

First-Year Honors Program
Learn Your
Leaders
2023

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Name: Brenna Akason
Hometown: Lakeville, MN
Major(s): Industrial Design
Minor(s): N/A



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love writing poetry, spending time outside, and going for runs.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Accepting, kind, willing to try new things and think outside the box, unique personality.

What is your dream job?

Something that would allow me to come up with and fully develop my own ideas from inspiration to seeing it in action. I want to put my creativity to use making people's lives better in whatever aspect I feel I have a solution for.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Not a meal, but ice cream is an awesome comfort food.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go sky diving with a friend (any friend that will go)

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brontosaurus. Long neck, little legs, they look hilarious :)



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If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

San Francisco outside of the city by the mountains.

The national park area there has the most massive and beautiful trees and the weather is awesome.

What is your favorite joke?

A "that's what she said" joke. The more uncalled for the better.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie of all time is Iron Man 3. I think I've seen it close to 8 times and it never gets old.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Caution- Construction zone. Falling debris likely. (I make my own way through the world. Sometimes it's bumpy but I wouldn't have it any other way)

What is a fun fact about you?

I can draw with both hands at the same time.

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Name: Hannah Albrecht
Hometown: Le Mars, IA
Major(s): Industrial Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

- I enjoy playing tennis, baking, doing DIY projects!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

- My ideal co-leader would be easygoing but likes to have fun be themselves.

What is your dream job?

- Entrepreneur (I would love to own a bakery one day or just have some type of business!)

What's your go-to comfort meal?

- Chipotle or Qdoba Burrito Bowl.

What is one item on your bucket list?

- While in college, I want to swim at State Gym at least once :)

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

- My favorite dinosaur is the Stegosaurus because I had a toy one as a kid and loved it!



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

- If I could live anywhere it would have to be a beach somewhere or in the mountains. Just somewhere near nature!

What is your favorite joke?

- Any inside joke I make with my friends!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

- My favorite movie is La La Land.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

- Caution: Hot

What is a fun fact about you?

- My dog's name is Trousers

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Name: Emma Alstott

Hometown: Fort Dodge, IA

Major(s): Global Resource Systems and Horticulture

Minor(s): Agronomy



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love to garden, hangout with my cats, and read a good book.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would love to work with someone who is really excited to be part of this experience and has an open mind. Someone who can both have fun while also being able to be serious would be nice to work with.

What is your dream job?

To work a job where I can help vegetable and fruit farmers solve their problems related to pests and diseases.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Lasagna or potato soup are the ultimate comfort foods.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go so many places and do so many things. One thing, however, would be to go backpacking through the Balkan Mountains.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The Brachiosaurus is my favorite.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live on a farm somewhere within an hour of a secluded beach along the west coast of the United States or on an Island.

What is your favorite joke?

My humor is too sarcastic. I am not sure any of my jokes will translate well onto paper.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I love Kingsman: The Secret Service, New Girl, and "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: will talk about plants to anyone and everyone.

What is a fun fact about you?

The 400 hurdles and 4x8 were my favorite races in high school track.

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Name: Lauren Anderson

Hometown: Ames, IA

Major(s): Pre-Graphic Design



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love to be in nature, I especially like to go hiking. I love photography and spend a lot of my free time with my camera! I am a musical theater nerd.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would enjoy working with someone who is creative and driven like myself. I would love for my co-leader to engage in some friendly banter with me. I am a bit shy, so working with someone who is a little more outgoing would be great!

What is your dream job?

This is kind of unpractical (but it's a dream job so...) I would love to be a designer for a super popular record label and design for artists' shows and albums. Imagine Taylor Swift on tour, all the graphics and things that show up on the screens behind her, I would design all of that.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Breakfast quesadillas with spicy mayo.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I have always wanted to travel to Paris. When I was in first grade my room was Paris themed, I had a giant poster of the Eiffel Tower.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brachiosaurus

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

In an A-frame cabin somewhere in the Pacific-Northwest.

What is your favorite joke?

What does Jeff Bezos do before he goes to sleep? He puts is PJ-Amazon.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite show is Ted Lasso, and my favorite book is The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

will get extremely hangry very quickly

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been tap dancing since I was 4 years old!

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Name: Erin Ashdown

Hometown: Fenton, IL

Major(s): Management and International Business

Minor(s): German



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy watching movies, going to ISU sporting events and hanging out with friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is outgoing and energetic but also hard working.

What is your dream job?

Managing a business in Europe

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Mac and cheese

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go skydiving.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Triceratops

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in Germany.

What is your favorite joke?

Why did the tomato turn red? It saw the salad dressing!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Caraval, Mad Max, Criminal Minds

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning, she speaks before she thinks!

What is a fun fact about you?

I lived in Switzerland for 4 years.

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Name: Sam Austin

Hometown: Lakeville, MN

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy running, working out, and reading in my spare time.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is organized and outgoing.

What is your dream job?

To work as an aerospace engineer at NASA or SpaceX

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Ramen noodles with frozen chicken strips and sriracha sauce.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go cage diving in Australia.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Micropachycephalosaurus



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Australia

What is your favorite joke?

When.....did I ask.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie is The Other Guys, and my favorite TV show is The Simpsons

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

I have the humor of a middle school boy.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been skydiving and I can burp my ABC's.

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Name: Molly Boevers
Hometown: Cedar Falls, IA
Major(s): Kinesiology and Health
(Pre-Dental)



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like to spend time outside, watch movies, bake, and hang out with friends!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone bubbly, fun, and light-hearted with a good sense of humor. Also, someone who can appreciate the little things in life.

What is your dream job?

To be an orthodontist! Or a pediatric dentist!

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Anything my grandma makes... specifically lasagna and pretzel salad

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go to Italy! And see the Amalfi Coast!

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Probably a brachiosaurus, or at least one of the vegetarian ones

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Somewhere in Montana, preferably on the side of a mountain.

What is your favorite joke?

I don't have a favorite joke, I just laugh at everything

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is The Martian and movie is The Shawshank Redemption

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will Not Stop Smiling

What is a fun fact about you?

I saw a shark on the beach in Florida and it was so cool and kind of scary but more cool than scary!

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Name: Emma Brandt

Hometown: Kenosha, WI

Major(s): Food Science



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

A few things that I enjoy doing in my leisure time are reading, hanging out with friends, and watching my favorite movies.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Characteristics that describe my perfect co-leader would be someone who is hardworking, determined, personable, has a good sense of humor, and is focused.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would probably be to work as either a food chemist or food microbiologist for a large food company.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is my mom's homemade Mac and cheese.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to travel to different exotic places and take pictures of all the wildlife as if I worked for National Geographic.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a diplodocus.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere in the United States, I would choose Seattle or Park City. But if I could live anywhere in the world, I think I would live somewhere in Europe like Italy or Greece.

What is your favorite joke?

My favorite joke would be:

Which celebrity is always ready for cereal?

Reese With her spoon

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

It is almost hard for me to pick what my favorite of any of those options would be so I guess I will just do one of each:

Book: "Where the Crawdads Sing"

Movie: Any Harry Potter movie (but I have so many favorites)

TV show: Seinfeld

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

If I had a warning label it would say "Caution! I can't be your friend if your food touches"

What is a fun fact about you? [08]

A fun fact about me would be that I have been dancing for 15 years.

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Name: John Buttell

Hometown: Knoxville, Iowa

Major(s): Computer Science

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love to watch and play sports, hang out with friends, and go to the gym.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, active, easy to get along with.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is working for a company building the artificial intelligence tools of the future.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is ritz crackers and peanut butter.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to get all of the shoes that are on my list of shoes that I want to add to my collection.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is the ankylosaurus.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would live somewhere with a lot of stuff to do/ attractions.

What is your favorite joke?

"That's what she said." - Michael Scott.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie would have to be star wars the force awakens.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

My warning label would say, "either all over the place or really quiet." or "extremely active."

What is a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I got a concussion from a tree branch falling on my head. I was walking to the rec center with my friends, and boom, I was on the ground, and everything was blurry and dark.

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Name: Luke Champion
Hometown: Van Meter, IA
Major(s): Physics/ Aerospace Engineering
Minor(s): Astronomy/ Math



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Ice skating, reading, kayaking, playing chess, MTG, basketball, video games, rock climbing, watching reality TV shows, weightlifting, ...
If you can name it, I've probably tried it.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I'm a pretty loud person, so someone that's either just as loud as I am or someone who wouldn't mind my somewhat obnoxious personality. Someone who's organized and willing to compromise, takes equal responsibility and can get things done.

What is your dream job?

Astronaut. Nothing else comes close.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

A good turkey and cheese sandwich, simple yet elegant.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Either Denali national park or climbing Mt. Rainer.



What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Ankylosaurus, they're peaceful herbivores until attacked when they turn into a kneecap-breaking armored tank.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Alaska, because it's beautiful and I don't mind long winters and also, I like Universal Basic Income (which Alaska has)

What is your favorite joke?

A watched pot never boils
An unwatched pot also never boils

This is due to the high boiling point of cast iron.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie is 500 days of summer. A very well-made movie about the entire course of a relationship

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Very convincing

What is a fun fact about you?

When I was born, I had a heartrate of 300. I can still get my heartrate over 200 with a good workout.

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Name: Caroline Cinatl

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Major(s): Industrial Design

Minor(s): Sustainability



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like to do art. I do lots of mixed media projects that are very hands on and involve lots of layering, as well as digital art on my iPad or computer. I like cooking and baking and trying new food. I also enjoy spending time with friends, whether it be going out to dinner, going shopping, or just hanging out.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Id like to work with someone who is creative, funny, genuine, and understanding. Preferably not someone super outgoing or energetic

What is your dream job?

I want to design products like weighted stuffed animals or fidget toys in order to help kids with sensory issues and anxiety.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Panda Express orange chicken for sure

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go to Barcelona Spain to look at all the architecture there because the city is so rich in history and artistic expression

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The stuffed animal kind :P

But a brachiosaurus for sure

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I want to live in Chicago, in the middle of the city

What is your favorite joke?

Well you can go ahead and get in the pond if your going to act like a silly goose

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite tv show is YOU on Netflix because its really interesting

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

I am not the person to take shopping because I absolutely WILL tell you to buy it

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a corgi at home

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Name: Renee Clemensen
Hometown: Davenport, IA
Major(s): Construction Engineering
Minor(s): Business



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like looking at capybara videos, I enjoy painting, and online shopping, but it is more like online browsing because I don't want to spend money.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is funny and extroverted because I like to make bad jokes and am very introverted sometimes.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to restore old paintings. I don't plan on pursuing this career, but I am very interested in repairing and refurbishing old paintings.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Ramen with an egg

What is one item on your bucket list?

Get my own hanbok.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Chungkingosaurus



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I want to live in some rural town in South Korea

What is your favorite joke?

What do sweet potatoes wear to bed? Yammies

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Percy Jackson and the Olympians, A Knight's Tale, Criminal Minds

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Will talk about capybaras for hours.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a capybara shrine in my dorm room right now and my life goal is to own 2 capybaras.

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Name: James (Jamie) Coggi
Hometown: Urbandale, IA
Major(s): Animal Ecology
Minor(s): Animal Science



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love reading, going on walks (when it's not freezing), and watching TikTok.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone organized, fun-loving and compassionate.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work as a veterinarian in a zoo and help with conservation research.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go to comfort meal is a quesarito, crunchwrap supreme, cinna-bites, and a baja blast from Taco Bell.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To visit all seven continents.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is Grayson the squishmallow dinosaur.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would 100% choose to live in New York City!

What is your favorite joke?

What do you call a fake noodle?.....a impasta!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is hands down Victorious.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Becomes extremely irritable when not consuming caffeine.

What is a fun fact about you?

I own 27 Starbucks cups and I brought 10 of them with me to college.

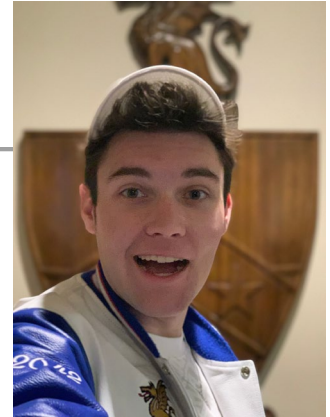
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Name: Dylan Coslin

Hometown: Johnston, IA

Major(s): Civil Engineering (Structural Emphasis)

Minor(s): N/A



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Honestly my favorite thing is to play games on my phone while “watching” TV- but I also have been known to enjoy crafting with my mother (from designing/making shirts to making new holiday decorations)- typically we’ll over complicate things and turn minor projects into big things that look amazing. I also have to include messing around with our dog- she’s the most spoiled dog I’ve ever seen but she’s too hilarious not to be!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

In a perfect world, my co-leader would be someone who is creative, hilarious, and can balance out my excitability. Someone who vibes with my typically sarcastic and outgoing personality. Ideally they’d be someone who is organized- but can also go with the flow without breaking down into panic.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a Disney Imagineer designing anything to do with Disney, from cruising, hotels, or something in the parks.

What’s your go-to comfort meal?

Cajun red beans and rice

What is one item on your bucket list?

Something that has been on my bucket list for a while is to travel to Antarctica

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Parasaurolophus



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere I would probably live in Amsterdam or Lexington, Kentucky

What is your favorite joke?

How do you make a tissue dance???

Put a little boogie in it! 🤪

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Book: Westing Game or Hunger Games

Movie: Disney Hercules

TV Show: Parks and Recreation (but secretly also Teen Titans Go)

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Is the guy who must have an emoji in every text... and uses 🤪 as the solution to any problem.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a tendency to get injured in things that are typically not dangerous, like playing ping pong, serving a ball in tennis, and doing a lung in a big blonde afro wig.

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Name: Emma Coursey

Hometown: Bushnell, IL

Major(s): Animal Science

Minor(s): N/A

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

In my leisure time, I enjoy reading books, showing my livestock, and watching movies.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal partner is someone who enjoys animals, is out-going, has humor, and is kind.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to be a professor in animal science.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Potato and Ham soup

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to travel somewhere outside of the United States.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a T-Rex.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would choose to live in Tennessee. I love the forests and all the lakes and streams in the area. There is also good wildlife.

What is your favorite joke?

Knock Knock. Who's there? Nothing. Nothing who? (No Answer)

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie would be either the After movies or Brother Bear and I enjoy any romance novel.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: I am an overthinker.

What is a fun fact about you?

My family and I raise fainting goats.



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Name: Liz Dougherty
Hometown: Mount Vernon, IA
Major(s): Biochemistry
Minor(s): Genetics, Spanish



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy crocheting, watching college basketball, and making random Spotify playlists that correspond with my moods.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is funny, organized, and unapologetically themselves!

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to become a genetic counsellor or get a job in genetic research!

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Lamb gyros and falafel from a local restaurant near my house.

What is one item on your bucket list?

See a live Tame Impala concert.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brachiosaurus

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in Washington or somewhere in Canada.

What is your favorite joke?

I love random puns that make no sense.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie is Spirited Away.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

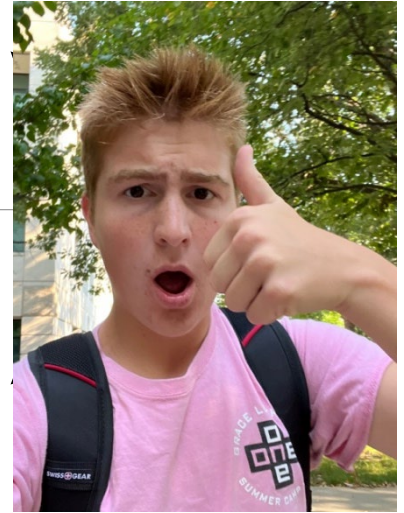
Warning: will trip and fall over absolutely nothing at any given time.

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm scared of llamas.

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Name: Eli Engelkes
Hometown: Eldridge, IA
Major(s): Biology
Minor(s): None



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

1. Playing any type of sport, but mainly basketball, soccer, golf, tennis, or pickleball.
2. Lately I've gotten in to reading.
3. Workout or lift weights

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

1. Good leader
2. Strong Communicator
3. Laid Back
4. Patient
5. Flexible

What is your dream job?

Physician assistant or Family Doctor

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Bacon Cheeseburger and Fries

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go on a cruise.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

T-Rex

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Iowa, I know it is lame, but it's got everything I need.

What is your favorite joke?

My mom said I should do lunges to stay in shape. That would be a big step forward.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Favorite movie is any of the Iron Mans

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

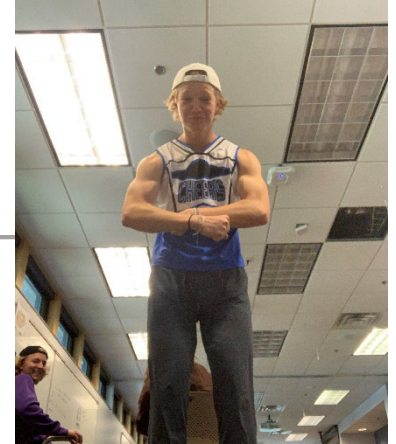
School Smart, Street Dumb

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a twin and we are 6 minutes apart.

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Name: Elijah Erickson
Hometown: Johnston, Iowa
Major(s): Chemical Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy going to the gym, spending time with friends, and sleeping.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Ideally, someone who can match my energy. I'm a very outgoing and talkative person that constantly has a burst of energy and someone who could match that would be fire.

What is your dream job?

Bench NBA point guard or 4th string NFL quarterback. As for my major, chemical engineer at Kemin.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Mac n cheese and brownies and ice cream

What is one item on your bucket list?

I don't really have bucket list items, I do want to get better at snowboarding though

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The good dinosaur



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I honestly enjoy Iowa. Greece looks pretty cool too.

What is your favorite joke?

Whatever Sam Austin says

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is the bible obv, favorite movie is Lala Land, and TV show would be criminal minds

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

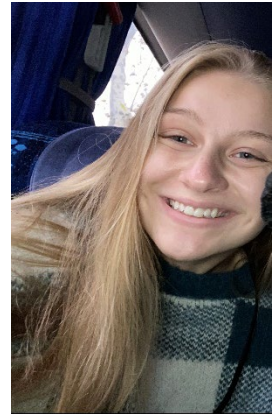
I can talk forever. Specifically about certain movies, sports, and myself.

What is a fun fact about you?

My grandmas have the same name

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Name: McKenzie Flemming
Hometown: Ames, IA
Major(s): Pre-med, undecided
Minor(s): Psychology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Netflix, reading up on Buzzfeed celeb gossip, or if it's warm, reading in the sun.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be extroverted and conversational! They would bring the hype to our section with their personality and authenticity. They would also be organized and timely with their work before deadlines.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to have a private practice in a cute modern building with my own interior design. I don't know what exactly I would practice (probably something related to psychology or dentistry, 2 extremely different things), but it would at least be aesthetic, and I would be my own boss and take good vacations.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Lasagna or literally any pasta dish.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To visit Italy and eat more pasta there.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brachiosaurus.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

A pride and prejudice vibe mansion on a large plot of land with horses and perfect weather that never gets too hot or too cold. I would host a ball every weekend.

What is your favorite joke?

What do you call a cheap circumcision?

A rip off

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Some of my favorite books are Fahrenheit 451, the power of habit, and the DaVinci code. I'm currently reading 12 rules for life by Jordan Peterson, and the body keeps the score which are both super good too. My favorite movies are probably la la land, and inception, and my favorite TV shows are gilmore girls, the crown, and criminal minds.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: broken record, will tell you the same story twice but with the same enthusiasm as the first time

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm a major coffee snob, and I have an espresso machine. My daily coffee is an iced cardamom latte. Making it myself is therapeutic.

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Name: Charlie Frayman
Hometown: Vernon Hills, Illinois
Major(s): Materials Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love to take long walks with friends, play video games, and study geography and history.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who's engaging, works hard, and fun!

What is your dream job?

Materials Scientist at NASA working with composites or failure analysis. I've always wanted to be involved in space research so being able to support the research through my knowledge of materials science could be a way I can be involved with it.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Probably a bacon cheeseburger. Whenever as a kid my parents would get fast food I'd always get a bacon cheeseburger so it's very nostalgic at times for me.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to visit every continent. I think it would be super cool to be able to tell people that I've been to Antarctica or other hard to reach places in the world.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Dracorex hogwartsia, it's named after Harry Potter things, which I think is pretty interesting.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I had infinite money, I would definitely live near LA. I like the great weather and I like mountains. It is a lot different than the Midwest, especially nature-wise and that would make for great walks.



What is your favorite joke?

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To get to the other side!

(It's so lame it's funny)

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie has got to be Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith. It was the first movie I saw in theaters! (although I was an infant and I slept through most of the movie)

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

WARNING: Will spontaneously tell you about the most obscure and useless islands on the entire planet.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have met more famous movie directors than presidents of the United States.

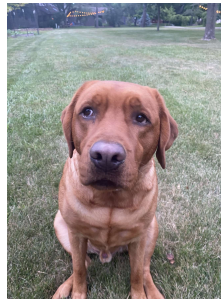
Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Makenna Hansen

Hometown: Mason City, IA

Major(s): Early Childhood Education

Minor(s): Human Development and Family Studies



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love shopping, crafting, and being in the outdoors.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who is energetic, social, and lots of fun!

What is your dream job?

My dream is to own and teach at my own Montessori-based preschool.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My comfort meal will always be any form of pasta.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go sky diving, that is a big one on my bucket list.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

I was a dinosaur kid so I have many, but probably a brachiosaurus.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I have always dreamed of living out of the country at least for a little while, so I'd choose England.

What is your favorite joke?

What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is New Girl!

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: will steal your dog

What is a fun fact about you?

I play the ukulele! Also I attached a picture of my dog, Rusty, the most handsome little guy.

Learn Your Leaders 2023



Name: Renee Hartung
Hometown: Preston, Iowa
Major(s): Biology
Minor(s): N/A

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy going to the gym, going shopping and getting food with my friends. (Panera and Chick-fil-a in particular)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would have to be just as outgoing as I am, responsible, a person who thinks outside the box and who will have a good conversation with me in throwing out ideas when planning.

What is your dream job?

To be an optometrist

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My mom's steak and potatoes.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to sky dive.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (Provide a photo if you would like)

I mean I'm not a dinosaur gal but velociraptors would be I suppose

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I feel like right here in Iowa is just what everyone needs.

What is your favorite joke?

Why were all the players hot after their game? Because all the fans left the stadium

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I enjoy the whole avenger's series, spiderman is a favorite. The Colleen Hoover books are also a favorite.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

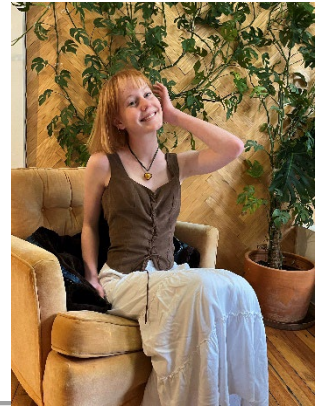
Warning: "Will burst into a tiktok dance spontaneously"

What is a fun fact about you?

I once won 1st place at the whistling contest at the Iowa State Fair

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Reilly Healey
Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska
Major(s): Civil Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy secondhand shopping/thrifting, painting pretty things I see in everyday life or Pinterest, and working out/lifting weights.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone with a perfect balance of being organized/exude leader-like qualities and always being down for a fun time/good sense of humor.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to become a design engineer in a big urban location where I help engineering and construction firms build sustainable and Smart City infrastructure.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Chicken pesto mac and cheese or Goa fish from my favorite Indian restaurant back at home.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To travel to Ireland and visit my extended family.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The Runza dinosaur. (Run it up Nebraskans!)



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Savannah Georgia, because I think it is the perfect mixture of a big city with lots of different types of people and things to do while also having the feel of a small and intimate town.

What is your favorite joke?

“What is your name?”

“What am I holding?”

holds nose

“What am I holding?”

holds nothing

“[Name] knows nothing!”

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I have a lot of different favorite TV shows, like Pen15, Breaking Bad, and Stranger Things, but my most recent favorite is The White Lotus, specifically the second season.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Ginger.

What is a fun fact about you?

I eat oatmeal with banana and peanut butter everyday for breakfast, but, if UDCC runs out of bananas, I eat oatmeal with peanut butter.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Cecelia (Cece) Hill

Hometown: Manly, IA

Major(s): Kinesiology & Health – Pre-PT

Minor(s): N/A



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Ice Skating, spending time with my friends, go on walks.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Energetic, thoughtful, supportive, and organized.

What is your dream job?

Working as a physical therapist that serves children in school systems (working for the AEA), or pediatric PT in general!

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Although it is not a meal, my favorite food is ice cream.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go to Greece and sing Mama Mia songs the whole time.
Or visit Hawaii.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)



No explanation needed.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Hawaii.

What is your favorite joke?

What is a DJ's favorite sauce? Mari-nara

must be said with DJ move → delivery is KEY with this joke

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Movie: Parent trap (1998)

TV Show: White Collar and Gilmore Girls

Book: Harry Potter series or anything Nicholas Sparks

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Caution: breaks into song and dance with no warning

What is a fun fact about you?

I can do the worm!

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Jordan Howell
Hometown: Howells, NE
Major(s): Meteorology
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy reading and baking on rainy days and kayaking when it's sunny!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Energetic, organized, and easy-going.

What is your dream job?

Tornado chasing or something hands-on.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Homemade mac & cheese with bacon!

What is one item on your bucket list?

To live in each state for at least one month.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The brachiosaurus' long neck reminds me of a giraffe.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

North Carolina, it has beaches and mountains.

What is your favorite joke?

Why shouldn't you tell a secret in the cornfield?

It has ears!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

TV show: The West Wing

Movie: Top Gun

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: She talks too fast.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love romance books.

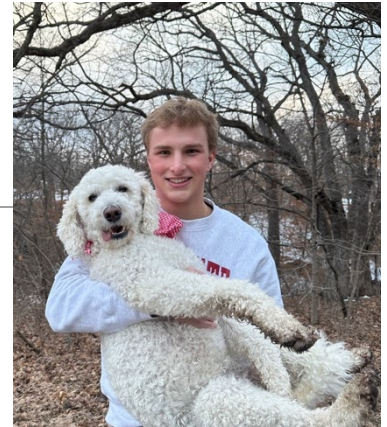
Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Robert Kaas

Hometown: Indianola, IA

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy spending time outside, participating in adventurous activities such as kayaking, fishing, and taking my dog on walks.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who's energetic, organized, and compassionate. It is important to have fun while learning and sharing ideas with others.

What is your dream job?

A detective or crime scene investigator. I enjoy solving problems with my peers and thinking outside the box. Especially when science is involved.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Lasagna and crispy garlic bread

What is one item on your bucket list?

To scuba dive the great barrier reef. I have never been scuba diving, but it would be an experience of a lifetime to see life underwater.



What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The Troodon because it seems like a goofy dinosaur and is one of the fastest.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would live in Washington. Washington has mountains, and pretty landscapes, and the Pacific Ocean. Just a little more than Corn and soybeans.

What is your favorite joke?

Why did the acid go to the gym? To become a buffer solution!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movies are the Car's movies. All of characters, conflicts, and jokes throughout the movies are very engaging.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

"Randomly laughs, even if something isn't funny"

What is a fun fact about you?

I am a self-taught film photographer and developer.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Emerson Rose Florence Kane

Hometown: Chicago IL

Major(s): Open option

Minor(s):

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

In my free time, I like to watch movies or tv shows. If I really like a movie, I will watch it more than once. I also really like to bake during my free time. I enjoy spending time on a Saturday baking and watching movies. I love baking different recipes of cookies, brownies and cake pops. During other times, I enjoy quieter artistic activities with others or by myself. Taking photos of people and places around campus is one of my passions. I also enjoy coloring and bead making projects with friends.



What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I am not sure if I have an ideal co-worker type. I am a very flexible and cooperative person that likes to have fun so I believe I can work with anyone. However, I would want a co-worker that is as involved and excited about the position as I am, so we can work together at the same level. I am open to new ideas and ways to get things done, so an ideal co-worker would be someone that has the same positive attitude.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would involve traveling around the world. I am not sure about the rest since I have not chosen a major. However, I know that I want to work with people in a job where others are as active, involved, enthusiastic and as talkative as I am. I am shy at first but once I am adjusted to a new surrounding, I am very outgoing and talkative and excited to be involved.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

I don't have a comfort meal but my go to snack would be popcorn with a variety of seasonings.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Currently on my bucket list is traveling to France on a study abroad program and then traveling to Korea and Japan to visit friends that I have met this year at school..

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur would be a Brachiosaurus because I like how big they are with long skinny necks. I also like them because they are peaceful animals that just eat plants.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would say I would love to live in Paris, France, as I have always loved it there. I visited it once but only for a short time. I would love to be able to go back and explore the city, its culture, and its history. I would also love to live in Ireland and get to visit my Dad's family/cousins. If I lived in Ireland, I know my family would visit me a lot because they love it there, too.

What is your favorite joke?

I don't have just one favorite joke but I love dad jokes and, as leader, I would definitely do a joke of the day during each class.

Have you heard about the movie Constipation?

No!

It hasn't come out yet.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I am not a big reader, but I will watch any movie or tv show except I don't enjoy horror movies. I don't have a favorite movie, but I love Disney, all musicals, movies from the 80s plus others. The movies from the 80s I enjoy include Police Academy, Blues Brothers, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, and Footloose.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Caution: Loves Pickles.

Beware of diabetes: Sweetness overload.

Objects may be crazier than they seem.

Warning: Talks a lot!

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a collection of fun crazy glasses that I like to wear on many occasions. They are all very different and I enjoy wearing them to different events. I hope to wear some during my time as a leader.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Ritvik Karthik
Hometown: Acton, MA
Major(s): Industrial Engineering
Minor(s): Spanish



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like hanging out with friends, hiking, and biking. I also really like spending time on Google Maps or Zillow.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would say someone who is willing to be collaborative and has a positive attitude. Maybe someone who is more extroverted as I am a little bit introverted myself.

What is your dream job?

Anything that deals with analyzing numbers. I like statistics quite a bit, so I want to get a job dealing with that. However, I don't know what job or industry I want to work in just yet, but that's what college is for.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Indian food in general, but more specifically Chole Bhature. (If you have the opportunity, try it! It's amazing!)

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to do a giant road trip where I travel across all 48 states in the Continental United States.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Ankylosaurus, I always thought their armor and tail was really cool.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I love New England, so probably by a lake in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

What is your favorite joke?

What has four wheels and flies? A garbage truck.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is between Parks and Rec and Community.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will get in uncontrollable fits of laughter over the dumbest jokes.

What is a fun fact about you?

Before coming here, I had never met an Iowan.



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Natalie Kaufmann
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri
Major(s): Genetics
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love going on hikes with my dog, painting (mainly trees and animals) and watching movies with friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would love to work with someone who is positive, creative, and loves a good time.

What is your dream job?

Either Genetic Counseling or Forensic science, I have three more years to decide.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Fettuccine Alfredo

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go to the winter Olympics

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Dinosaur chicken nuggets

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Anywhere in the Netherlands. I've never actually been, but it looks incredible.

What is your favorite joke?

It wasn't easy for the guy who invented the microphone.
He got some really bad feedback

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I absolutely love rewatching Parks and Recreation, New Girl and Ferris Bueller's Day off

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will not stop talking about how much I want a dog here.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been to three different Rainforest Cafes with three different groups of people. I can't believe I have convinced that many people to eat there.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Camryn Keith
Hometown: Solon, IA
Major(s): Biology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy reading, walking my dog, and hanging out with friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is easy going, dependable, likes to have fun, and is open-minded!

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to travel the world as a photographer.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My comfort meal is chicken and sweet potatoes.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to Finland or Switzerland

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a Brontosaurus.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would probably choose to live in Scotland.

What is your favorite joke?

Why aren't chickens funny?

Beccaaausee(chicken noise)

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is "Salt to the Sea" and my favorite TV show is "New Girl."

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Will cross the street to pet a dog.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a 3-legged cat.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Mason Kotlarz

Hometown: Waverly Iowa

Major(s): Cyber Security



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like to play the Double Bass in the ISU Symphony Orchestra. I have been getting into rock climbing at Lied recently!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is easy to communicate with, funny, and a positive person! Oh, and someone who can put up with me.

What is your dream job?

I hope to work somewhere in Cyber Security. I feel like that kind of job is just cool, maybe the digital forensics side is the coolest.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

I'm a big fan of peanut butter and apple slices.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I hope to make some lifelong friends at university, and go on a ski trip with them.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brachiosaurus, the long neck ones

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Maybe either on a lake, near some mountains, or on a river, probably somewhere in the midwest.

What is your favorite joke?

What's the best thing about the switzerland flag? I dunno, but it's a big plus.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I definitely say the Martian. It's definitely my comfortable movie and I read the book which is also very good.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: I think capybaras are the cutest animal.

What is a fun fact about you?

I used to have daily conversion starters in highschool.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Abigail Larkin
Hometown: Corpus Christi,
Texas

Major(s): Biochemistry, Global
Resource Systems
Minor(s): Spanish.



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Reading, Eating, watching Rom Coms

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Good attitude, responsible, organized

What is your dream job?

Something science related in Europe

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Carne Asada Tacos

What is one item on your bucket list?

See Machu Picchu

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Rex from Toy Story

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Italy

What is your favorite joke?

Don't have one?

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Ted Lasso

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Very opinionated about things of no significance

What is a fun fact about you?

I think peanut butter is overrated.

Learn Your Leaders 2023



Name: Nellie Leaverton
Hometown: Urbandale IA
Major(s): Electrical Engineering
Minor(s): N/A

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy to baking and rock climb. I usually bake desserts and bread such as macarons, chocolate covered pretzels, and rolls. I go rock climbing at the Iowa State Gym or Lied.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would love to work with someone who is energetic, organized, thoughtful and someone who enjoys physical activities.

What is your dream job?

I would love to become a pen-tester (break into buildings legally) for companies and websites.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Dried Mango Slices.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is learning how to ride a skateboard and different tricks.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would want to live by the coast, somewhere that is mostly warm all year but does not consistently get over 100 degrees.

What is your favorite joke?

When does a joke become a "dad joke?" When it becomes apparent.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. I had always loved reading Harry Potter as a kid and that book stuck out to me the most.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Prepare to be asked if you want to go rock climbing.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love to watch K-Dramas.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Victoria Lenius

Hometown: Madison, WI

Major(s): Environmental Engineering

Minor(s): Math, Leadership Studies



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy listening to music and hanging out with friends. I also enjoy baking.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be easy-going and organized.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to be a professional organizer.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is blueberry pancakes.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to travel to every U.S. state.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a stegosaurus.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would choose somewhere with a colder climate because I enjoy fall and winter.

What is your favorite joke?

My favorite joke is "Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? He will stop at nothing to avoid them."

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is Manifest.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

If I had a warning label mine would say that I love to talk.

What is a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I have chickens back home in Madison.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Olaiya Lewis (Oh-lie-Yah)

Hometown: Falls Church

Major(s): Elementary Education

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love to read, watch tv, and hang out with my friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, flexible, organized, and dedicated

What is your dream job?

In a different universe an Agent of SHIELD, but in this one a 3rd grade teacher.

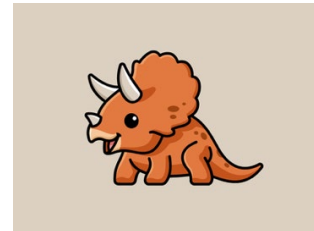
What's your go-to comfort meal?

Mac n' Cheese, with a side of fruit, followed by chocolate ice cream and strawberries

What is one item on your bucket list?

To travel Europe with my friends and see the Hogwarts castle.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)



Triceratops

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in Valencia Spain

What is your favorite joke?

Any joke my little sister tells

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie is 10 Things I Hate About You

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

“Very loud, easily excitable, listens to copious amounts of Taylor Swift”

What is a fun fact about you?

I am in the boxing club at Iowa State

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Rivers Ludvick

Hometown: Swisher, IA

Major(s): Environmental Science

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I absolutely love making and listening to music and I love a good movie watch party with friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, nothing but vibes, please like my music

What is your dream job?

Cowboy or Pirate or Wizard

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Chicken and Waffles, every time

What is one item on your bucket list?

Learn to oil paint.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Ankylosaurus, the guys with shells and a big rock on their tail. Little fun guys.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Amsterdam or Rome

What is your favorite joke?

My Dream Job

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Right now, I have been loving Howl's Moving Castle

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Talks about his girlfriend too much but tries to justify it, any means necessary.

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm in the current process of changing my major, adding another major and a minor and I have no idea what I'm doing but we vibing.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Dylan Luong
Hometown: Urbandale, Iowa
Major: Biology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love spending time outside, whether its reading in a hammock or going on a run through a beautiful trail. I also love listening to music at all hours of the day.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would love to work with someone who is kind, creative, energetic, and organized. And also not afraid to sing some karaoke.

What is your dream job?

My dream is to become an optometrist and open my own practice one day. If I'm able to improve at least one person's quality of life, I will feel successful.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Homemade phở made by my grandma.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to explore the world and learn more about and experience other cultures. I want to visit at least one country from each continent.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

This dinosaur squishmallow (Tristan the Triceratops) →



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would def choose to live in Greece because of my love for Mamma Mia.

What is your favorite joke?

How does a penguin build its house? Igloos it together!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is Legendborn by Tracy Deon, movie would have to be anything Disney (esp. Tangled), and TV show is for sure Avatar the Last Airbender.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Listens to the Glee Cast version of songs and will tell you they're better than the original.
(i.e. Somewhere Only We Know)

What is a fun fact about you?

My birthday is February 29th, so I am only 4!

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Marielle Macdonald
Hometown: Bennington, NE
Major(s): English
Minor(s): Women & Gender Studies



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

-If I'm not doing homework, I'm either at the gym, watching TV, or bothering my roommates

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

-Someone who is good at leading a conversation and is very personable, but doesn't talk over me or take over the entire leader job by themselves.

What is your dream job?

-If everything goes well with school, my dream job is to be an English professor somewhere on the East or West coast.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

-Definitely any sort of pasta or soup

What is one item on your bucket list?

-I really want to go to Scotland one day but I do need the funds to do so and I'm a broke college student

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

-Even though I was traumatized by Jurassic Park when I was little, I think Brontosaurus' are very cool

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

-I would either live in a forest or somewhere in Scotland

What is your favorite joke?

-myself

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

-My favorite movie is Black Swan (although I have a lot of favorites)

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

-It would be one of the warning: explicit content labels that come on CDs (I tend to cuss a lot) (Not during class or any academic setting)

What is a fun fact about you?

-I have around 150 records and I'm always looking to buy more for my collection :)

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Noah Madison

Hometown: Johnston, Iowa

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like to spend time outdoors either running or playing sports. When I'm indoors I like to cook and watch movies.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would like someone who is fun, energetic, communicative, and flexible.

What is your dream job?

I would like to work for NASA or SpaceX in a warmer climate. I either want to be an astronaut or work towards designing space crafts.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

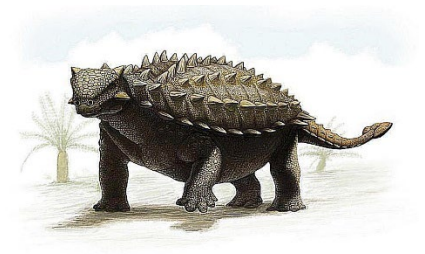
Steak, dinner rolls, and green beans. For dessert I like homemade brownies or banana bars.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to learn how to surf.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Triceratops or Ankylosaurus ->



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Australia... koalas.

What is your favorite joke?

Any math joke.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I love Hawaii 5-0.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Competitive.

What is a fun fact about you?

I can do a backflip.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Aryanna M. Marquez Acevedo

Hometown: Carolina, Puerto Rico

Major(s): Animal Ecology

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Baking and spending time with friends. (Double points if it's both at the same time.)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone responsible and empathetic, who is always down to have fun.

What is your dream job?

Working in an environment in which I get to work with both animals and people.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Chicken and avocado poke bowl.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to Japan.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Iguanodon.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Puerto Rico or Japan.

What is your favorite joke?

Why did the banana go to the doctor? Because it wasn't peeling well!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

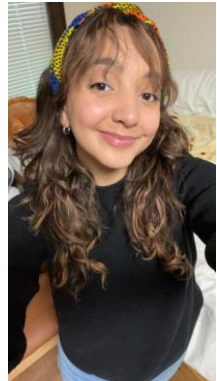
My favorite TV show would probably have to be Fruits Basket.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: extremely loud.

What is a fun fact about you?

I dressed up as a minion to go watch the Minion movie and got stared at and judged by little kids.



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Avery Mason
Hometown: Algonquin, IL
Major(s): Civil Engineering
Minor(s): Sustainability



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy going to the gym, running, and hanging out with my dog. I like just spending time outside in general and trying new things.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone that has a good sense of humor, is outgoing, and open-minded.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be a sustainability engineer. I've always had an interest in nature and wanted to improve the human condition, and I think that job would be a perfect mix.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My comfort meal is a bagel with cream cheese because you can never go wrong with it.

What is one item on your bucket list?

An item on my bucket list is to camp overnight at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, which is something I have wanted to do ever since I visited there.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a triceratops because of Cera from the Land Before Time.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in Arizona because I travel there often, and I love the scenery and hiking in the mountains.

What is your favorite joke?

How do you make a tissue dance? You put a boogie in it

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I will pretty much watch any movie, but my favorite TV show is New Girl which I recommend everyone to watch.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

I really don't like cheese

What is a fun fact about you?

I have done competitive swimming since I was 8 years old.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Andrew Meder
Hometown: Brookfield, WI
Major(s): Software Engineering
Minor(s): N/A



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

- Athletics/Lifting weights

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

- Laid-back
- Willing to do creative out-of-the-box activities

What is your dream job?

- Working as a software engineer with any company involved in the sports/fitness industry

What's your go-to comfort meal?

- Chipotle burrito bowl

What is one item on your bucket list?

- Travelling to each continent at least once

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

- Velociraptor



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

- Colorado

What is your favorite joke?

- I only seem to get sick on weekdays. I must have a weekend immune system.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

- My favorite movie is The Waterboy with Adam Sandler

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

- Warning: Does not respond to texts quickly

What is a fun fact about you?

- I always have to watch/do something while I'm eating

Learn Your Leaders 2023



Name: Hannah Mescher
Hometown: Carroll, IA

Major(s): Agricultural Education

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?
Spending time with friends, baking, reading, being outside!!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?
Fun/funny, easy going, kind

What is your dream job?
Ag teacher!

What's your go-to comfort meal?
Ice cream

What is one item on your bucket list?
Go to Rome

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)
Barney

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?
Texas (somewhere warmer)

What is your favorite joke?
A girl walked into a library and asked the librarian, "Can I get a cheeseburger and fries?"
The librarian looked at her and said, "Uh, this is a library."
The girl said, "My bad," and whispered, "Can I get a cheeseburger and fries?"

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?
Favorite movie is Forest Gump

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?
WARNING may laugh too hard at mildly funny things

What is a fun fact about you?
One time I bought three ducks and kept them in my room in a box and let them swim in the tub.

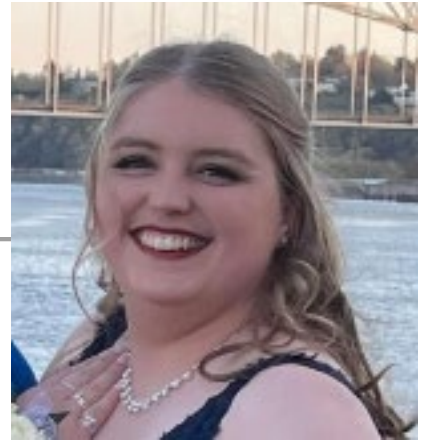
Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Kylee Mitwede

Hometown: Dubuque, IA

Major(s): Chemical Engineering and Spanish LCP

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Gaming, crocheting, and playing with my dogs, Piper and Tessa

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I hope my Co-Leader is fun and outgoing and is okay with my busy schedule.

What is your dream job?

Work in an antique bookstore, because it's a relaxing job where I can learn new stuff for fun (and not for school...).

What's your go-to comfort meal?

A good bowl of mac n cheese.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel the world!

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

The No-Internet Dino. This little guy is always ready to bring so much joy even when the internet is not working as it should <3



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to live in Spain or somewhere with a lot of history.

What is your favorite joke?

I don't think I have a **favorite** joke, but I love hearing them!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

TV show: Merlin (BBC). Movie: Top Gun: Maverick.

Book: Red Rising or A Court of Thorns and Roses.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Beware! Might show you an ungodly amount of funny dog and cat videos!

What is a fun fact about you?

I like making crocheted stuffed animals (or creatures, like Baby Yoda and Chewbacca)!

my dog: *has unlimited food, water,
shelter, and love*
front door opens
my dog:



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Sophia Mordini

Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa

Major(s): Construction Engineering



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

- Go to the gym
- Long drives with my friends and some good music

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

- Friendly
- Optimistic
- Organized
- Responsible

What's your go-to comfort meal?

I could eat a good breakfast for any meal at any time; best meal of the day.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to do some sort of bungee falling. I love thrills

What is your favorite dinosaur? (Provide a photo if you would like)

This lovely guy.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Greece! My grandpa was born there, and it is so gorgeous. The architecture is insane I don't think I could get tired of it.

What is your favorite joke?

Any dad joke told by someone who thinks its genuinely funny.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

A movie I love is Good Will Hunting

If you had a warning label, what would you say?

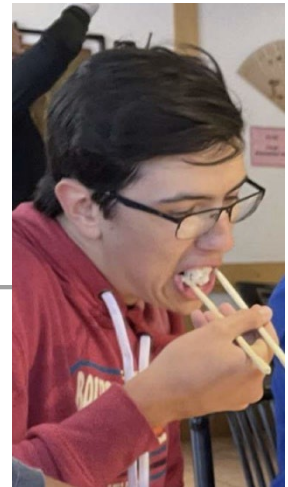
I care about what you have you say but my attention span is sometimes so very short.

What is a fun fact about you?

After we rescued our "black lab" we found out she was half great dane.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Jack Newton
Hometown: McHenry, IL
Major(s): Mechanical Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I really enjoy going golfing with friends or hiking, really anything outdoors. If I'm stuck inside, nothing is better than sitting down and reading a good book.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who can match my humorous energy and isn't afraid to have a lively banter. I'd love someone who is also outgoing, but maybe a different major so that they can offer a contrasting/different perspective to the incoming group.

What is your dream job?

I would love to be able to apply engineering to be able to come up with solutions for problems we face in the world. My dream job would be creating a company that is able to tackle green solutions for current large issue problems, be it economic, environmental or even political.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

I am going to list three different comfort foods, as I am currently hungry for all three. First would have to be stuffed steaks that my dad used to make when I was younger. Second is mushroom gnocchi that my uncle makes (absolutely delicious, you should give it a try). And lastly would be my grandfather's signature seasoned grilled shrimp, coast caught. These are all extremely delicious, and more importantly, nostalgic.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list that I have had for a while is to go up to Alaska and just explore some of the national parks and reserves, as I would love to just go hiking or camping up there. I also really want to see the Aurora Borealis (as well as the Australis) in person.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Favorite dinosaur is the velociraptor, as it uses its intelligence and pack hunting to efficiently and effectively take down any prey it wants. Also, they look really cool.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would choose to live in a small lake house, in a forest with a private, dark blue lake. Secluded mountain range included, along with a barn and hiking trails.

What is your favorite joke?

Two guys walk into a bar. The second one was a duck!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is the Count of Monte Cristo, my favorite movie has got to be ratatouille.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Becomes extremely competitive upon booting up any Wii game.

What is a fun fact about you?

I really enjoy chopping wood at home, I find it super relaxing.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Emily Pedersen

Hometown: Overland Park, Kansas

Major(s): Psychology

Minor(s): Spanish



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and cooking new recipes.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be very organized, detail-orientated, high energy, and has a goal of making the new First-Year Honors Program members feel welcomed and at home at Iowa State!

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a pediatric surgeon at a hospital outside of the United States.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is my mom's shepherd's pie with salad. I like to top it off with fruit and carrot cake for dessert.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would like to learn another language, preferably Portuguese or German!

What is your favorite dinosaur? (Provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a triceratops because they do not appear threatening, and they have many horns.

Trudy from dinosaur is a key memory from my childhood.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would like in Valencia, Spain and in Boston, Massachusetts if I had to stay in the United States.

What is your favorite joke?

When does a joke become a dad joke?

When it becomes apparent!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is New Amsterdam, and my favorite book is *Tell Me Three Things*.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

My warning label would be that I am the grammar police (I am not a fan of admitting it).

What is a fun fact about you?

I lived in the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica during middle school and half of high school.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Selman Pepeljak

Hometown: Des Moines

Major: Mechanical Engineering



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy going to the gym, playing video games, and hanging out with my friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would want my ideal co-leader to be responsible, hardworking, considerate, friendly, and have a positive attitude.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work for John Deere as a design engineer.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Chicken alfredo.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To be able to drive a supercar.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brontosaurus

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Sarajevo, Bosnia (my home country)

What is your favorite joke?

I lost an electron! You really have to keep an ion them.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is the good doctor

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: 200-meter beamer

What is a fun fact about you?

I am a car enthusiast and particularly like Audis and BMWs.

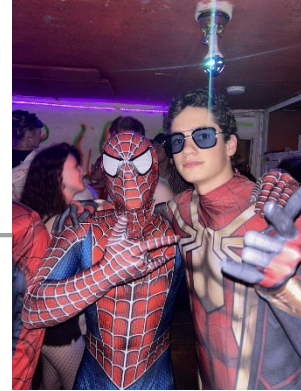
Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: AJ Perron

Hometown: Stillwater, MN

Major(s): Industrial Engineering

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like to play a variety of instruments, I play video games, and I make a podcast called Universe-ity.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Capable of putting up with someone high energy, and more organized than me.

What is your dream job?

Working in the “green energy” field, or anything human-computer interaction (specifically wearable technology).

What’s your go-to comfort meal?

Macaroni and chicken strips with buffalo sauce

What is one item on your bucket list

See the northern lights while in the Northern Territory

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brachiosaurus

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in northern Minnesota – or anywhere with lush forests, limestone bluffs, and Springwater.

What is your favorite joke?

A cheese factory exploded in France -- Da brie was everywhere.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Book: All Quiet on the Western Front

Movie: Shutter Island

TV Show: The Walking Dead

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Caution: repeats jokes until they aren’t funny anymore

What is a fun fact about you?

I can 100% Jessica on Guitar Hero II on expert mode.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Raina Pfeifer

Hometown: Coralville, IA

Major(s): Biological Systems Engineering

Minor(s): Sustainability



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

1. Running & climbing
2. Camping
3. Cooking & baking

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Organized but easy going. Generally just excited and positive!

What is your dream job?

Something in sustainable engineering consulting where I can have an impact on the environment and be located somewhere with lots of access to nature.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Avocado toast with a fried egg

What is one item on your bucket list?

Going to all the national parks in the US.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Titanosaurus!!



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Either Eugene, OR, Seattle, WA, or Richmond, VA – aka somewhere with access to mountains and also a decently sized city.

What is your favorite joke?

Essentially any *really* bad dad joke.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Favorite book is The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

“Will bring snacks”

What is a fun fact about you?

I LOVE learning about cool sustainable agriculture innovations! Specifically, ones based on indigenous practices and more colorful crops than just corn, wheat, and beans:)

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Elizabeth Quam
Hometown: Mt. Vernon, Iowa
Major(s): Biochemistry
Minor(s): Spanish



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I thoroughly enjoy reading, laughing with friends, and immersing myself in nature.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be genuine, enthusiastic, and creative.

What is your dream job?

I would love to be a biomedical researcher, ideally in a Spanish-speaking country!

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Nothing feels more like home to me than party potatoes (or cheesy hashbrown casserole as the rest of the world knows it). Pair it with a homemade burger complete with a garden-grown tomato and toppings, and I'll be in heaven. Oh, and a generously hot-fudged chocolate/PB ice cream sundae too, of course.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I hope to go on a backpacking trip on the Pacific Crest Trail. Last summer, I got to be a part of a guided trek in the San Juan Wilderness, and fell in love with the challenge, insane beauty, and self-reset I was able to experience.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Triceratops :)

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in a grove of trees down a county road outside of a big city like Rochester, MN, so I could have access to quality biochemistry jobs while also having the freedom of country living.

What is your favorite joke?

What do you call an acid with attitude? A-meano-acid!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

This is a recent development, but I adored the book *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. It's a realistic fiction novel that follows a brilliant, unapologetic female scientist in the 1960s as she battles extreme sexism, shirking the norm and empowering other women in the process.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: light-speed verbal tendencies – mouth fighting the never-ending battle to keep up with the brain

What is a fun fact about you?

I can be extremely competitive, and consequently have shed blood over a game of Spoons

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Max Quanrud

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Major(s): Biochemistry, Genetics

Minor(s): Performing Arts

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like watching shows and I read sometimes (I wish I read more).

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can foster a fun but not chaotic environment.

Also, if they know about a lot of the resources at ISU that would be cool.

What is your dream job?

To oversee a lab that researches age related diseases.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Waffles with fried eggs on them (try it I dare you it's so good)

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to bike across the TransAmerica Trail over a summer.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

I don't know what kind of dinosaur this is but he's my favorite.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

New Zealand because it's really pretty, and I guess that's where they filmed lord of the rings (I haven't seen it yet).

What is your favorite joke?

Mary had a little lamb,

The doctor was very surprised

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

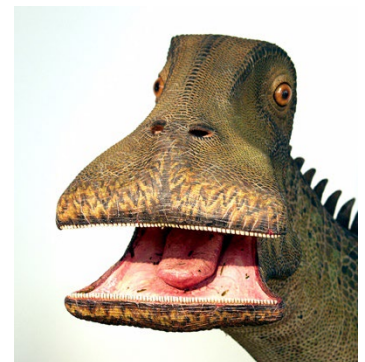
I really like the book *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Has lower back pain and will probably talk about it at some point.

What is a fun fact about you?

I can juggle with my right hand and solve a Rubik's cube with my left hand at the same time.



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Leilani Ramirez-Velez
Hometown: Ponce, Puerto Rico
Major(s): Biology
Minor(s): N/A



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Things I enjoy to do in my leisure time are hearing music, watching Netflix and making Pinterest board or browsing clothing stores website.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal is positive, has the same enthusiasm as me when giving class, and is also someone who is cooperative, patient, and nice.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a pediatrician because I love working with little kids.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

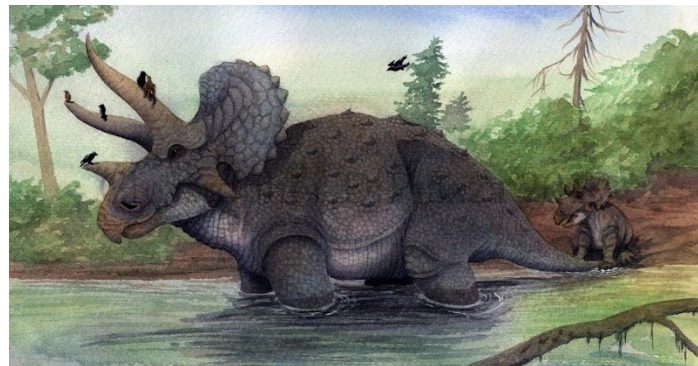
My go to comfort meal here is Chick fil A nuggets, mac and cheese and fries.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One thing in my bucket list is probably sky diving or going to Dubai, Unites Emirates or Bora Bora.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is a triceratops.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would choose my current home Puerto Rico or Tokyo.

What is your favorite joke?

I don't have a favorite joke but one I like is
Why shouldn't you write with a broken pen?
Because its pointless.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite tv show is Friends and my favorite movies are The Harry Potter sagas and The Great Gatsby

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

I laugh at anything and because of everything.

What is a fun fact about you?

Fun fact I speak Spanish and I know just a tiny bit of sign language.

Learn Your Leaders 2022

Name: Audrie Rathman

Hometown: Bartlesville, OK

Major(s): Biological Illustration, Pre-Med

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

In my free time I like to draw and watch marvel and starters movies, or whatever I am binge watching at the moment

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would like a co-leader who is nice and Someone who can bring out my fun side

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a doctor with a side hustle of a quaint greenhouse that grows fresh fruits year long.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Whatever I'm feeling at that moment, but always sushi

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to 50 countries in the world!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

In a rainy/snowy forest near the mountains and ocean like a small town in Vermont

What is your favorite pickup line?

I'd join the dark side as long as you were there

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

The four Giver books are my favorite books. I love all of the Spider-man movies, with preference for Into the Spiderverse and my favorite TV show is either Downton Abbey or Star Wars the Clone Wars

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: will be in bed by 10 pm

What is a fun fact about you?

I have 5 plants in my dorm!

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Morgan Render

Hometown: El Paso, Illinois

Major(s): Human Development & Family Studies

Minor(s): Religious Studies

What two or three things do you enjoy doing in your leisure time?

I stay pretty busy, so I don't have much free time, but I love to sing (I'm in two choirs), listen to music, watch TV, color, spend time with my friends or family, take a walk outside, and go to any church function.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Energetic, out-going, open-minded, hardworking, funny, organized

What is your dream job?

I'd say school social work is my dream job. I just want to help people in any way I can, and it's a needed job.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Pretty much any food from most fast-food places, as long as I can have a strawberry shake with the meal.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I love going on mission trips, and I have always wanted to go to Haiti for one. I have a friend that works for a group that focuses on going to Haiti to help with hurricane relief, so I would love to go through that soon.

What is your favorite dinosaur?

Brachiosaurus

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Honestly, I would want to live in the community I grew up in. I absolutely love it there and I could definitely see myself living there (or some super small town in the Midwest like it) for the rest of my life.

What is your favorite joke?

Any time the words "That's what she said" is involved.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Top 3 TV shows are Avatar: The Last Airbender, New Girl, and Jane the Virgin. I also love Marvel. I will listen to pretty much any music as long as it's not country. I despise country.

If you had a warning label, what would you say?

Warning: Will randomly start singing and/or give you a good hug

What is a fun fact about you?

I went skydiving last summer.



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Karina Rief
Hometown: Omaha, NE
Major(s): Environmental Engineering
Minor(s): Sustainability



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like baking and cooking, dancing in my room, and making fun little scrapbooks and crafty things.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is easygoing, but hardworking and good at meeting deadlines. My ideal co-leader is creative, fun, and positive.

What is your dream job?

Owning a tiny vintage thrift store! Or, more realistically, working at a recycling plant or waste treatment plant designing safe waste management practices.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

A fancy breakfast sandwich on an everything bagel with egg, avocado, cheese, and whatever other fun ingredients I can find.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to climb a small mountain, and also own a cat someday.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

I am a huge fan of the quetzalcoatlus dinosaur. They're just such cuties.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

The Italian countryside. In a nice peaceful cottage, but close enough to the cities for adventures.

What is your favorite joke?

Only works for people named Erik: Are your parents DJs? Because they named you eryk-eryk. (so much better in person)

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I really like 10 Things I Hate About You or La La Land. Also Avatar is a great show.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: hums to self and makes strange sound effects.

What is a fun fact about you?

I like to collect things

Learn Your Leaders 2023



Name: Carnycia Royce

Hometown: West Des Moines, IA

Major(s): Graphic Design, Music B.A.

Minor(s): Entrepreneurship

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy playing the alto saxophone, reading (favorite genres include dystopian, historical fiction, and memoirs), and playing (sand!) volleyball.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I'd want to co-lead with someone I can be expressive around and feel comfortable with, as well as someone who's organized and friendly.

What is your dream job?

I'd love to run my own design firm with emphasis on inclusive design and branding (layout design, exploration of branding identity, signage, etc.). With music, I want to perform!

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Sushi or freshly homemade ramen makes me melt.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to travel around Asia and go to the corgi garden cafe in Thailand! :)

What is your favorite dinosaur?

The Mei Long dinosaur has my heart. It's a duck-sized carnivore and its name means 'soundly sleeping' in Chinese (skip ahead to the warning label question).

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I'd want to live somewhere on the coast or a place with particularly beautiful scenery, whether that be architectural or natural.

What is your favorite joke?

My favorite types of jokes are inside jokes... so here's the current favorite: frfr.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I'm currently obsessed with poetry and memoirs... one of my favorites is Home Body by Rupi Kaur. I loved The Road by Cormac McCarthy (book > movie).

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

caffeinated 24/7 (up to interpretation on whether it's a warning label or added bonus)

What is a fun fact about you?

I love corgis! I get so excited when I see one.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Will Sadler

Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I spend a lot of my time on art related hobbies. I enjoy graphite drawing as well as producing music. Outside of these I enjoy spending time with my friends, playing casual sand volleyball in the summer and just hanging out.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone with a positive attitude who values good communication and finds it important to take equal responsibility in order to complete tasks. I'm personally pretty introverted, so having a more extroverted co-leader could be good for balance but it isn't necessarily a must.

What is your dream job?

Although it differs from my career path, my dream job would be to be a music producer.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is a homecooked dish consisting of bell peppers, ground beef, and rice. It's kind of like stuffed bell peppers.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to take a trip somewhere with my friend group. I'm not sure if it would be in or out of the country but it's something I hope to do sometime in the next couple of years.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

I'd have to go with the Stegosaurus, the plates along its spine are pretty cool.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Honestly I'm not sure, I feel like I haven't experienced enough different places to answer this well. I do think that it would have to be somewhere with seasons though because the colder months make me appreciate the warm months so much more.

What is your favorite joke?

To the person who stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you. You have my word.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite would probably be The Alchemist, and my favorite childhood movie would have to be Cars. For TV shows my favorite is For All Mankind.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will get hyper-focused on a subject of interest.

What is a fun fact about you?

I am left-handed.

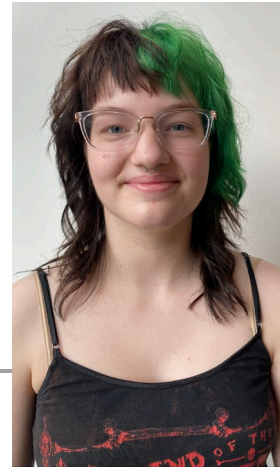
Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Lauren Sather

Hometown: Hugo, MN

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s): Women and Gender Studies, Anthropology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy drawing, painting, and listening to music. I also love to go thrifting with my friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be driven, creative, and a funny and interesting person who isn't afraid to be themselves!

What is your dream job?

My dream job is as a Forensic Pathologist.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is tamago gohan (eggs over rice).

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to visit Iceland (especially the Black Sand Beach Reynisfjara).

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is the triceratops.



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere in the real world, it would be Sapporo or Osaka, Japan. If I could live anywhere in a fictional world, I would like to live in the Adventure Time world!

What is your favorite joke?

Not necessarily a joke, but poorly drawn pictures of cats or dogs will never not make me laugh.



What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite books are the Carry On series by Rainbow Rowell. My favorite movies are How to Train Your Dragon and The Thing (1982).

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

“Warning: does not shut up out their hyper fixations”

What is a fun fact about you?

I’m a figure skater! I specialize in show and “circus” performances.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Abigail Schaefer
Hometown: Marion, IA
Major(s): Aerospace Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy binge reading books, running outside with my roommate, and I love to bake.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal characteristics are someone who is communitive, energetic and understanding. Being able to communicate is the most important characteristic in my mind. I want someone who is willing to express concerns and comments whenever.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working for Collins Aerospace in a non-America location, such as France or Australia. I want to be able to explore a new culture while doing what I love at work.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Corn casserole made by my family.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel across Europe within a year.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Stegosaurus.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Anywhere in Europe. I love Delft, Netherlands. It feels like a magical place, and something out of a fairytale.

What is your favorite joke?

Not really a joke, but I love saying "your mom".

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Hot take, but my favorite movie is National Treasure both 1 and 2. It is such a comfort movie, and they released a TV show that was iconic.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

"Careful, she is short, but she will speak her opinion."

What is a fun fact about you?

"I have a small hole in my heart!"

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Jackson Schaefer
Hometown: Hastings, Nebraska
Major(s): Electrical Engineering
Minor(s): None



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy running, biking, skiing, and playing videogames when I have the time.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who gets excited about things, is outgoing, talkative, and somewhat organized.

What is your dream job?

I have always thought going to space would be cool, but I would never become an astronaut because it would be too scary.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

At home, my comfort meal is porkchops with mashed potatoes and gravy. But during college, I normally just settle for some eggs.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to go skiing somewhere in the Alpine mountains.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (Provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur would have to be whatever dinosaur this is:



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in the mountains somewhere because nature is amazing and mountains offer skiing, biking, and hiking.

What is your favorite joke?

Why don't blind people skydive? Because it scares their dog too much.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite TV show is either Psych or Parks and Rec. I've rewatched Psych three times and Parks and Rec twice. My favorite movie is Fury.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: worries too much

What is a fun fact about you?

I especially like to go on runs when it rains.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Kristin Shively
Hometown: Peoria, Illinois
Major(s): Interior Design
Minor(s): Psychology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love all kinds of arts and crafts, playing Minecraft, and hanging out with my friends

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is outgoing, creative, open to trying new things, and who loves to have fun!

What is your dream job?

To own my own business and design luxury homes

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My Grandma's homemade lasagna with a side of garlic bread

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to Monaco to watch the Monaco Formula 1 Grand Prix

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Sauropod (the tall ones with the long necks)

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Palm Springs, California

What is your favorite joke?

What do you call a bagel that can fly? A plain bagel

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Avatar: The Last Airbender

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Fragile, handle with care

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm allergic to chlorine

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Jon Siemianowski

Hometown: Palatine, IL

Major(s): Meteorology

Minor(s): Geographic Information Science



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

If the weather is nice, you'll catch me listening to music outside, working on cars, storm chasing, and taking road/hiking trips with friends. If it isn't nice out, you'll still probably find me outside doing something or watching TV, usually the Weather Channel.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

An ideal co-leader would be a responsible person with a funny and enthusiastic personality and have a willingness to learn from their fellow co-leader and section.

What is your dream job?

National Weather Service Meteorologist.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

A big REAL cheeseburger.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Seeing Jon Bon Jovi in concert for the 40th anniversary tour next year.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

It would have to be a T-Rex.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Kansas, for obvious reasons.

What is your favorite joke?

"How do you get a chipmunk to find you funny?"

Go nuts, of course.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I am a huge fan of Survivor.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will probably steal your chocolate while talking about tornadoes.

What is a fun fact about you?

I bought a Chevy truck with 250K miles simply because I wanted it, having no prior automotive knowledge. It ended up needing an engine replacement six months later. So, instead of paying thousands of dollars at a shop, I ordered a used engine to my house and installed it in the driveway over the course of a week using a beaten-up service manual I found in the backseat. The thing still runs and now I'm a car guy!

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Chloe Smith

Hometown: Urbandale, IA

Major(s): Biochemistry and Nutritional Science

Minor(s): None

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I really enjoy reading. I like books of all genres, but my favorite genres lately have been mystery and science fiction. On the weekends, I like to play Animal Crossing.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I'd love to work with someone who is enthusiastic about the position! I also hope my co-leader is kind and open-minded. I think it would be fun to work with someone who has a different major from myself so that we could bring two perspectives of ISU to the table.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be an endocrinologist and focus on type 2 pediatric diabetes.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is an uncrustable, specifically the one with grape jelly. They taste best when they are slightly frozen.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to travel to Japan! It's a beautiful country and I would love to get the chance to experience the culture.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

My favorite dinosaur is the dilophosaurus. It has fun frills that look like butterfly wings on the side of its head!



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would probably choose to live in the Studio Ghibli universe. Everything is so peaceful and there are a lot of fun characters to meet.

What is your favorite joke?

What do you call a fly without wings? A walk.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

One of my favorite books is "The Beauty in Breaking" by Michele Harper. The book is a memoir of Harper's life which takes you on a journey from her broken childhood to an adulthood focused on self-healing. Harper worked as a ER physician and describes how she faced adversity in the field through her identity as a woman and person of color.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: will randomly spurt out science fun facts

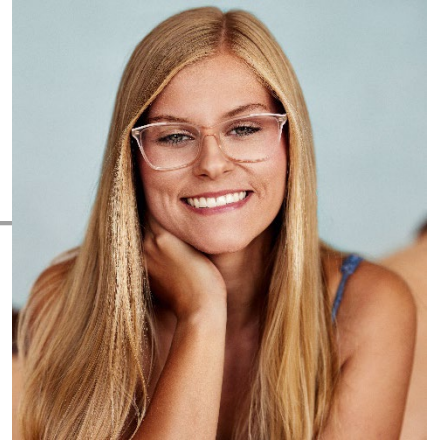
What is a fun fact about you?



I am a houseplant enthusiast and I can identify many common house plants just by looking at them.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Shea Sopher
Hometown: Belmond, Iowa
Major(s): Biology
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy playing video games/board games, crochet, and hanging out with friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Creative and outgoing. Someone with a positive attitude and a good sense of humor.

What is your dream job?

My current goal is to become an anesthesiologist. I would love any job that allows me to help others and to continue to learn about the world.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is a chicken casserole my mom makes.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would like to take a long road trip across the United States and try to visit all the states along with the sights and landmarks.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Brachiosaurus



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would want a large house in the country somewhere in the Midwest.

What is your favorite joke?

A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. A year later, there's another knock at the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail says, "What was that all about?"

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas

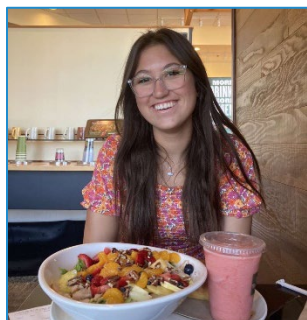
If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: always needs a coffee to function

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a twin sister (who doesn't go to Iowa State) and we look absolutely nothing alike.

Learn Your Leaders 2023



Name: Olivia Spader

Hometown: Muskego, Wisconsin

Major(s): Biochemistry

Minor(s): Bioinformatics & Genetics

What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy reading, playing cards, hanging out with friends, and eating food.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Nice, kind, flexible, collaborative, and helpful.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is running my own lab, studying autoimmune diseases.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

My go-to comfort meal is pizza or pasta (all the carbs).

What is one item on your bucket list?

Driving a moped in Sicily, Italy.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Ankylosaurus because it looks cool.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Italy (obviously).

What is your favorite joke?

What did one cell tell his sister cell when she stepped on his toe?

-Ouch! That's mitosis!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

I love The Office, Parks and Recreation, Friends, and New Girl.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Organized chaos ahead!

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm lactose intolerant but because I'm from Wisconsin it's a sin, so I power through.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Carlie Spore

Hometown: Dysart, IA

Major(s): Communication Studies

Minor(s): Public Relations and Event Management



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I love watching New Girl and reading outside in the summertime.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Energetic, creative, and considerate

What is your dream job?

Movie critic

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Kraft Mac and Cheese

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel outside the United States

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Stegosaurus cause they're cute and not scary

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Probably Iowa, because I like the different seasons

What is your favorite joke?

Why didn't the toilet paper cross the road? Because it got stuck in a crack...

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

TV show: Scarecrow and Mrs. King (1980s spy show)

Movie: Tangled

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: she will locate and eat chocolate ice cream whenever she wants

What is a fun fact about you?

I have 7 siblings (8 if you count my brother-in-law!)

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Blake Staton

Hometown: Urbandale, Iowa

Major(s): Biology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Spending time/watching sports with friends, Disc Golfing, and learning obscure things.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is friendly, enthusiastic, and has great sense of humor. They are willing to work hard and have fun at the same time. In addition, they participate and get to know everyone in a group.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is a Cardiologist.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

If I am looking for comfort, I say you can never go wrong with breakfast food or ice cream.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go on vacation outside of the country.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (Provide a photo if you would like)

Chasmosaurus



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Somewhere in the Midwest or the Southeast.

What is your favorite joke?

Not sure if I can say.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite movie is Forrest Gump or Cars.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning! Sarcasm incoming.

What is a fun fact about you?

My biggest fear is choosing what to get for dinner if I am with a group of people.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: **Autumn Tiedens**

Hometown: **Polk City, IA**

Major(s): **Kinesiology** (pre-OT)

Minor(s): **Psychology** (and maybe HDFS?)



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I am a very active person, so I love anything that keeps me moving—sports, games, lifting, hiking, and literally anything outdoors. I also enjoy art, baking, and of course spending time with my people.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader has patience, great communication, a sense of humor, a growth mindset, and is accepting and open-minded towards others.

What is your dream job?

I hope to become a pediatric occupational therapist. In a perfect world, this would include working with others, traveling, and getting to incorporate the “things I enjoy doing with my leisure time” into my job.

What’s your go-to comfort meal?

Ice cream. It counts as a meal, trust me.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to see the Northern Lights. Also, slide down the banister of a spiral staircase.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

All of them!!!! The picture below is a sample of the dinos currently living with me in my dorm.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Ask me in 10 years maybe 😊

What is your favorite joke?

That’s what she said.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper.

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Caution: silly goofy when tired.

What is a fun fact about you?

I can do the worm but only backwards.



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Jack (John) Tonn
Hometown: Dubuque
Major(s): Computer Engineering
Minor(s): Math, Theatre



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I like to read, and I like to code. Recently I have been working on a server sided bot.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My idea co-leader should be able to tolerate my humor and we should be able to brainstorm and build ideas off of each other.

What is your dream job?

Making affordable software/firmware for peoples general health.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

All I need in life is ham sandwiches.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Run a marathon.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Google Dinosaur



If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Alaska, I like the cold and I don't like urban environments.

What is your favorite joke?

I hope these pro fishermen catch me a stronger fighting fish, in other words better baiter better bait a better beta.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

Rango (2011 film)

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will talk about math this includes: Coolmath games, Calculus, Coolmathgames the game, addition, and math pickup lines.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a twin.

Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Ryan Toon

Hometown: Overland Park, KS

Major(s): Electrical Engineering

Minor(s): Music Technology



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I'm a musician who plays a whole handful of instruments! I play guitar, bass guitar, baritone, and drums. I also enjoy cooking! I spend a lot of my free time crafting perfect meal recipes and bettering that craft.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I get involved in a lot of shenanigans sometimes. My ideal co-leader would need to be ready to jump into

What is your dream job?

I'd like to own my own company that designs and manufactures equipment related to musical instruments, such as guitar amplifiers, guitar pedals, microphones, etc.

What's your go-to comfort meal?

If I have the time to make it (or go out somewhere nicer and get some) a good Gumbo is my comfort food (and probably my favorite food). Nothing beats the flavors from the dark roux, vegetables, and sausage.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go and play at one of the video game music jam sessions in New York sometime.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

[Some scientists have sort of concluded that modern birds just are dinosaurs](#) so I'd like to say my favorite dinosaurs are the ones living around us.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I'm not particularly attached to specific places, but I'd love to live somewhere that's walkable.

What is your favorite joke?

I don't tell a lot of flat out jokes, but I run a lot of bits with my friends. One of my favorite bits is this one that started at this point well over a year ago. I just started a Discord thread titled "harder better faster sognar" (a deliberate misspelling of the Daft Punk song of a similar name) and just filled it with that exact same quote. It sounds really strange when I write it down (probably because it is) but it has just kind of stuck. It's just become a common phrase among my friend group and that thread still get spammed with "harder better faster sognar."

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

The Truman Show is my favorite movie. I actually went on vacation with some friends to Seaside, Florida last summer which is where the show was filmed! I got a photo in front of Truman's house! (please neglect my awful posture)



If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

Warning: Will go on wildly long tangent about how some mundane thing works.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have aphantasia, which means that I cannot visualize with my mind. You may have seen the scale that has the apple and asks something along the lines of how clear the apple is in your head. I'm at the lowest level. It's not a bad thing, but let me tell you it really makes a lot of nonfiction stories not very fun to read depending on the style in which they are written.



Learn Your Leaders 2023

Name: Cloey Waterbury
Hometown: Gallatin, Missouri
Major(s): Mechanical Engineering
Minor(s):



What two or three things do you enjoy doing with your leisure time?

I enjoy reading good books, napping, and hanging out with friends.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Kind, leader, friendly, organized, enthusiastic, and hard-working!

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to own my own engineering business. Where people can bring me their ideas, and I will make them come to life!

What's your go-to comfort meal?

Special K, specifically the purple box with yogurt pieces, cereal.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit all the states, and then travel the world.

What is your favorite dinosaur? (provide a photo if you would like)

Pterodactyl!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in Ireland or Sweden or a country like that in Europe.

What is your favorite joke?

How do you make a tissue dance?

You put a boogie in it!

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

My favorite book is probably To Kill a Mockingbird

Favorite movie: Inception or Terminator

Favorite TV Show: The Office

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?

WARNING: TALKS A LOT!

What is a fun fact about you?

Along with mechanical engineering, I am also taking agriculture engineering classes as well!

