

First-Year Honors Program

**Learn Your
Leaders**

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Name: Abby Libbesmeier

Hometown: West St. Paul, MN

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Biomedical Engineering



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

I enjoy spending time with friends, shooting trap or skeet, or reading.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my education in mechanical engineering and other interests such as biology or psychology. I am also passionate about shooting trap and skeet, one of my favorite hobbies.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Organized, talkative, proactive, energetic, honest, and reliable.

What is your dream job?

I want to be a biomedical engineer working on research to help others - in some capacity where I get to deal with people and do science/engineering!

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Motivated, Silly, Caring, Loyal

What is one item on your bucket list?

Canoeing up the boundary waters and camping.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would tour London or Germany. I think both are really gorgeous, interesting cities with a lot of history.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep snapchat, because that is how I communicate with most of my friends. I would keep Spotify, because I love listening to music. I would also keep the photos application, because there are too many memories!

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

My favorite TV show is Criminal Minds - which has just announced its last season! Sad!

I don't have one favorite movie in particular, but I really enjoy the Princess Bride - it's a timeless classic!! My favorite book is The Hobbit, I could read it again and again! I don't have a favorite song in particular - it's constantly changing! Right now it is 'Take Me Home Country Roads' by John Denver. My favorite food is Passion fruit - I tried it once on vacation and it was amazing! I always get it when it is in season at the grocery store!

What is your favorite quote?

“Aim for the high mark and you will hit it. No, not the first time, not the second time and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting for only practice will make you perfect. Finally you'll hit the bull's-eye of success.” - Annie Oakley

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Name: Aimee Wallner

Hometown: La Junta, CO

Major(s): Interior Design

Minor(s): Performing Arts



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

I love playing piano, spending time outdoors, and staying up to play Euchre until 3:30 AM.

What are you passionate about?

The environment, education, and March Madness.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Not an absolutely terrible human being, and amusing

What is your dream job?

To have my own show on HGTV.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Exuberant, Dependable, Spontaneous, Stubborn

What is one item on your bucket list?

Hiking Angel's Landing at Zion National Park – which will be checked off this summer!

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Patagonia because it looks pretty freaking awesome.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Snapchat, and Instagram.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Santa Clarita Diet / *About Time* / *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* / "High" by Sir Sly / Tortellini

What is your favorite quote?

"On a scale of 1 to Hot, Colton is HOT." – Cassie, *The Bachelor* Season 23

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Name: Alex Thayer

Hometown: Blaine, MN

Major(s): Materials Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy running, hiking, trying new foods, and reading.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about the outdoors/nature and discovering new things

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Team player, hardworking, and fun

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working in the materials science division of a company pushing the boundaries of current technology and developing new, exciting materials for the future

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Hardworking, reliable, fun-loving, adventurous

What is one item on your bucket list?

SCUBA diving

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to New Zealand because it seems like a beautiful country with lots of natural scenery

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, youtube, Instagram

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Sherlock/The Shawshank Redemption/Game of Thrones/ "Free"/Pizza

What is your favorite quote?

"Any pizza can be a personal pizza if you try hard and believe in yourself"

-Bill Murray

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Name: Allee Koestner

Hometown: California MO

Major(s): Agronomy

Minor(s): N/A



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

Reading, watching the Royals play baseball, and coloring.

What are you passionate about?

Agriculture.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Personable and easy going.

What is your dream job?

Researching the possibilities of crop production for the ISS with NASA.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Reflective, kind, cheerful, and relaxed.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Ride in a hot air balloon.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Greece to see wine making and what Mamma Mia! Would truly be like.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Amazon Music, and Camera

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Friends/Grease/Harry Potter/When the Sun Goes Down/Grandma's Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

What is your favorite quote?

Unless someone like you cares a whole lot, it's not going to get better. It's not! – Dr. Seuss

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Name: Amy Schraeder

Hometown: Olathe, KS

Major(s): AMD

Minor(s): Sustainability



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

Look at Pinterest, Eat good food, go to Target

What are you passionate about?

Saving the environment, sustainable clothing production, going to Target

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Could survive with me in a zombie apocalypse, will laugh at all my jokes, a good sense of style, will go to Target with me.

What is your dream job?

Work at Patagonia, or be a stand-up comedian

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Outgoing, fun, caring, goofy

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go to all 5 continents

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Norway because I want to become a Viking

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Gilmore Girls, Grease, Ann of Green Gabels, Agnes by glass animals, french fries

What is your favorite quote?

It is better to be loved deeply than to be loved widely

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Name: Annaka Ketterer

Hometown: Beaverton, OR

Major(s): Pre-Industrial Design

Minor(s): Sustainability



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

Netflix, drawing, and seeing shows at Stephens Auditorium.

What are you passionate about?

I have a passion for all things art and design.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, chill, honest, and hardworking.

What is your dream job?

Ideally, I would love to design products which help alleviate some of the problems people suffering with disabilities face on a daily basis.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Easy-going, compassionate, creative, and racially ambiguous.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go see the Northern Lights.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to New Zealand, to see all the beautiful natural wonders the world has to offer.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Spotify, and MyState.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

How I Met Your Mother / Lilo and Stitch / The Glass Castle / I Just Called to Say I Love You – Stevie Wonder / Pho

What is your favorite quote?

“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day” – Winnie the Pooh

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Name: Ashish Jha

Hometown: Waukee, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

Learn something new/interesting or spend time with friends.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about learning in general—I think growing as a person through acquiring knowledge and understanding is super important.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Compassionate and confident. A co-leader should be someone who deeply cares about the success and well-being of other students, yet also confident and powerful enough to influence others for the better.

What is your dream job?

Working as an engineer for NASA, learning about how cool stuff like rockets or missiles.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Analytical, frank, curious, and compassionate.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go skydiving! Because I'm terrified of heights.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

The Jischke Honors building, I hear there are some pretty cool people over there :)

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Safari, messages, and YouTube.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Favorite song: Airplanes, Part II (by Eminem, B.o.B, and Hayley Williams)

What is your favorite quote?

“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so” – William Shakespeare

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Name: Ashlyn Haack

Hometown: Davenport, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Music



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

Watch movies, go to Cyclone sports events, run

What are you passionate about?

Music, renewable energy

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Considerate, motivated, laid-back, responsible, out-going

What is your dream job?

Being a show mechanical Imagineer at Disney

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Responsible, motivated, personable, empathetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Learn how to surf

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany, because it is gorgeous and the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, MyState, Pandora

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Parks and Rec/Maleficent/Murder on the Orient Express/ "I'm the One"-DJ Khaled/Ice Cream

What is your favorite quote?

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible"-Walt Disney

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Name: Austin Bray

Hometown: West Des Moines, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Mathematics and Physics



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

I enjoy being active and spending time outdoors when possible. Specifically, I enjoy golfing with friends and family.

What are you passionate about?

I love learning new things and discovering interests I didn't know I had.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who has a positive outlook and motivates those around them.

What is your dream job?

Research ways to make products more environmentally friendly.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Focused, sincere, quiet, and reliable.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Play golf at Pebble Beach.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Jackson Hole Wyoming to go snow skiing.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Gmail, Youtube, and Snapchat

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Kitchen Nightmares/ Lord of the Rings Series / Welcome to the Universe / "Natural" Imagine Dragons / Manacoti

What is your favorite quote?

"We make our world great by the courage of our questions and the depth of our answers." -Carl Sagan

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Name: Ava Depping

Hometown: Madrid, IA

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

During my leisure time, I enjoy escaping the everyday toils of my existence by internalizing the actions and emotions of fictional protagonists and ignoring reality, as well as consuming the leaf juice--perfectly aged for 3-5 minutes--prepared with expertise using the ancient methods and traditions passed down to me by Lipton Tea.

What are you passionate about?

Utilizing the borrowed atoms that compose my body to the best of my advantage in the brief time that I have before I escape this mortal coil, mostly by increasing the perceived value of my labor through enrollment in higher education. (I'm passionate about school.)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Opening containers and operating simple clasps

What is your dream job?

Exercising the abilities and talents of a Mechanical Engineer in the fervent pursuits of challenging and expanding my knowledge base, as well as, building my own luxury van/home in order to travel abroad the America continents and leave everything else behind.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Hyper-focused, Driven, Intense/Passionate, Enthusiastic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Experience my own body's maximum velocity (Skydiving)

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

The unexplored depths of the oceans; because I find it unsettling that we have lived on this earth for how many millenniums and still haven't explored all of it!

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Books, Microsoft edge

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Flash / How to Train Your Dragon / A Discovery of Witches / Boeheim Rhapsody / Pasta

What is your favorite quote?

"The roof is not my son, but I will raise it."

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Name: Ben Litterer

Hometown: Manchester, IA

Major(s): Data Science, French

Minor(s): N/A



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

Making music

Climbing/Lifting/Running

Having interesting conversations

What are you passionate about?

Academically, I'm passionate about understanding and using language as well as the learning process.

Personally, I'm interested in creating music and staying active.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Probably someone who is organized, since I tend to not be very organized myself. Also, someone who is able to think creatively and be open to new ideas.

What is your dream job?

I would like to do research that involves using machine learning to understand language or genetics.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Ridiculous, Eccentric, Caring, Passionate

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would really like to spend an extended amount of time in France.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Grenoble, France. I went there two summers ago and I really enjoyed the landscape and the opportunity to speak French.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Snapchat, Firefox (It's better than chrome trust me)

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

I really like Frasier.

What is your favorite quote?

I was walking in the park and this guy waved at me. Then he said "I'm sorry, I thought you were someone else". I said, "I am".

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Name: Braden Westby

Hometown: Vilonia, AR

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

Reading, playing games, working out

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about wanting to leave a mark on the world and leaving it better however I can.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Able to handle my odd jumps of thought and make allowances for me brief spurts of unreasonableness.

What is your dream job?

I would love to be an entrepreneur of my own company.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Driven, ambitious, perfectionist, respectful

What is one item on your bucket list?

To travel the world and go to the most random sites that pique my interest.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would want to go to Germany, because traveling across Europe is my first goal in my globetrotting, and Germany is a perfectly central location with amazing features of its own.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep Snapchat so I could stay in close contact with my girlfriend, my Firefox app so I can continue to search the web when I need to, and my clock app so I can continue to be as punctual as I can be.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Daredevil/Megamind/Oathbringer/I Apologize/Mac and Cheese

What is your favorite quote?

“Engineers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems.”

— Scott Adams

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Name: Caroline Crisp

Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Mathematics



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

Working out/running (I'm a huge gym rat), reading, and singing/playing guitar (not always simultaneously!)

What are you passionate about?

Learning and always becoming more informed; using innovation to make a difference in the world; taking advantage of every opportunity.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Committed, accountable, honest, open-minded, creativity (which I lack in), and organized.

What is your dream job?

Working for Raytheon in the missile defense or electronic warfare sectors.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Disciplined, introspective, positive, dedicated.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To participate in a running marathon.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Visit Africa (possibly Kenya) and become involved in a mission trip because volunteering is a passion of mine.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Apple news, email, and iMessage.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Law and Order SVU | Good Will Hunting | The Alchemist | One Number Away by Luke Combs and In the Blood by John Mayer | Hummus

What is your favorite quote?

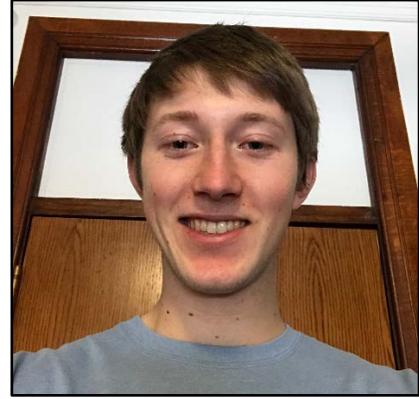
"I believe that my life's gonna see the love I give returned to me." -John Mayer

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Name: Carter Klanderud

Hometown: Fairmont, MN

Major(s): Civil Engineering
(Environmental Focus)



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

Playing the piano, getting active, and playing video games.

What are you passionate about?

Self-Improvement

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Positive attitude and willing to have some fun.

What is your dream job?

Designing a national park so that the construction wouldn't hurt the nature around it.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Positive, motivated, relaxed, cheerful

What is one item on your bucket list?

I don't have a bucket list, I plan to live forever, so far so good.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Ireland, really cool accents and scenery.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

The clock because I use it to wake me up in the morning, snapchat, and my banking app because I don't want to have to go online for that.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Office/Braveheart/John/Mirror/Leg of Lamb

What is your favorite quote?

"You know, I have one simple request. And that is to have sharks with frickin' laser beams attached to their heads! – Dr. Evil

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Name: Chase Olsen

Hometown: North Sioux City, SD

Major(s): Animal Ecology

Minor(s): N/A



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

I like to write short stories, play video games, and go running.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about wildlife conservation.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is respectful, a good communicator, and looking to enjoy the FHP Leader experience.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to have my own show on Animal Planet where I go around finding animals in the wild and teaching the audience about them.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Serious, Honest, Driven, Organized

What is one item on your bucket list?

Free-diving with sharks

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Australia, a large amount of the animals there are found nowhere else on earth.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, GroupMe, and Pokémon Go.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Total Drama Island / Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed / Nim's Island / "Someone You Like" / Lasagna

What is your favorite quote?

"There is no right or wrong. The truth must be somewhere in the middle." – Johnny Lawless

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Name: CJ Dupuis

Hometown: Burlington, IA

Major(s): Physics

Minor(s): N/A



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

I love reading books (Especially by Brandon Sanderson), playing sports, and piano.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about improving myself. Both strengthening my weaknesses and working on my strengths are important. I want to have a healthy body, mind, and soul.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who is spontaneous. It would offset my tendency towards routine actions. Additionally, someone who is happy and committed to the job.

What is your dream job?

I would love to work on research at the Large Hadron Collider.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Single-minded, Short, Organized, and Logical

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go skydiving.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

New Zealand. I heard it's pretty.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

The Appstore, Clock, and Safari.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Sherlock/Inception/Sandstorm/Barbecue Roast Beef

What is your favorite quote?

“If you compare yourself to others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.” – Max Ehrmann

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Name: Cole Schlup

Hometown: California, MO

Major(s): Agricultural Engineering

Minor(s): Agricultural Business



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

I enjoy going to Cyclone sporting events (football, basketball, softball), playing video games with my friends and my roommate, and watching Marvel movies.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my faith, my family/friends, and my studies.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who has a good sense of humor, is hard-working, and is down-to-earth in the way they go about their life.

What is your dream job?

Dream job – professional pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies

Ideal realistic job – agricultural engineering professor at Iowa State or back home at Mizzou.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Direct quote from a high school friend: “intelligent, hard-working, caring, brave”

What is one item on your bucket list?

Watch a game in all 30 MLB stadiums (4 down, 26 to go)

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Colorado, in the summer, and watch a Rockies game. First, I love the weather in Colorado, the landscape is beautiful, and every time I leave the mountains, I immediately wish I could go back.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, MyState, and Snapchat.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Daredevil / Deadpool / The Young Elites Trilogy / May We All by Florida Georgia Line / Seafood Nachos

What is your favorite quote?

“The hardest choices require the strongest wills.”

-Thanos, Marvel’s Avengers: Infinity War

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Name: Courtney Campbell

Hometown: Center Junction, IA

Major(s): Management

Minor(s): Music Technology



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

I enjoy bingeing on Netflix shows and listening to/creating music.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about using music in different ways to impact the lives of others and ultimately to make the world a better place.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, hardworking, passionate, dedicated, able to have a good time

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to own my own record label.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Loud, charismatic, funny, tough

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go to every Major League Baseball park.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Paris. I think that the culture there is fascinating, and the food is always a plus side. I also want to see and experience the Eifel Tower.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Amazon Music, Twitter, and Snapchat

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Office/ Ten Things I Hate About You/ To Kill a Mockingbird/ "Lethal Combination" / Bacon Cheeseburger

What is your favorite quote?

"You don't have to be somebody different to be important. You're important in your own right."

-Michelle Obama

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Name: Danielle Elliott

Hometown: Minden, IA

Major(s): Event Management

Minor(s): General Business



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

Listening to music, coloring, watching YouTube/basketball/football, and boating (when it's nice out)

What are you passionate about?

Music and my faith

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy-going and ready for lots of laughs

What is your dream job?

Event Planner for the Dallas Cowboys

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Goofy, kind, loud, and positive

What is one item on your bucket list?

Ride in a hot air balloon

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would want to go to Greece because it has rich history and culture, beautiful scenery, and it's on the ocean

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Spotify, and Twitter

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Office, / *Remember the Titans* / *Wonder* / "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" or anything Bruno Mars / strawberries

What is your favorite quote?

"Choose kindness and laugh often" -Unknown

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Name: Dan Vasudevan

Hometown: Overland Park, KS

Major(s): Computer Engineering

Minor(s): Economics



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

Playing basketball, listening to music and chilling with friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about Artificial Intelligence. I enjoy the process of learning more about it and the endless possibilities in the field.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone that is dedicated to giving the Freshman a great FHP experience. This includes being motivated to learn more about the Freshman and being enthusiastic during our activities.

What is your dream job?

Working with a group of friends to develop an application that contributes to the world in a positive manner.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Goofy, Motivated, Calm and Understanding.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Sit courtside at an NBA game.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Bora Bora because I am a big fan of the beach.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, YouTube, Tidal

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

How I Met Your Mother / The Terminal / A Thousand Splendid Suns / "The Night We Met" / Tacos

What is your favorite quote?

"When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor." – Elon Musk

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Name: Dorothy Bappe

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

Major(s): Psychology

Minor(s): Performing Arts



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

I enjoy watching Netflix, singing, and eating.

What are you passionate about?

I am really passionate about mental health and how to help other people become their best selves. I also am absolutely in love with the performing arts and I can't imagine my life without musicals.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be dependable, a good listener, and inspirational. I love someone who is creative and feeds into other people's energy. Someone who enjoys being around other people and can relate to other people.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be being an actress on Broadway.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

The words they would probably pick are reliable, strong-willed, hard-working, and passionate.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to go to a Broadway show and meet original cast members.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go to the Bahamas, just because it looks so beautiful and the water is so clear. It would be very vacation-oriented and I'm really into just relaxing.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep Snapchat, YouTube, and Spotify.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

My favorite TV show right now is the Bachelor but I really like New Girl as an always kind of show. My favorite movie would have to be Les Miserables just because it is my favorite musical and the movie is such a great adaptation. My favorite book would have to be To All The Boys I've Loved Before because I really like cute romance novels. My favorite song right now would have to be Love on Top by Beyoncé. My favorite food would have to be potatoes.

What is your favorite quote?

"Don't you have to be stupid somewhere else?" "Not until 4." – Sandy and Patrick from Spongebob Squarepants

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Drew Daly

Hometown: Peosta, IA

Major(s): Pre-Industrial Design

Minor(s): N/A



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

Art, Reading, Dancing, and Exercising

What are you passionate about?

Art, Photography, Sustainability, Going Green, and trying to make the world a better place.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, able to laugh and breath, roll with the punches, outgoing, wants to live life to the fullest.

What is your dream job?

Being a shoe designer at Vans or winning an Oscar for Best Costume Design.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Outgoing, Sincere, Thoughtful, Involved

What is one item on your bucket list?

To see the Northern Lights.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would want to go to Alaska because I want to be able to see the glaciers and a world away from society.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Messages, Camera, and Spotify

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Brooklyn 99 / Now You See Me / The Devil in the White City / No Lies / Oatmeal Raisins Cookies

What is your favorite quote?

“All you dreams can come true, if you have the courage to pursue them”

-Walt Disney

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Elisabeth Balke

Hometown: Maxwell, IA

Major: Advertising

Minor: Digital Media



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

I really enjoy to listen to old music and jazz, decorate and draw and read, and going out to places where good life talks happen and coffee is consumed.

What are you passionate about?

I like understanding; just learning about anything, really. I like being able to create something new and unique.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Dependable, fun, down to earth and chatty.

What is your dream job?

To retire and open up a small flower shop where I get to design bouquets for events.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Creative, listener, old soul, fashionably-high-maintenance.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to be able to completely remodel my future home.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

India! I would love to travel there to experience such a vibrant and colorful culture. It is so rich with heritage.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Spotify, Messenger.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

TV show: Psych or Monk

Movie: The Prestige

Book: Emma by Jane Austen

Song: Lucky by Jason Mraz ft. Colbie Caillat

Food: Caramel Bugles

What is your favorite quote?

“We are all worms, but I do believe I am a glow-worm.” – Sir Winston Churchill

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Emily DeDoncker

Hometown: Urbandale, IA

Major(s): Apparel Merchandising and
Public Relations



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

I like to watch Game of Thrones, random YouTube videos, and hang out with friends

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about doing good for the world and the importance of being a kind person

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is easy to communicate with and I have commonalities with.

What is your dream job?

My current dream job is to be working at the URBN Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, specifically for the Anthropologie sector. I am not sure exactly what I want to be doing there yet.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Driven, organized, adventurous,

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit every National Park in the United States.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

New Zealand, because of how scenic and beautiful it is.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Snapchat, Canvas

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Game of Thrones / Kill Bill / The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway / Only in the West by Yeek / cheese

What is your favorite quote?

“It’s better to be at the bottom of a ladder you want to climb than at the top of one you don’t”

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Emily Saeugling

Hometown: Atlantic, IA

Major(s): Animal Science

Minor(s): N/A



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

Reading, drinking coffee, spending time on my family's farm.

What are you passionate about?

Coffee and cattle.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Passionate and driven.

What is your dream job?

Working in agricultural law or policy to advocate for the beef industry.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Ambitious, motivated, outgoing, passionate.

What is one item on your bucket list?

See George Strait in concert.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Uganda – I gave a speech about the Nutrition Education Centers Iowa State has there and would love to go see them!

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Instagram, MyState

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Gossip Girl / How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days / Go Set a Watchman / Desert Wind / Steak

What is your favorite quote?

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Grace Jakes

Hometown: Indianola, IA

Major(s): Animal Science and Global
Resource Systems



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

Narrowing it down to two or three is tough, but I love spending time with my rabbits, reading a good book all afternoon long, and crocheting small amigurumi animals.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about education, animals, and lifting people out of poverty. I believe that animals and people are inextricably intertwined. People rely on animals for many things, and effective animal care and management can positively affect animals.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Thoughtful of our group's needs, communicative with me, willing to share, and cool with change

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working as a veterinarian in an underserved country or region of the world by offering veterinary services and management consultation to livestock producers while also promoting veterinary education in the region. Wow. That's a mouthful. Basically, I would be happy anywhere that I could be helping people, especially people who raise their animals as a livelihood, to better care for their animals. I am particularly passionate about places in the world with limited access to veterinary resources.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

[Determined, hardworking, learner, nerdy] ~What I thought they would say.

[Intelligent, caring, thoughtful, responsible] ~What they actually said.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I definitely want to go skydiving, but I would also love to meet Malala Yousafzai to discuss her thoughts on women in livestock production and the difficulties of veterinary education for girls in the Middle East

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Zambia to see Victoria Falls.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Google, Tophat, Group Me

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

BBC Sherlock/Harvey/That is a hard one...Anne of Green Gables??/Moonlight Sonata/Chocolate chip brownie sundae with chocolate ice cream and fudge sauce

What is your favorite quote?

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all.” ~Emily Dickinson

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Haley Dostalick

Hometown: Johnston/Urbandale, IA

Major(s): Genetics & BCBio

Minors(s): N/A



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

I enjoy crocheting and browsing for memes.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my three cats Oreo, Lucy, and Sid.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be outgoing but still responsible.

What is your dream job?

I want to work in a research lab focused on genetic diseases.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Tall, responsible, funny, and objective.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to travel to every continent except Antarctica because it is too cold.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I want to travel to Korea because they have an interesting cultural background while also being very technologically advanced.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep snapchat, apple music, and 100! Puzzle.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Doctor Who / Big Hero 6 / Gmorning, Gnight! / MOVE / Pringles

What is your favorite quote?

“It’s true I don’t talk much. But that was just me ignoring you.”

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Hannah Gebur

Hometown: Owatonna, MN

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minors(s): N/A



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

I enjoy being active, spending time outside, and hanging out with friends.

What are you passionate about?

The environment and helping others be successful.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who is reliable, organized, and fun to be around!

What is your dream job?

I would love to work as a vacation reviewer and get paid to travel the world.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Hardworking, patient, motivated, and goofy.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to all 50 states.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I'd go to Italy because it has beaches, mountains, and history all in one place!

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Full House / The Lion King / Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone / "Can't Help Falling In Love" / Pasta

What is your favorite quote?

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Heather Baier

Hometown: Altoona, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): General Business



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

Reading, playing flute, spending time with my family's pets

What are you passionate about?

Reading! I think every kid should get the chance to find books that they're passionate about at a young age.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Enthusiastic, goofy, hard-working

What is your dream job?

Working as an Imagineer at Disney World, designing the rides and attractions.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Organized, punctual, motivated, empathetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would love to learn how to play the piano.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Norway, because it's beautiful and I have family that lives there.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, GroupMe, Spotify

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Jane the Virgin / The Rock / Harry Potter / "This is Gospel" / Chocolate

What is your favorite quote?

"So many books, so little time" -Frank Zappa

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Jacelyn Rudderow

Hometown: Pedricktown, NJ

Major(s): Biological Systems Engineering,
Food Option

Minor(s): Food Safety



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

Reading historical fiction and science fiction novels, being in and going to see theatrical productions, and swing dancing

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about agriculture and the food industry and how it affects those with food allergies.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Focused, organized, outgoing, compassionate, and fun!

What is your dream job?

To work for a large food company helping to resolve the issue of cross-contact on food production lines dealing specifically with food allergies

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Compassionate, friendly, intelligent, short

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to Whales and learn about my family heritage and ethnicity (yes my family is Welsh!!)

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

The Netherland because it is absolutely beautiful and I can eat freely there!!

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Texting app, Accuweather, and Pandora

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

*M*A*S*H / Newsies / Harry Potter Series / This is Country Music / Blueberries*

What is your favorite quote?

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Jack Gepson

Hometown: Glencoe, MN

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy playing pick-up basketball, analyzing anything and everything, and watching as much college football as I can.

What are you passionate about?

My friends, learning more about the world around me, and Nebraska Cornhusker Football

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy-going, relaxed but knows when to be more focused, looking to cultivate real friendships

What is your dream job?

Solve traffic problems in the world's largest cities.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Loyal, Competitive, Logical, Humorous

What is one item on your bucket list?

To travel to all 50 states

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Italy and Greece. The ancient Greek and Roman civilizations fascinate me, and I would love to see the ruins.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Snapchat, and Instagram

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Arrested Development/The Dark Knight/Moneyball/Dear Maria, Count Me In – All Time Low/Medium-Rare Sirloin

What is your favorite quote?

“Luck favors the prepared” -Edna Mode, The Incredibles

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Jake Brown

Hometown: Sioux City, IA

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s): Kinesiology



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

I like to hang out with friends, watch Netflix, and just chill out!

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about uplifting others and helping them succeed and learning how to be the best person you can be.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be one that I could just get along with. They would be honest, kind, and someone who cares about others.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be a physical therapist who helps children with movement disorders, such as cerebral palsy, adapt to life as an adult.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Genuine, energetic, funny and caring.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To be fluent in Spanish and French.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Spain because the old city feels and the atmosphere of the Spanish culture is one I've always been interested in.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Twitter, and Snapchat.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Great British Baking Show / *Coco* / *A Man Called Ove* / "Pompeii" / Mac and Cheese

What is your favorite quote?

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Jake Mondschean

Hometown: Oak Brook, IL

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Math, Engineering Sales



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

I enjoy running, hiking, working out, and spending quality time with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Learning! I love to learn new skills regardless of how practical they are.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is passionate, outgoing, and enthusiastic about being a leader.

What is your dream job?

To design and build more durable and affordable prosthetics for children to allow them to have active and fun childhoods.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Focused, determined, energetic, enthusiastic.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To hike along the El Camino Santiago trail in Spain.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would love to go to either Australia or Ireland because I'd love to see the marine life in Australia and I want to hike through the Irish countryside.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

YouTube, Snapchat, and Pokémon Go

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Doctor Who / The Matrix / The Lightning Thief / "Cold as Ice" / Steak

What is your favorite quote?

"A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools." -*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Adam Douglass

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Jensina Davis

Hometown: Brookings, SD

Major(s): Agronomy and Seed Science

Minor(s): N/A



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

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

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about learning (especially about seeds, but anything, really), spreading positivity, and agriculture.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy-going, creative, and has a positive attitude and plenty of enthusiasm.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work as a seed pathologist and work in a seed testing laboratory or do research. Preferably both if the lab contracts research work.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Passionate, motivated, enthusiastic, and social.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I've always wanted to take a spontaneous road trip with no planned destination.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Austria because it looks very beautiful in pictures and isn't one of the most common places people visit in Europe – it's not London or Paris or Rome.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Safari, and GroupMe.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Bold Type/The Proposal/The Perks of Being a Wallflower/"One Week" by the Barenaked Ladies/Pizza

What is your favorite quote?

"Sometimes the hardest thing and the right thing are the same." – "All at Once" by The Fray

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Jeremy Tracz

Hometown: Buffalo Grove, IL

Major(s): Software Engineering

Minor(s): Cyber Security



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

I enjoy playing videogames and playing guitar

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about learning, building friendships and developing my talents.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

5' 8" Male Mechanical Engineer with the name of Paul Iman

What is your dream job?

Game developer

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

“Meerkat that can act” – Jackson Lopata
Respectful, honorable, thorough, friendly

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go on a road trip in Europe

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Italy because of the people and the food

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Music streaming app, Facebook, Youtube

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Friends (comedy) | Game of Thrones (drama) / John Wick / The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry / “What is and should never be” / bacon

What is your favorite quote?

I don't think that you have any insight whatsoever into your capacity for good until you have some well-developed insight into your capacity for evil.” – Jordon Peterson

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— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Joel Lindsey

Hometown: O'Fallon, IL

Major(s): Marketing, Management

Minor(s): N/A



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

Watching and participating in sporting events, watching the office, and lifting are my three main leisure time consumers.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about the Iowa State Women's Basketball team.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy-going, confident, and organized.

What is your dream job?

I would love to work for Nike and design and produce footwear.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Confident, motivational, humorous, and tall ;)

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to run for political office at some point in my life.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go Jerusalem. Faith has been a huge part of my life and to experience that city and significance it represents to me would be amazing.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

The messaging app, Instagram, and the MyState app.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Office / A Few Good Men / Through my Eyes / "Forever" / Triple Chocolate Cheesecake

What is your favorite quote?

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction"

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Joy Westercamp

Hometown: Farmington, IA

Major(s): Biology (AGLS)

Minor(s): N/A



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

Hang out with friends, play League of Legends, and read/draw.

What are you passionate about?

Learning, helping others, and making other people happy/feel special.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Motivated, energetic, fun-loving, excited, outgoing, and encouraging!

What is your dream job?

I want to work as a scientist researching honey bees or ecology and make contributions to science. If I am not working on research, I want to work for the USDA/NIFA or as an Extension Entomologist.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Prepared, enthusiastic, resourceful, and jubilant.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to visit every continent (including Antarctica) at least once in my life.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Australia to see the Great Barrier Reef.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, GroupMe, and Gmail.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Sherlock / *Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them* / *The Great Gatsby* / “My Heart” – Evix / Crème brûlée

What is your favorite quote?

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” – William James

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Kaleb Still

Hometown: Batavia, IL

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy hiking, bouldering, and sitting down and reading a good book 😊

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about adventuring. It is my goal to climb every state's "highest point" before I die! I love exploring the outdoors and love the mountain air! I am also very passionate about God and the Salt Company! It is a great program and I would recommend it to anyone!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Anybody that is outgoing, friendly, and dedicated would be a perfect co leader.

What is your dream job?

I want a dream job that I love and enjoy. It is very cliché, but anything where my work doesn't feel like work will be good enough for me. I want to be successful, but as long as I am content in life money will never be an issue.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

They would pick: honest, caring, loyal, dedicated

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go to New Zealand, Iceland, Alaska, and climb all the United States' highest points

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to New Zealand. There are no large predators, snakes, and the mountains are beautiful.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep Messages, The phone app, and my alarm app because I use those daily.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

My favorite TV show is Friends. My favorite movie is Your Name. My favorite song is Who am I by Casting Crowns. Favorite food has to be my mom's grilled cheese with tomato soup. My favorite book is "The name of the Wind" by Patrick Rothfuss, but my favorite book series is the classic Percy Jackson and the Olympians series

What is your favorite quote?

My favorite quote comes from book series Storm light Archives
"Life before death, strength before weakness, journey before destination."

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Karen Vandervort

Hometown: Bloomington, IL

Major(s): Architecture

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy painting, especially with acrylic paints. I also enjoy running, although I am rather bad at it. And playing the piano is something I have done my whole life and love.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about making the world a more joyful place by small things, such as maintaining a positive attitude and being kind. I am passionate about this because I see that it is these small things that make the world a better place.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who is up for spontaneity, yet maintains a certain level of organization. Logical, kind, thorough, dependable, enthusiastic, honest, and welcoming.

What is your dream job?

I would love to one day design hospitals, something necessary and practical, yet something that offers so much freedom to consider the experience of those visiting and the impact that the building can have on them.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Enthusiastic, caring, visionary, creative.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Drink a smoothie out of a pineapple. I would like to drink a smoothie out of a coconut too, but not quite as much as a pineapple.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would love to go Botswana, the country sounds absolutely beautiful with grasslands and animals.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Pinterest, stay inspired. Instagram, stay connected. Spotify, keep dancing through life.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Downton Abbey/Les Misérables/All the Light We Cannot See/ -

What is your favorite quote?

The next best thing to being wise oneself, is to live in the circle of those who are. ~C.S. Lewis

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Keaton Maier

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

Love climbing, hiking and making/listening to music.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about ensuring others are happy.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Very organized (hopefully it'll rub off on me), has dissimilar interests to my own

What is your dream job?

Contract work (for anything, although engineering is most likely at this point) that lets me move often (i.e. live in a van) and spend most of my free time climbing and hiking. If/when I decide to settle down it would be cool to work for NASA or Boeing or whoever would trust me to work with spacecraft.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Hippie (see dream job if you need an explanation), smart (math nerd), talkative, fun(ny)

What is one item on your bucket list?

Summit a huge mountain that's not Everest but instead way cooler (Matterhorn maybe)

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Can't name a single place but I can say that wherever it is would have zero marks of modern civilization.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Chrome (ez choice), Spotify, Calendar

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Game of Thrones/Inglorious Basterds/Freakonomics/Ask me every day and you'll get a different answer every time/Pancheros Burrito

What is your favorite quote?

"A ship in harbor is safe; but that is not what ships are built for." - John A. Shedd

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Ken Galbraith

Hometown: Rochester, MN

Major(s): Accounting and Finance

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy playing euchre, eating chips and salsa, and playing piano.

What are you passionate about?

I love Hy-Vee, anything business related, and staying up until at least 2 a.m. every day.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is motivated by teamwork and is a little goofy.

What is your dream job?

Chief Financial Officer of a Fortune 500 company

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Adaptable, diplomatic, sincere, amusing

What is one item on your bucket list?

Beat my CA at ping pong

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

New Zealand, because it's very scenic and the people there are awesome.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Email, MyState, and the Hy-Vee app

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Game of Thrones, How to Train Your Dragon, Games of Thrones, Zelda Piano Medley, The Grilled Cheese Bar at Seasons with bacon, turkey, peppers, onions, peanut butter, and bananas.

What is your favorite quote?

"The quick meercat has the most fun." -Wyatt "Thor" Peterson

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Landon Getting

Hometown: Fort Dodge, IA

Major(s): Industrial Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy playing board & video games, working out, and listening to podcasts.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about making the world better. Whether it's through clean energy and innovation, public policy, or leading an FHP section, I'm excited about it.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be dedicated, creative, and lively.

What is your dream job?

Working at an organization with a culture, mission, and ideas which correlate to my passions and enable me to be internally motivated.

Maybe Tesla.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Devoted, organized, confident, and genuine.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu in South America.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Iceland. Northern Lights, glacier hiking, volcanic landscapes, hot springs, and waterfalls.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Reddit, Reminders, & YouTube

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

House M.D./Inception/The Name of the Wind/Sing, Sing, Sing/Strawberry Shakes

What is your favorite quote?

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. -Barack Obama

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Lauren Lenson

Hometown: Overland Park, KS

Major(s): Elementary Education

Minor(s): N/A



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

I love watching hanging out with my friends, playing with my dog and binge watching Netflix shows.

What are you passionate about?

Kids, hint my major☺

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is confident in what they're doing, someone who likes to collaborate and listen to each other's ideas, and the ability to have fun but know when to be serious and get things done.

What is your dream job?

I think it would be cool to be an actress, but I also dream of getting my Ph.D. as a principle.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Goofy, outgoing, motivated, approachable

What is one item on your bucket list?

Traveling to every state in the country and then once I do that, traveling abroad!

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Ireland, I think it's beautiful and my dad always talks about how he loved going there. I also want to study abroad in Dublin!

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Spotify and Netflix

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Parks & Rec / How the Grinch Stole Christmas / To Kill a Mockingbird / Take a Look Through My Eyes / Chipotle

What is your favorite quote?

"I am big enough to admit that I am often inspired by myself." -Leslie Knope

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Lauren Tidgren

Hometown: Carroll, IA

Major(s): Animal Science (Pre Vet)

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy running, going outdoors, and walking my silver lab.

What are you passionate about?

I love biology. You get to study the science of life and how it works.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I want a co-leader that's dependable, fun, and easy-going.

What is your dream job?

I've always been interested in veterinary medicine. Currently, I'm looking at either a clinical small animal practice or veterinary pathology.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Trustworthy, inventive, intuitive, intense.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I think it would be super fun to go snorkeling in a coral reef.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would have to choose Africa because it has the most interesting wildlife, and I prefer hot weather.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep Snapchat, YouTube, and Google.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Homicide Hunter/The Help/Tuesdays with Morrie/"Carried Away"/Pineapple

What is your favorite quote?

"Have courage and be kind." -Cinderella

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Lydia Schafer

Hometown: Traer, IA

Major(s): Apparel, Merchandising, Design

Minor(s): N/A



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

Sleep, sew, and shop.

What are you passionate about?

My faith, family, sewing, certain music, sleep, and Netflix + Hulu

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Very logical, good at dealing with groups, and cracks a bad joke every now and then

What is your dream job?

Fashion designer and CEO of my own company

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Energetic, creative, spunky, innovative

What is one item on your bucket list?

Live in New York City

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Paris, France because it's really beautiful and they have beignets

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Pinterest, Netflix

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Show: Brooklyn 99

Movie: Whatever I've seen last

Book: A Voice in the Wind by Francine Rivers

Song: So Will I (100 Billion X) by Hillsong

Food: Anything with milk chocolate

What is your favorite quote?

If you love something, let it go. If it's meant to be, it will go on sale.

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Name: Lydia Stanley

Hometown: Urbandale/Johnston, IA

Major(s): Genetics

Minor(s): BC BIO, Anthropology



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

I like bowling, trying new foods, and reading.

What are you passionate about?

Getting a higher score on Ski Ball than my brother

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can get their work done correctly without a babysitter, joke around and have fun, and is interested in learning. Ideally, it's someone I work well with, and also enjoy being around.

What is your dream job?

Astropaleontologist, but that job doesn't exist yet.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Responsible, Realistic, Short, and Weird

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to a different planet

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Egypt and Russia. Both of these countries have very interesting histories, the architecture is diverse, and I want to know what it's like to be in a city/country that is older than ~400 years.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Twitter, Duolingo, and TE Tuner

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

M*A*S*H or Star Trek (TNG, OS)/There are honestly too many I like/Frankenstein/"Night Moves"/Peas or Beats

What is your favorite quote?

"I wish for you a life where your blood sings with the voice of an eager wild thing. With a voice that says I am here and in this short time, this is the song I sing because I can." --- Brian Andreas

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Marcella “Marcy” Anderson

Hometown: Dubuque, IA/La Crosse, WI

Major(s): Software Engineering

Minor(s): Data Science/Mathematics



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

I like to knit to calm down and I like to hang out with my friends and do homework together.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about learning. It is why I have enjoyed school for so long. I enjoy intaking new information and learning new skills and I think it is what allows us to truly grow as people.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is open minded, friendly, and has a good sense of humor

What is your dream job?

I want to work as a software engineer at an interesting company. If I could pick any job at this moment I would want to work as a software engineer for Plex which allows its customers to make their own movie servers.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Just asked them:

Caring, Friendly, Charismatic, and Funny

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to live outside of the US for at least a month

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Costa Rica because they have a lot of ancient temples and a lot of cool wildlife

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Phone for communication, YouTube for some form of entertainment, and the Calendar to keep me on track

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

All of these are subject to change at any given moment but at the exact moment
BBC Sherlock/Thor Ragnarok/This is Me (Greatest Showman)/well-made pancakes

What is your favorite quote?

“In 900 years of time and space I’ve never met anyone who wasn’t important”
The Doctor

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Marit Hovey

Hometown: Norwalk, IA

Major(s): Global Resource Systems and
Environmental Studies

Minor(s): French and Sustainability



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

I enjoy reading, cooking, and doing yoga in my free time.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about food security in developing countries.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, organized and good at communication.

What is your dream job?

International Food Critic

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Organized, hard-working, kind, and responsible

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go on a safari in Africa

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I want to go to Italy for the pasta

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Pandora, Youtube, and Snapchat

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Friends/?/Harry Potter/?/Mushroom Ravioli

What is your favorite quote?

Life begins outside of your comfort zones

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Matt Dwyer

Hometown: Rosemount, MN

Major(s): Computer Engineering

Minor(s): Economics



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

I enjoy playing volleyball taking nature photography, and programming.

What are you passionate about?

Helping others with their problems and learning from any mentor or peer who will teach me.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who loves to have fun and knows how to kick back and relax, yet can focus when need be.

What is your dream job?

A technology researcher for a nonprofit technology and computing organization.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

“Terrible singer, great friend.” – Nick Stoner (High School BFF)

What is one item on your bucket list?

Marry someone who will forever give me butterflies.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, because I would love to see a camel and a Lamborghini side by side.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Google Calendar, YouTube, and iFunny.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Office obviously, definitely Forest Gump, Ender’s Game, Shelter by Porter Robinson, and gnocchi.

What is your favorite quote?

“We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.” – Oscar Wilde

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Matt Sporre

Hometown: Brooklyn Park, MN

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy watching sports, swimming, and hanging out with friends

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about science and nature

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who is responsible, hard-working, and easy to get along with

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to one day be an engineer for a company that believes in and is actively working toward space exploration

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Hard-working, smart, responsible, and kind

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to Australia because I want to experience the culture and see all the unique things that live there

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Youtube, and Camera

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Big Bang Theory / Finding Nemo / Call of the Wild / Hooked on a Feeling / Tater Tot Hot Dish

What is your favorite quote?

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take” – Michael Jordan

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Megan Hellman

Hometown: Swisher, IA

Major(s): Architecture or CRP

Minor(s): Spanish or Sustainability



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

Hiking, planting, and spending time outdoors, cooking, and board games or video games with friends & family.

What are you passionate about?

The environment !! Helping others !!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Relaxed and open to different ideas/willing to try new things and organized and prepared as well.

What is your dream job?

Working to develop and create affordable, eco-friendly homes for lower class citizens around the globe.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Resilient, funny, determined, adventurous

What is one item on your bucket list?

National Park road trip with friends and family !!

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Norway because it looks beyond beautiful and I love it.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

MyState !! Spotify, Instagram

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

NEW GIRL / Guardians of the Galaxy / Six of Crows / The Chain by Fleetwood Mac / literally love all food but partial to coconut delight girl scout cookies

What is your favorite quote?

“The worst part about prison was the dementors.” -Michael Scott

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Meg Grice

Hometown: Humboldt, IA

Major(s): Public Relations, International
Studies

Minor(s): Business



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

Reading, playing with cats, listening to music, and watching YouTube videos.

What are you passionate about?

Learning anything about everything, helping people in any way I can, and coffee breaks.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone that brings me out of my comfort zone while also matching my enthusiasm for team bonding. I can be serious and studious when I need to be, but I want to have fun with this position as much as possible!

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a public relations specialist/manager for Rick Steves.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

If my friends HAD to describe me with four words, I hope they would choose caring, understanding, fun-loving, and hardworking.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Definitely to have a nonstop Harry Potter movie marathon, but also visit every single European country.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

As one of the first countries on my traveling bucket list, I would love to go to Scotland and explore my family's roots across the pond.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Twitter, Spotify, and Contacts. (You'd better believe I don't memorize people's numbers.)

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel / Aladdin / The Glass Castle (right now) / The Girl from Ipanema / vegan tenders @ ISU

What is your favorite quote?

"It's not having everything go right; it's facing whatever goes wrong. It's not being without fear; it's having the determination to go on in spite of it. Remember that every day ends and brings a new tomorrow. Love what you do, do the best you can, and always remember how much you are loved." -Vickie Worsham

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Melia Finn

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Major(s): Industrial Engineering

Minor(s): German



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

Listening to music, starting books but not having the time to finish them, and going on walks?? (I guess you might call it hiking, but I feel like that implies mountains and that was only one time. Mostly it's just Woods.)

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about music. Though I did play flute in high school, I'm mostly passionate about the music I listen to. I like almost every genre and am always looking for new songs and artists.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is funny and enjoys interacting with people, but who also takes their responsibilities seriously!

What is your dream job?

An industrial engineer at a factory that makes instruments would be pretty cool!

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Supportive, kind, loving, thoughtful

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go to a Seventeen concert! Or more generally, to go to a concert of any artist I really like at the time.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I really want to go to Germany! I got to visit once before, but it was a short trip and I didn't get to see much. I like the language and the culture and I'm thinking of moving there one day.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, KakaoTalk, and YouTube

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Queer Eye / Clue / Lord of the Rings / Currently Home by Seventeen (but my favorite song changes... a lot) / Pasta

What is your favorite quote?

"She said she usually cried at least once each day not because she was sad, but because the world was so beautiful & life was so short." – Brian Andreas

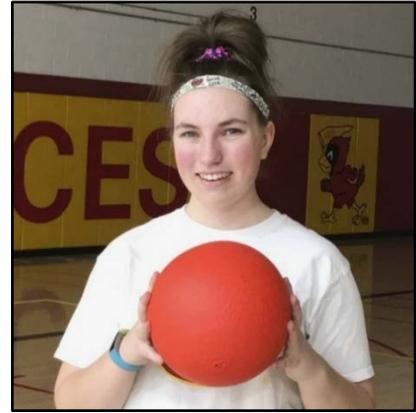
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Name: Michaela Erickson

Hometown: Amery, WI

Major(s): Genetics and Agronomy

Minor(s): N/A



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

In my free time, I enjoy listening to music, solving my Rubik's cubes, and exchanging stories with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about plants, twenty one pilots, and helping people achieve their goals 😊

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who is more outgoing than me, good at communicating, and tries to bring a positive attitude to any crazy adventure!

What is your dream job?

Professional youtuber or ice cream taster, obviously.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Stubborn, thoughtful, responsible, and nerdy.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go on a United States road trip from coast to coast!

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I really want to travel to the Netherlands because I've never been to Europe and I want to see the museums and architecture and tulips.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would keep Snapchat, MyState, and Rodeo Stampede.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Drake and Josh, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Turtles All the Way Down by John Green, Trees by twenty one pilots, watermelon!

What is your favorite quote?

"The beginning of purpose is found in creating something only you understand." –Tyler Joseph

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Nikki Casey

Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s): Spanish



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

Running, spending time with friends, and reading

What are you passionate about?

Learning about health related topics and helping other people

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Kind, hardworking, and fun!

What is your dream job?

An orthodontist

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Easy-going, hardworking, nice, and fun

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel to all 7 continents

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Spain, I love studying Spanish and I'd love to get to use it in such a beautiful country

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Apple watch fitness, Instagram, and texts

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Criminal Minds / Harry Potter / The Selection / "Die a Happy Man" / Ice cream

What is your favorite quote?

"Speed does not matter, forward is forward"

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Nourah Abusada

Hometown: Iowa City, IA

Major(s): Animal Ecology

Minor(s): Animal Science



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

I like to play the violin, soccer, and Lego Harry Potter videogames with my roommate.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about helping others, music, and academics (yes, I am a nerd).

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, hardworking, and charismatic...aka Captain America.

What is your dream job?

Realistically, I would like to work with wildlife as a veterinarian. However, if I could have any job in the entire world, I would be a professional food taster.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Ambitious, compassionate, diligent, and witty

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would like to skydive.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to the Bahamas because I want to go on a relaxing vacation that involves a beautiful beach.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Pandora, and Youtube.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Office/ *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*/ *Pride and Prejudice*/ "Shotgun" / Strawberries

What is your favorite quote?

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." -Saint Mother Teresa

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Olivia Bogle

Hometown: Le Roy, IL

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Spanish, Biomedical Engineering



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

Reading, working out, and drinking coffee or tea (lots of that)

What are you passionate about?

I'm very passionate about technology and the everchanging world around us and how to make it better for everyone in it. I am also very passionate about traveling and meeting new people wherever I go!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who loves coming up with new ideas and being creative and someone who is excited about Iowa State and what is available here.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is working to help design and create medical utensils and prosthetics.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Funny, compassionate, hardworking, and outgoing

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to travel the world, especially in Asia and Europe.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Athens, Greece, mainly the Acropolis. I am completely fascinated with Greek mythology and the history there and have wanted to go there since I was 10.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Instagram, Spotify, and Gmail

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Doctor Who / *Now You See Me* / *Throne of Glass* Series by Sarah J Maas / "I'm So Sorry" by Imagine Dragons / Pizza

What is your favorite quote?

"Education is not the learning of facts, but training the mind to think." -Albert Einstein

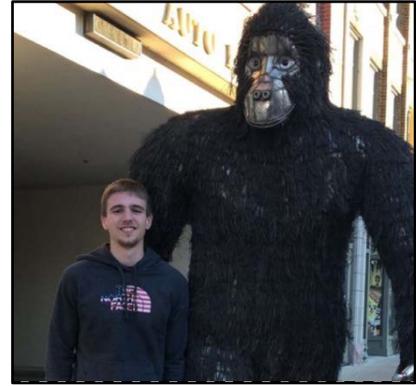
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Name: Ote Albrecht

Hometown: Le Mars, IA

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

Working out (playing basketball, weight lifting, rock climbing, etc.), reading, and eating large amounts of food.

What are you passionate about?

Innovations that will help the world.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy to get along with, dependable,

What is your dream job?

My dream job is somewhere

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Hardworking, goofy, smart, dedicated.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit every continent.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to the Himalayas, to hike and see some spectacular views.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Twitter, Reddit.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Man in the High Castle/Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith/The Bourne Trilogy/“Good Riddance”/Victorian Filet Steak

What is your favorite quote?

“It isn’t pollution that’s harming the environment. It’s the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.” – Dan Quale

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Paiton McDonald

Hometown: Fletcher, NC

Major(s): Agricultural Biochemistry and
International Agriculture

Minor(s): Pharmacology and Toxicology



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

I enjoy drinking coffee, playing and talking to baby calves, and having Mamma Mia movie dance marathons with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about helping others whether it is through service or education, I am passionate about helping others live the best way they can.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be passionate, open-minded, a listener, and kind.

What is your dream job?

I want to develop and modify pharmaceuticals and vaccines first, for livestock, especially bovine, and then eventually for people, to help alleviate any kind of suffering that I can. After, I think I may want to be a Medicinal Chemistry professor.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Passionate, generous, smiley and academic

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to herd cattle in the West.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Ireland to learn about their sustainable livestock agricultural practices and the lush green fields look beautiful.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Snapchat, and Messages

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

When Calls the Heart / Mamma Mia 2: Here We Go Again / Pride and Prejudice (and all adaptations) / "So Do I" / Venison

What is your favorite quote?

"Simply have courage and be kind." -Cinderella's Mother

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Paul Iman

Hometown: Antioch, IL

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Math



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

I enjoy playing sports, going to the gym, and playing video games.

What are you passionate about?

I'm very passionate about science. I enjoy learning about new ideas and topics. This is especially true for anything to do with space.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who's kind, respectful and honorable. In other words, a 5 foot 9 inch, 130lb, software engineer, with the name Jeremy Tracz.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to create satellites or to design better energy systems.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

"Chimpanzee that can math" ~ Jackson Lopata

Ingenuitive, Problem Solver, Protective, and Child-Hearted

What is one item on your bucket list?

Eventually, I want to go on a tour of Europe. I think experiencing all the unique cultures and beautiful places would be a life changing event.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Australia. Why? Kangaroos, good food, and they speak English.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Calendar, Snapchat, and Google Chrome.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

My favorite food (dessert) is anything chocolate and my favorite actual food is food pasta. As for books unfortunately I don't have much time to read, although when I was younger I loved Harry Potter. For songs I have favorite artists more so than favorite songs, I really enjoy Logic and G Eazy.

What is your favorite quote?

"If opportunity doesn't knock build a door" -Milton Berle

— Learn Your Leaders 2019 —

Name: Rachael Byrum

Hometown: West Des Moines, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Statistics



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

Hiking, playing my French horn and saxophone, and reading

What are you passionate about?

Beating people up (in a safe sports setting . . . Don't worry, I am a trained mixed martial artist. I don't attack unsuspecting individuals). On a more serious note, I am extremely passionate about fostering confidence in youth through martial arts.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Good sense of humor, kindhearted, genuine and hardworking

What is your dream job?

I would love to work at the Sierra Nevada Corporation building spacecraft and/or further development in artificial intelligence.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Genuine, Confident, Organized, Determined

What is one item on your bucket list?

The top thing on my bucket list is to learn how to play the cello.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

If I could travel anywhere, I would travel to Thailand. I want to visit Pha Phum National Park to hike through the jungles and mountains.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Snapchat, Pinterest

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

The Big Bang Theory/ Finding Nemo/ One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest / Saturday Nights / Sushi

What is your favorite quote?

“Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted”

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Name: Reed Kohlmeyer

Hometown: Oronoco, MN

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

In my free time I enjoy to watch YouTube, rock climb, and read.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about helping others achieve their goals and helping to make the world a better place.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be extroverted and fun. Someone who can help make 101 fun and exciting.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to work at a space agency as either a mission control operator or as a flight path designer.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Chill, hardworking, fun, and jackhammer

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to go skydiving because I'm not the biggest fan of heights and that would be the ultimate experience.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to the Swiss Alps of all places because the skiing there would be amazing and I love the mountains.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

If I had to delete all but 3 applications on my phone I would keep Snapchat (gotta be social), Canvas (so I can worry about my grades on the go), and MyState (so I don't get lost).

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

My favorite TV show is Whose Line is it Anyways, book is Unbroken, song is Viva la Vida, and food is mashed potatoes (don't @ me).

What is your favorite quote?

My favorite quote is a Latin phrase "ad astra per aspera" meaning "to the stars through hardship".

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Name: Reese Koppenhafer

Hometown: Williamsburg, IA

Major(s): Undeclared Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

Hanging out with friends, playing/watching soccer, bouldering

What are you passionate about?

I love anything related to soccer.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Charismatic, responsible, good communicator

What is your dream job?

I honestly don't even know what I'm doing with my life.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Nice, caring, funny, skinny

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Switzerland because my great grandfather's family was from there and I love the mountains and culture there.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Youtube, Spotify

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Psych/The Martian/Harry Potter Series/Angels by Chance the Rapper/Shrimp

What is your favorite quote?

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

-Gandalf

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Name: Shawn Husgen

Hometown: Rochester, MN

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minor(s): Biomedical Engineering



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

I enjoy reading, watching science fiction movies/shows, running, and playing board games.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about the concept of time, preserving utilization, and environmental sustainability.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Charismatic, driven, understanding, and more humor than I have (minimal at best).

What is your dream job?

I want to work to develop a material or device that combats pollution or restores a natural habitat.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Dork, ambitious, intelligent, and sympathetic.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to skydive because I would be terrified every last second of it, but later enjoy the experience.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

In a deep-diving submarine to the bottom of the sea because I want to see the weird lifeforms down there.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Netflix, TopHat, and Snapchat.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Travelers / Mamma Mia / The 5th Wave / Don't Stop Believing / Split Pea and Ham Soup

What is your favorite quote?

“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll be run over if you just sit there.” -Will Rogers

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Name: Shelby Murray

Hometown: Sioux City, IA

Major(s): Undecided Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

Reading, watching movies/TV, and hanging out with friends.

What are you passionate about?

I'm really passionate about stories and different ways to tell them.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Kind, outgoing, and funny

What is your dream job?

I'd love to work on robotics or animatronics in the movie industry.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

My friends said dedicated, caring, calming, and inclusive.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Long Beach, WA because I have a ton of family there. There's also an international kite-flying festival, the world's largest frying pan, and an alligator man.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Snapchat, Wattpad, and Google Maps because I have a terrible sense of direction.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Elementary / The Goonies / Harry Potter / All Star / Jolly Time marshmallow popcorn

What is your favorite quote?

"If we're just information—just noise in the system—we might as well be a symphony." -Samantha Groves

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Name: Sierra Weldon

Hometown: Waterloo, IA

Major(s): Pre-Dietetics

Minor(s): N/A



What two or three things do you

enjoy doing with your leisure time?

Running long distances, reading, and camping out/traveling for concert dates when my favorite artists go on tour!

What are you passionate about?

Nutrition and wellness, advocating for mental health awareness, live music, Katy Perry and The 1975

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

You can never go wrong with a dry sense of humor. I also to love be surrounded by dedicated people who are passionate about the impact they hope to make!

What is your dream job?

Becoming a registered dietician to aid in eating disorder recovery for youth

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Eccentric, passionate, determined, capable

What is one item on your bucket list?

Move to Washington or Oregon and learn how to knit

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Japan!! I'm incredibly fascinated by the culture and fashion influences.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Spotify, Twitter, MapMyRun

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Breaking Bad / Requiem for a Dream or The Runaways/ Unbearable Lightness: A Story of Loss and Gain / "Robbers" / breakfast foods reign supreme

What is your favorite quote?

"Don't fall in love with the moment and think you're in love with the girl." -The 1975

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Name: Sophie Young

Hometown: Lake Zurich, IL

Major(s): Microbiology

Minor(s): N/A



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

Working out/fitness, watching Netflix, drawing/art.

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about animals, art, music, and being a kind person to others.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Kind, responsible, easy-going, talkative.

What is your dream job?

A veterinarian

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Thoughtful, inquisitive, caring, supportive.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Travel the coast of Europe.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Costa Rica, to experience the culture and see all the amazing animals they have there.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

VSCO, Twitter, Chase Bank App

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Parks and Rec / Guardians of the Galaxy / Ordinary People / Can't pick just one / Grilled Cheese

What is your favorite quote?

“Girls with dreams become women with vision”

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Name: Sura Smadi

Hometown: Ames, IA

Major(s): Music and Biology

Minor(s): N/A



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

I watch way too much Netflix... But I also enjoy biking, reading and writing, and making music.

What are you passionate about?

Music! Music, music, music! And also journaling.... and my cats.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can deal with my numerous quirks and who has quirks who complement mine! Other requirements include a sense of humor and a soft-spot for stupid puns.

What is your dream job?

I want to help find a cure for cancer. Or be an emergency room doctor. Ultimately, I want to help people live their best lives through the medical field.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Quirky, organized, passionate, and sarcastic.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I *really* want to go cage-diving with great white sharks in South Africa.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

South Africa! ...so that I could go cage-diving with those sharks.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Apple Music, Twitter, and Snapchat.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

A Million Little Things / Isle of Dogs / Song of Achilles / "Agnes" / fettuccini alfredo

What is your favorite quote?

"This is water." – David Foster Wallace

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Name: Tom Sun

Hometown: Bettendorf, IA

Major(s): Computer Engineering

Minor(s): Communication Studies



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

Skateboarding, working on random projects, long drives

What are you passionate about?

Monstercat (best electronic music label out there), cars, making people's lives better with technology, tennis is pretty neat

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Passionate about the job, funny, approachable

What is your dream job?

Some sort of hardware engineer at a tech company, or pro skater.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Nerdy, 3/10, non-confrontational, responsible.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Get a pilot license

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Antarctica, because there are polar bears.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

iTunes (better than Spotify btw), Gmap, Reddit

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Top Gear / Kingsman / 11/22/63 / Let it All Work Out / Cheesecake

What is your favorite quote?

Standing for something. Making a difference. That is true wealth. — James Comey

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Name: William (Billy) Sibilski

Hometown: Ramsey, MN

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): Astronomy



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

One of my favorite things to do is to just sit and relax and watch nature. I also love just relaxing in a hammock or watching the sunset.

What are you passionate about?

Learning. I love learning about new things. May not always love school specifically, but I do love learning.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can keep up with my sarcasm and/or humor. Someone who has a kind heart and really wants to help people.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work at NASA or SpaceX and help research long-term space flight.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Intelligent, Friendly, Kind-hearted, Fun

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really would love to go skydiving. Hope to be going this summer.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Europe. I would love to see all the sights in a bunch of different countries. I will be going there this summer for a study abroad.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

I would save Snapchat and Pandora for sure. The last one is hard but I would say Instagram.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Impractical Jokers/ Star Wars Franchise/ The Maze Runner Series/ “The Nights” by Avicii/ Chipotle

What is your favorite quote?

“Hope is like the sun. If you only believe in it when you see it, you will never make it through the night.” –
Leia Organa

“Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that’s why they call it the present.” – Master
Oogway

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Name: Wyatt Peterson

Hometown: Dassel, MN

Major(s): Physics

Minor(s): Nuclear Engineering



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

I enjoy reading and playing board/video games in my leisure time.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about science, Catholicism, the outdoors, books, and art.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is whimsical.

What is your dream job?

Particle Physicist at CERN.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Funny, childish, intelligent, level-headed.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Summit Mt. Everest.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would go to Europe because I have always wanted to travel to all the countries that I share nationalities with.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

Canvas, Sudoku, and Messaging.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

Dr. Who / Interstellar / The Silmarillion / Unleashed by Two Steps From Hell / Pasta

What is your favorite quote?

“A Wizard is never late, nor is he early, but arrives precisely when he means to.” - Gandalf

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Name: Zack Rauth

Hometown: Sioux City, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy binge watching Disney movies to procrastinate my homework. I also enjoy recreational lawn games and family camping trips.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about Scouting and learning new things.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, motivated, easy-going, and light-hearted.

What is your dream job?

It may not have a glamorous title, but if I can help people and apply everything I have learned, I would love every day of it.

If your friends had to pick four words to describe you, which words would they pick?

Calm, Funny, hard-working, and easy-going.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One thing on my bucket list is to visit every continent.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would like to travel across Europe by backpacking because I really enjoy traveling new places, hiking, and camping.

If you had to delete all but 3 applications from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

The texting app for simple communication, Flow so I can complete daily puzzles, and my photos to keep great memories.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book / song / food?

I am not one to keep many favorites, but my go to movie is The Land Before Time. At a fast food place, I will always be seen getting chicken nuggets.

What is your favorite quote?

“One must live the way one thinks or end up thinking the way one has lived” -Paul Bourget