2022 and is now working as a Postdoctoral Scholar within UNR's Department of Biology

**Rachel Newmiller '13** was Promoted to Senior Project Manager, Genomic Center for Infectious Diseases at the Broad Institute of MIT & Harvard in July 2022

**Dielle Lundberg '16** was a collaborator on a multi-media art installation called "Aftermath" exploring the global health impacts of textile waste that was exhibited at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History

**Cole Tamburri '20** received his M.S. in Astrophysical and Planetary Science from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and advanced to a Ph.D. candidacy



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