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Honors Graduation Celebration

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Welcome and Greeting

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University Congratulations

Honors Faculty Words of Sending

Presentation of Honors Graduates

Erin Kimminau Servant-Scholar Award

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Wesley E. Lingren Award for Outstanding University Scholar

Outstanding University Scholar for 2022

Commissioning and Sending

Joycelynn Baker

Adoration Above Objectification: The Promotion of Other in Black, Mexican, and Arabic Love Poetry

Post-graduation plans: I have one more year at SPU in the English Department. But then, when I'm sprung free, I will head to New York for a publishing or tech development career!

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Grace Hope Barthelmess

Survivorship of Columbian Black-Tailed Deer on a Predator-Free Island

Post-graduation plans: I am planning on working as a field ecologist and/or environmental educator for a year, and then hope to enter into a PhD program studying marine ecology and evolution in some capacity. I am passionate about conservation, and find that doing research and working in education are some of my favorite ways to live out that calling.

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Emily Bogle

Soldiers' InWARD Battle: A Theological Anthropology of War-Based Moral Injury and the Role of the Church

Post-graduation plans: This fall, I will be joining the Mathematical Sciences PhD program at Portland State University. While continuing my studies on scholarship, I will also be working as a graduate teaching assistant in the Fariborz Maseeh Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Looking forward, I am excited about the learning, growth, and development to come.

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Molly S. Callison

Haunted Heroines: An Examination of the Complication of the Gothic Heroine

Post-graduation plans: I plan to stay in Seattle and work towards a master's degree in library and information science, with aspirations to become a research librarian in the field of English literature. But really, I'll be happy just to be around books for the rest of my career, regardless of job title.

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Gabriella Cockerell

Data Abuse: An Investigation of Data, Algorithms, and Practices

Post-graduation plans: After graduation, I will be starting as a support analyst for the University's Director of Technology Support Services team. As I will still be on campus, I am continuing my exploration of cross-culture ministry and data science.

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Moira Dewey

Pondering Pauses: Experiencing Stillness in Scrolling Webcomics

Post-graduation plans: I plan on moving back home to Southern California. There I will work toward making and publishing my own graphic novel, striving to share my stories with others. While aiming for that goal, I want to continue growing in my art skills, constantly experimenting and creating new and fun things.

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Jon Michael Geiger

Developing a Natural Language Processing Approach for Categorizing Student Ideas in Introductory Calculus-Based Physics

Post-graduation plans: As of now, I am in the process of submitting applications in data science, both in Seattle and back home in Southern California. After a few years of industry experience, I hope to pursue a graduate degree in applied mathematics/statistics, hoping to focus on research in machine learning in the context of undergraduate data science education.

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Chloe Guillot

Thy Kingdom Come: A Biblical Theology of Social Justice Movements

Post-graduation plans: I will be continuing my education at Seattle Pacific Seminary in pursuit of a master of divinity degree. While I work on my long-term goal of creating radically inclusive Christian spaces for all people, I hope to spend more time laughing, exploring, and eating good food.

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Jonathan Hacker

How the Dungeons of *The Legend of Zelda* Challenge Players to Find the Way for Themselves

Post-graduation plans: I plan to find a job in the games industry, or a related creative or technical field. I will also continue to work on my latest video game, which is a puzzle-adventure game with strategic turn-based combat, and an ever-changing procedurally generated world. I might take up additional hobbies, such as camping, video production, or chainsaw acrobatics. I will strive to always continue to learn, and always work towards social justice and sacred community.

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Katie Honsinger

PLOT: Personal Library Organization and Tracking, a Home Library Cataloging Application

Post-graduation plans: I am beyond excited to be marrying my favorite person, Paul, shortly after graduation. Then I will be launching my career in embedded software engineering, hopefully with an aerospace or avionics company near Seattle or Portland.

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Rebekah Huber

Not Just the Flu: The Impacts of ASIAFLUCAP Influenza Policy Recommendations on Southeast Asia during the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic

Post-graduation plans: I plan to finish up my undergraduate studies at SPU and graduate in Winter 2023. Eventual goals include working in the international development field, continuing to learn new things, and spending as much time as possible outdoors!

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McKenzie L. Jamieson

A Room Full of Mirrors: An Analysis of the Nonprofit Board of Directors and Issues of Structure and Diversity

Post-graduation plans: After graduation, I plan to stick around in the Seattle area and start working full-time. I'm excited at the prospect of finally having some free time again to pursue my passions further!

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Cambria Judd Babbitt

Issues of Right to Legal Counsel in Immigrant Removal Proceedings: Due Process Framework and Applicability

Post-graduation plans: I am eager to begin law school this upcoming fall, and honored to have a full-ride Honors Scholarship to Seattle University to continue my education. This past year I had the opportunity to work at an immigration law firm. This experience as well as my classes at SPU have helped me realize my desire to pursue a legal career where I can help marginalized communities access legal assistance, whether it be through immigration, civil rights, or other areas of public interest law.

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Nathan Judd

Non-Profit Accounting and Financial Strategies for the Exponential Age

Post-graduation plans: I plan on starting as an Audit Associate at Clark Nuber PS following this summer. I hope to make a difference in local businesses while looking to specialize in nonprofit- and technology-focused entities in the long term.

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Mathea Hope Kurtz-Shaw

An Analysis of Mesophotic Macroalgal Species Richness and Abundance in Puget Sound

Post-graduation plans: After spending a year working as a field research technician and completing my divemaster certification, I plan to attend graduate school to study marine biology and ecology. My future goals include pursuing a career in marine biology field work with a governmental or nonprofit organization dedicated to social and environmental justice in an international setting.

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Rachel LaBrie

White-Collar Crime: Diversity and Discrimination in Sentencing by Sex and Race

Post-graduation plans: After returning from my quarter abroad in Spain, I am excited to be spending the summer at home with family and friends in Washington. I will be working on attaining my CPA this summer as well. In October, I will be starting as an audit staff member at public accounting firm Moss Adams.

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Luisa LaMagra

Breaking the Cycle: An Analysis of the Reduction of Single Women in the Homeless Community

Post-graduation plans: Having been a Fulbright semifinalist this year, I hope to reapply next year for the opportunity to travel to a foreign country, teach English, and immerse myself in a new culture. For now, I plan to attend law school in the east coast to pursue my dreams of being a litigation lawyer. Although I have not decided on a specialty, I have narrowed the choices down to criminal prosecution, family law, and civil rights. I am very excited to step into the real-world and have the ability to help others. I only hope to be as remarkable to those in my future as the individuals who have supported me through this lengthy project.

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Elizabeth C. Lucas

Devil's Lettuce or Heaven Sent? How the Legalization of Recreational Cannabis Impacts Rates of Schizophrenia in Washington State

Post-graduation plans: My plans for the future are to go to medical school to study psychiatry, and eventually to join Doctors Without Borders.

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Savannah Mather

The Thread Tying Us Together: A Fashion and Familial Case Study

Post-graduation plans: I plan on finding a job either in fashion or in biochemistry.

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Cypress Payne

Read This: A Content Analysis of Book Recommendation Applications

Post-graduation plans: My next step is to get a master's in library science, and in the fall I will begin working towards that goal at the University of Washington. I hope to inspire people to love learning and to make knowledge and education accessible to everyone who wants it.

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Meg Rouse

More Than Decoration: Color's Effect on the Comics Experience and Its Inextricable Ties to Meaning and Narrative

Post-graduation plans: I plan to return to Southern California to pursue a career in animation and work towards publishing my first graphic novel or comic series.

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Rhea Rughani

Early Integration of Palliative Care with Curative Oncology Treatment for Patients with Advanced Cancer: Implications for Clinical Nursing Practice

Post-graduation plans: After graduation, I plan to work as a registered nurse in the Seattle area, gaining valuable patient care experience and specialty certifications before returning to academia. I hope to further my nursing education, and am considering obtaining a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree to expand my capacity for managing complex care and leading efforts to address systemic inequities in medicine.

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Keaton Strawn

Investigating Media Influence on Language Change in Low-Level Sociolinguistic Variables

Post-graduation plans: This coming fall, I will begin pursuing a master of science degree in computational linguistics at the University of Washington.

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Sophia Tekorius

Heterogeneity of Gene Expression in Peanut-Allergic Cells May Be Related to Differing Cell Subpopulations

Post-graduation plans: At this time, I intend to work as a lab technician for a couple years before deciding whether to pursue a master's degree in genetics or genetic counseling.

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Tiffany Veeder

The Development of a Global Shoreland Information Database May Help Determine the Appropriate Bacteria and Nutrient Technology Needed to Remediate Oil Contaminated Shorelands

Post-graduation plans: Following graduation, I will be volunteering, shadowing, and conducting medical-based research at a hospital and medical clinics. While engaged in volunteer work, I will be preparing to take the MCAT as a requirement for entering medical school. Following medical school, I hope to become a surgeon who plans on providing medical services to citizens in our local community.

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Hannah Waterman

Interns and Institutions: Interactions between Unpaid Interns and Public Policy

Post-graduation plans: After graduation, I will begin work in public policy and hope to attend grad school in the coming years.

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Chloe Nicole Wesson

The Generational Impacts of Sexual Violence in Times of Conflict

Post-graduation plans: After graduation, I would like to launch my career in the corporate space. I am looking forward to exploring how I can use my education and skills to serve the greater good. I am excited to travel more frequently and spend time with my loved ones while continuing to advance my career!

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Commissioning Prayer

Thank you for the time we've had together, Lord, growing and learning in our academic community, and upholding one another in a spirit of hospitality and truth.

We pray that you grant each of these University Scholar Honors graduates a deep fullness of being and spirit as they go from here.

Make clear to them each road. Make safe to them each step. Should they stumble, may you hold them close.

If they fall, lift them up. When they are hard-pressed, deliver them, we pray, and bring them at last to your glory.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

