

First-Year Honors Program

**Learn Your
Leaders**

2020

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Name: Drew Daly

Hometown: Peosta, IA

Major(s): Industrial Design

Minor(s):



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

Reading, Drawing, Dancing, and Working Out

What are you passionate about?

Designing and Constructing sustainable, yet attractive, shoes, apparel, bags, and furniture. More importantly, Elephants, like a lot <3

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Paiton and Ben!! YAY!! ☺

What is your dream job?

Designing shoes and soft goods for Vans or Converse, or developing costumes for movies. But realistically, a TV personality

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

CHATTY, Laughing, Caring, Passionate

What is one item on your bucket list?

To see the Northern Lights

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Australia, because of all the ANIMALS. We stan animals and sea creatures!

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

Camera, Spotify, and Phone

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

Gossip Girl/Now You See Me/Bossypants/No Lie/Hy-Vee Chinese

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

Approach with caution, he talks a lot and quickly

What is a fun fact about you?

I have alter egos when I am tired. Like Pokemon, (but for copy right reasons, slightly different) Gotta meet 'em all!

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Name: Ben Litterer

Hometown: Manchester, Iowa

Major(s): Data Science, French

Minor(s):



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

I enjoy writing and playing music, staying active by going to the gym or outdoors (RIP cause its winter), and meeting new people/socializing with my friends

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about making sure that all students feel safe and comfortable doing whatever they're passionate about in honors

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My coleader last semester was actually pretty close to ideal! I work well with people who don't get too stressed and are able to go with the flow like I do. At the same time I really appreciated how my coleader helped me stay organized and structure my weird ideas.

What is your dream job?

I really hope to have many different jobs and experiences throughout my life, so I want something that will allow me some flexibility and isn't too monotonous or mundane. I'm thinking of getting a PhD so I have the option of applying my skills to many different things later on.

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

Thoughtful, Weird, Sociable, Passionate

What is one item on your bucket list?

Speaking French fluently

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I really like Grenoble France but also I hope to be involved in humanitarianism at some point... so wherever that takes me!

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

Twitter, Snapchat, Google Maps (I don't know where I am ever. Even now I am unsure)

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

I really like l'Etranger by Albert Camus

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

This person will encourage you to participate in their existential crisis

What is a fun fact about you?

I used to have mad skills at juggling but now I'm just ok

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Undergraduate Assistant

Name: Paiton McDonald

Hometown: Fletcher, NC

Major(s): Agricultural Biochemistry,
International Agriculture

Minor(s): Pharmacology and Toxicology



whether it is through teaching chemistry, all honors things ever, or research. BUT I am especially passionate about cattle (see above for a cute little calf Willa) ☺ ☺ ☺

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

The most fabulous people: Ben and Drew!! ☺

What is your dream job?

Staying in the Midwest to be a global animal health research professor where I can teach others about medicinal chemistry and research global emerging livestock diseases in relation to pharmaceutical sciences in order to help alleviate the harm the diseases cause.

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

A proton (seriously, this has be done), Unique, Kind, Passionate

What is one item on your bucket list?

Herd cattle out West

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I honestly love it here in the Midwest, but for an exotic place, Mongolia captured my heart a few years ago so I would love to live there and help their livestock species.

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

Spotify, Snapchat, Google Mail

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

When Calls the Heart / Mamma Mia 2 / the Jane Austen series /Notice by Thomas Rhett / Venison

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

Be aware, this person will always seem really excited!

What is a fun fact about you?

I absolutely love Picket Fence milk and have an insulated “milk” water bottle so I can drink it throughout the day!

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Name: Claire Beaudry

Hometown: Cook, MN

Major(s): Open Option

Minor(s):

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

- Watching Movies
- Skating
- Doing anything competitive

What are you passionate about?

- I'm passionate about making the people around me smile

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

- Fun, witty, fair and honest

What is your dream job?

- Living in a food truck, but it's two stories. On the top is my mini-house, on the bottom is my aesthetically-pleasing bakery. Sure it's small but everything is handmade by me. I take my two story food truck and drive around America. On my days off, I spend my time picking up garbage on the roads and cleaning the beaches. When I'm working, I'm spreading joy one croissant at a time.

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

- Orange, spunky, driven, thoughtful

What is one item on your bucket list?

- Go to a professional baseball game and eat an entire footlong hotdog.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

- If I could live anywhere, I would want to live in Beaufort, South Carolina.

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

- I would keep my messages app so I can text my mom, I would also keep the camera app as well as Spotify.

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

- TV: Merlin / Movie: The Princess Bride by William Goldman / Book: The Bible by God / Song: Flying by James Newton Howard / Food: sushi

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

- Warning: Has an extensive Vine-quote vocabulary

What is a fun fact about you?

- I live thirty minutes away from Canada

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Name: Kaitlyn Bennett

Hometown: Altoona, Iowa

Major(s): Chemistry

Minor(s): Want to do CJ ST

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

Hanging out with friends, watching movies/shows, reading, video games

What are you passionate about?

Chemistry, stickers, chickie nuggies, smoothies, sweaters, flannels, converse, cats/kittens

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be organized, outgoing, and open.

What is your dream job?

I want to be a forensic scientist.

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

When asked my friends responded with inquisitive, inclusive, short, and chemicals

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go cliff jumping

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere I would probably choose to not live anywhere and just live my life traveling anywhere and everywhere.

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

Snapchat, Google Maps, Calendar

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

The Good Place / Into the Spiderverse / Fangirl or Gone Girl / Mind is a Prison / Chickie Nuggies/Tendies

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

Not coherent for the first hour of waking up.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a chemistry tattoo

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Name: Patrick Biedrzycki

Hometown: Bartlett, IL

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s):



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

Playing videogames, watching football or basketball, and hanging out with friends.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about being the best version of myself. No matter if it's to do with academics, sports, or as a friend, I look for ways to improve myself in all aspects.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be a person that enjoys having fun with whatever they are doing. A good mix of creative, competitive, and personality is what I believe will make FHP a blast for the incoming freshmen.

What is your dream job?

Design or Propulsion Engineer at NASA or any major aerospace company like Boeing, Lockheed Martin, or Northrop Grumman. The idea of working with high-tech military aircraft or rocketry excites me and I'm glad I have the opportunity to work my way to that field.

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

Laid-back, ambitious, intuitive, and fun-loving.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Sit courtside at an NBA game.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Switzerland. If you're asking why, google images has all the answers.

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

Spotify, Snapchat, and YouTube.

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

Favorite movie for sure is The Dark Knight. I don't watch a lot of TV or Netflix for that matter, but Star Wars the Clone Wars Series has a special place in my heart.

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

Easily distracted, don't know when I'll be back.

What is a fun fact about you?

Both of my parents are immigrants from Poland, meaning I'm the first person in my family to go to college in the United States!

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Name: Jake Blocker

Hometown: Oswego, IL

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s):



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

Listening to music, finding every smoothie place in Ames, 3D printing random things

What are you passionate about?

Doing my research in the energetics lab and making rocket engines for rocket club

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny and passionate

What is your dream job?

Working for NASA or SpaceX and designing rocket engines

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

Passionate, caring, funny, energetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Camping and hiking in the Grand Canyon and skygazing there

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Las Angeles, the Ocean is pretty cool and I could finally get tan 😞

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

Spotify, iMessage, Pogocat! (If you want a pogocat showdown let me know)

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

The Walking Dead, Interstellar, The Martian, Way It Goes, Orange Chicken from Panda Express

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

I will talk for hours about rockets and space so please interrupt me

What is a fun fact about you?

I eat Panda Express religiously, seriously they need to get rid of that place I have already spent all my dining dollars

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Name: Emma Brady

Hometown: Grayslake, Illinois

Major(s): Meteorology

Minor(s):



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

In my free time I enjoy playing music, watching Netflix, and listening to my Discover Weekly playlist on Spotify.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about helping others find their strengths and educating the next generation of leaders.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would like to stay organized and on top of our class plans like I intend to do. I also would love to work with someone who is able to adapt quickly to the different students within the class and their needs.

What is your dream job?

I would love to work in New Zealand doing research for the department of Geological and Nuclear Sciences. Here I would want to research seismology and volcanology.

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

I actually asked my four best friends for a word to describe me and their responses were: caring, devoted, passionate, and loving.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I have always been fascinated with Canada because it is so close to where I'm from but I have still never been, so I would say going to Niagara Falls on the Canada side and then travelling around the country more.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in New Zealand because of all the beautiful landscapes and nature.

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

I would keep Snapchat, Texting, and Tik Tok on my phone because these are the apps I use the most that I couldn't use on another device like my laptop or TV.

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

My favorite TV show is friends, favorite movie is What's Eating Gilbert Grape, favorite book is Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neal Hurston, favorite song is Africa by Toto, and favorite food is macaroni and cheese.

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

"Caution: May have random burst of energy around 2am"

What is a fun fact about you?

I never had braces because I lost most of my teeth symmetrically within the span of 1 month, so my teeth all grew back in evenly spaced out.

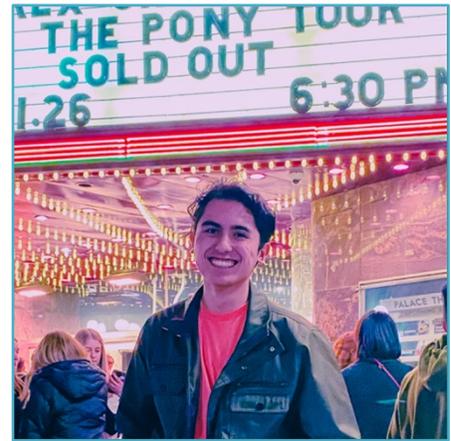
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Name: Cameron Bristow

Hometown: Pleasant Hill, Iowa

Major(s): Marketing, Communication Studies

Minor(s): Leadership Studies



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

Going to concerts/musicals/fine arts | Screenwriting | Spending money I do not yet have

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about growing as a leader and a learner during my Iowa State adventure.

**whispers* Enjoy your adventure at Iowa State. Visit chooseyouradventure.net.*

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who has good comedic timing with me. Or really just anybody who wants to be a co-leader with me. I'm a lot.

What is your dream job?

Social Media Influencer & Ex-Reality TV Star

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

Fun, Creative, Unique, "Just a friend" (Thanks Nicole)

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would love to go to Paris so I can take photos with the Eiffel Tower for my Instagram that'll get 120 likes before everybody quickly forgets about it. Also to visit the Louis Vuitton flagship store.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Los Angeles. Preferably spending a summer in the Big Brother house.

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

Messages, Camera, Safari. I'd rather have the ability to take photos and browse Reddit than call 911.

Wait how could I forget Spotify? Ok maybe replace Messages with Spotify.

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

TV Shows: Big Brother/Survivor | Movie: This is the End | Book: Bossypants - Tina Fey |

Song: Uncharted - Sara Bareilles | Food: Anything with lots of carbohydrates

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

WARNING: Will send deep and emotional text messages at midnight. He'll also passionately sing along to the Victorious soundtrack at varying times. Take that as you will.

What is a fun fact about you?

In 2019, I met the Jonas Brothers. They're super nice. I stan Kevin Jonas.

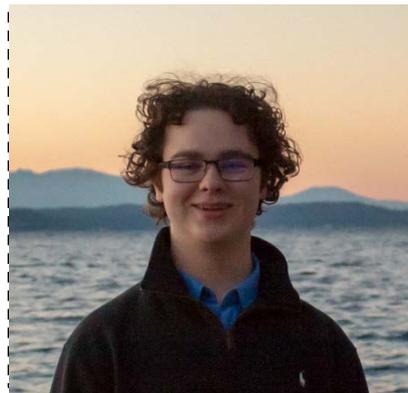
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Name: Charles Bruchal

Hometown: Seattle, WA

Major(s): Materials Engineering

Minor(s): French



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

Spending time with friends, playing water polo, and Sporcle quizzes

What are you passionate about?

I could talk your ear off about statistics in sports, just about any movie, and Destiny: the game

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can talk in front of a class, is somewhat organized, and more creatively inclined.

What is your dream job?

Some sort of consultant for the additive manufacturing of parts for aerospace applications, choose my own hours and tackle interesting problems.

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

Quizzacious, barbaric, esoteric, curly

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to one of the extremes of the Earth, North or South pole.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Brest, France. Kind of like Seattle but French

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

Email, Amazon Music, Reddit

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

House / Get Shorty / A Room with a View / All Along The Watchtower by Jimi Hendrix / Chateaubriand

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

Warning: will start talking about sports and end with how the tachanka was the ideal weapon for the Russian Civil War

What is a fun fact about you?

I have dual citizenship with the United State and Canada

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Name: Makenna Brunson

Hometown: Hagerstown, MD

Major(s): Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies



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

Reading, dancing, and movie nights with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Spicy food, Keanu Reeves (and his movies), soft and fluffy blankets, mugs, my cats, Halloween, meditation, social issues, and sticky notes.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone timely, organized, and fun.

What is your dream job?

I want to be a counseling psychologist at my own practice (mostly so I can make my own hours) and also be a victim's advocate.

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

Direct quote from my best friend, "Unwavering. Loving. Supportive. Intuitive."

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit Nā Pali Coast State Wilderness Park in Hawaii!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Moscow, Russia

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

Calendar, Email, and Snapchat

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

Peaky Blinders/John Wick/The Secret Garden or Reading Lolita in Tehran/The Bones by Maren Morris & Hozier/Yakisoba

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

Talks with hands A LOT, keep a safe distance.

What is a fun fact about you?

I regularly eat ghost pepper salsa and after graduation ate a carolina reaper chicken sandwich without breaking a sweat.

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Name: Taras-Michael (Taras) Butrie

Hometown: Grand Blanc, MI

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): Mathematics



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

Reading, hanging out with friends, and watching whatever show I've decided to binge on Netflix

What are you passionate about?

Having a world that is livable for everyone, no matter who they are, what they believe in, or where they're from

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Relaxed, not an engineering major, different background than me, able to work effectively together with them

What is your dream job?

Head of Engineering for NASA

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

Loud, Smart, Caring, Generous

What is one item on your bucket list?

Spending a year travelling Europe

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Either Košice or Budapest

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

Snapchat, BBC News, YouTube

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

The West Wing/Dr. Strangelove or The Producers (1967)/Animal Farm/ /Anything my family makes together

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

Caution: Sounds smarter than they actually are

What is a fun fact about you?

I hold the status of Slovak Living Abroad

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Name: Nagisa Carolin

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minor(s): Leadership Studies



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

Exercise, spend time with friends, watch Netflix.

What are you passionate about?

Lifting weights.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, energetic and relatable.

What is your dream job?

Founder and CEO of my own engineering firm.

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

Caring, determined, stubborn, studious.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to Singapore.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

New Hampshire.

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

Twitter, Netflix, YouTube.

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

Breaking Bad, Inglorious Basterds, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Ghost of Tom Joad, authentic Mexican tacos.

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

A little bit of humble, a little bit of ego.

What is a fun fact about you?

I am bilingual in English and Japanese.

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Name: Leah Christopherson

Hometown: Ankeny, Iowa

Major(s): French, Spanish, Secondary

Education



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

I enjoy reading fiction, listening to every type of music, spending time with my friends, and staying active. I'm currently in CHARRG, which is a women's health and wellness group, I'm in DubH, which is a hip hop dance club, and I go to Salt Company, which is a Christian campus ministry.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about languages and cultures (as you can probably tell) and I love to travel. I'm also super passionate about taking care of other people, and just being a nice person.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I don't really have an ideal co-leader in mind! Just someone who likes to have fun and is also passionate about making sure our Freshman members get as much out of their semester in their FHP seminar as possible.

What is your dream job?

My current dream job is to be a French and Spanish teacher. I also think it would be really cool to teach English to students in French or Spanish-speaking countries.

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

Devoted, silly, caring, empathetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Traveling to the continents I haven't been to (Asia and South America), except for the poles. Brrr.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to live in France, preferably in the countryside. It's so beautiful!

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

I would keep my contacts, Spotify, and Google Maps. I probably couldn't function without these.

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

My favorite book series is the Throne of Glass series. I couldn't put it down.

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

Warning: Appears like a normal human being but is actually probably not mentally stable (in a good way?)

What is a fun fact about you?

I did horseback riding for about a year when I was a child but gave up on it because my horse would always poop while I was sitting on it. I guess he didn't really like me.

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Name: Lexi Clark

Hometown: Ottawa, IL

Major(s): Pre-Architecture

Minor(s):



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

I love to watch TV shows on Netflix, scroll through TikTok, and watch movies that I haven't seen before with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Netflix! I get very attached to characters in movies and TV shows and I love to share my feeling about them!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who enjoys trying to make even the most mundane activities fun, someone who is hard working, and someone who loves to laugh.

What is your dream job?

Working as a designer for Disney would be a dream come true.

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

They would say that I'm dedicated, bubbly, organized, and funny.

What is one item on your bucket list?

An ultimate goal of mine is to travel to Italy with my grandmother.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Southern Alabama! My family and I have vacationed there since I was a toddler.

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

Messages, Facebook, and Photos!

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

Criminal Minds, Avatar (the one with blue people, not the air-bender), all the Rick Riordan books, "Even Though I'm Leaving" by Luke Combs, and cereal.

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

CAUTION: Will make many jokes and very few will be funny.

What is a fun fact about you?

I work at a soft-serve ice cream store at home and can make amazing cones!

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Name: Maggie Crane

Hometown: Cary, Illinois

Major(s): Animal Ecology

Minor(s): None (yet)



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

I love going to the pool to swim, painting pottery, and watching movies.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about sea life and exotic animals in addition to promoting a healthy planet.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I want to work with someone who is efficient and hardworking, but also someone who enjoys having fun. I am not a procrastinator, so my ideal co-leader gets things done early and has passion for what they do.

What is your dream job?

I would like to work as a vet for a wildlife sanctuary particularly for dolphins or elephants.

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

Hardworking, tall, easy-going, and funny.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go on a hot air balloon ride over a scenic landscape.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would like to live somewhere warm with beaches, like Hawaii.

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

I would keep Snapchat, iMessage, and Twitter.

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

The Office, The Longest Ride, The Book Thief, On Top of the World, Pineapple.

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

Warning: Do not expose to direct sunlight for extended periods of time (will burn).

What is a fun fact about you?

My favorite ice cream flavor at conversations dining hall is cinnamon (an extremely underrated flavor).

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Name: Matthew Decker

Hometown: Philo, Illinois

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minor(s): Economics



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

I enjoy hanging out with friends, working out and playing sports.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about learning and improving the lives of those around me.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Flexible, creative,

What is your dream job?

I want to design large structure like stadiums and coliseums.

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

Energetic, funny, easy going, and hardworking

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to visit the United Kingdom and Ireland.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would live in Chicago, Illinois.

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

Instagram, Snapchat and google maps (it is the only thing giving my life direction).

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

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

Warning; Impossible to Predict

What is a fun fact about you?

When I was in fifth grade, I broke the middle knuckle on my right hand. This stopped my finger from growing, so my right middle finger is shorter than my left middle finger.

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Name: Bradenn Droegmiller

Hometown: Okoboji

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering & Math

Minor(s): Non-Destructive Evaluation



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

- I like listening to podcasts (anything educational or interesting), and if I don't have homework or anything to study for, I watch YouTube videos or play video games. I also like to spend time with my friends by watching TV or movies with them.

What are you passionate about?

- I am passionate about learning. I love school and making the most out of my time here by taking interesting classes and doing research through Honors.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

- My ideal co-leader has a passion for working at making first year students have a good experience in their Honors 121 class.oesn't stress too easily and is fun to work with.

What is your dream job?

- Working in the defense industry; my dream company is Lockheed Martin.

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

- Spontaneous, Social, Caring, Passionate.

What is one item on your bucket list?

- Visit Japan. I would like to visit Kyoto and Tokyo or see Mt. Fuji at some point during my time at ISU.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

- Frisco, CO. Love small towns and the mountains.

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

- Domino's app, Snapchat, Robinhood.

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

- Breaking Bad or The Office / Interstellar / Ignition! / (insert any Jack Johnson song) / Domino's.

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

- 'Don't bother if napping'

What is a fun fact about you?

- I pet Barack Obama's dog, Bo.

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Name: Adam Eichhorn

Hometown: Ames, IA

Major(s): Materials Engineering

Minor(s): Spanish LCP



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

Listen to music, roleplay (yes like D&D, no not the kinky kind, just in different systems), and board games

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about being a positive influence in other people's lives, however I can achieve that

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone interested in having genuine conversations and forming a friendship that goes beyond this class. Now this feels like a personal ad. I also like taking long walks on the beach.

What is your dream job?

Dream job outside of reality: Professional competitive Yugioh player.

Dream job within reality, outside of pragmatism: Professional trombone performer.

Dream job within reality, hopefully achievable: Materials researcher

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

Weird, funny, kind, and sociable

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would really like to have kids someday. I already have a girlfriend, so this isn't me being weirdly eager.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Rock Creek, OR.

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

I just got my first iOS or Android device yesterday, and I got it for the specific purpose of more effectively using Microsoft Teams, Slack, and GroupMe.

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

Firefly/Spaceballs/The Knife of Never Letting Go/still feel by half alive/Pad Thai

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

'Puns fully intended'

What is a fun fact about you?

I built my family a walnut dining room table.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Anna Garbe

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s):



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

Everything music related (playing piano/sax, singing, swing dancing), playing board/card games, and watching rom-coms

What are you passionate about?

I love learning random facts about the human body and helping others through volunteering and working as a CNA.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who won't get too caught up in little details, will help me keep things organized, and just willing to make being an FHP leader a fun experience!

What is your dream job?

I hope to be a doctor working in a mid-sized hospital in some undecided specialty (right now I'm going through an anesthesiology phase).

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

Kind, fun, sociable, and tidy

What is one item on your bucket list?

Sky-diving!!!!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Probably Spain because of their lifestyle, food, and culture (and I like to pretend I can still speak Spanish from my couple years of taking it in high school)

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

Spotify, Snapchat, and Leap Second

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

Grey's Anatomy/ Star Wars: A New Hope/ Between Shades of Gray/ Peculiar by ChefSpecial/ Cheesecake

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

Warning: will randomly categorize and recategorize things at any time of day or night (just ask my roommates)

What is a fun fact about you?

I will eat anything that's chocolate covered.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Jared Greiner

Hometown: Crystal Lake, IL

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minor(s): Biomedical Engineering



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

Guitar, video games, and reading

What are you passionate about?

Guitars, math, and lifting

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, easy going, personable and passionate.

What is your dream job?

Either working for a drug/pharmacology organization such as Bayer or Merck or working with decontamination and sustainability with someone like CCDCCBC or the CDC.

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

Passionate, detail oriented, funny, and professional.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to Australia.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Australia (duh).

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

Youtube, Snapchat, and Spotify

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

Show: The Witcher

Movie: Casino Royale/Skyfall

Book: Percy Jackson Series (with spinoffs)

Song: No Good (Kaleo)

Food: Meat

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

Caution: Makes funny noises (insert American Pika or otter bark/scream here)

What is a fun fact about you?

I have competed in 3 state track meets.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Emily Gress

Hometown: Bennington, Nebraska

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s): Animal Science



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

Running, playing with doggos, and jamming out to country music

What are you passionate about?

I am extremely passionate about spreading awareness of students with disabilities, as well as facilitating meaningful relationships between disabled students and the rest of the student body. Inclusion rocks!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who:

1. Is a jokester, but can be serious in those rare times when it's needed
2. Is dependable enough to pull their own weight
3. **Truly** wants to be a FHP leader and shows it in their actions and words

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to get my DVM PhD so that I can practice veterinary medicine, teach passionate students how to do the same, and research ways to transfer all the cool oncology stuff going on in humans to canines!

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

Enthusiastic, Social, Ambitious, and Adventurous

What is one item on your bucket list?

Thru hike the Appalachian Trail

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I've lived all over the US, and I can honestly say nothing beats the small-town friendliness of the Midwest so here I shall stay.

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

Snapchat, Spotify, and Google Maps (I am notoriously atrocious at directions)

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

The Office/ Unbreakable/ I'll Give you the Sun/ Life Changes T. Rhett/ Empanadas

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

Never give this person something to hold on to or borrow for they will lose it

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm obsessed with fun socks and my favorite are my pinata llamas:)

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Liz Griffin

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Major(s): Materials Engineering

Minor(s):



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

I love any kind of crafting, especially painting, talking to my friends, and taking care of my many succulents.

What are you passionate about?

Traveling and learning, it might sound cheesy but I really want to learn how the world works.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who's outgoing, funny, creative, cheerful, and somewhat organized.

What is your dream job?

Researching sustainable alternatives for our current use of plastics. But when I retire, I want to be a National Park Ranger.

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

Organized, ambitious, caring, funny

What is one item on your bucket list?

Hike across the Grand Canyon

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

The Pacific Northwest, it has my favorite landscapes all in one place: mountains, forests, and the ocean.

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

Google Maps, iMessages, and FaceTime

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

Bones/It's a Wonderful Life/Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix /Hey Jude/Cheese

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

Caution: Actually From Chicago

What is a fun fact about you?

I love to collect sea glass! I have jars full of glass from every beach I've dragged my family too.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Brandon Gunderson

Hometown: Mukwonago, Wisconsin

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): NDE, Music



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

I enjoy playing music, rock climbing / going to the gym, and going to concerts.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about trying to keep a healthy balance between my personal and school life. If I'm taking things too seriously, or not seriously enough, everything gets thrown out of order.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who is someone who can keep a calm head and play things by ear if and when that is necessary.

What is your dream job?

Ideally, I will end up in a management position at a reasonably large aerospace company, while also playing in a band on the side. Keeping that work/life balance.

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

Enthusiastic, musical, fun-loving, unique.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skiing in the alps

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to stay somewhere in the Midwest, but if I had to go somewhere else, I would go to Switzerland.

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

Snapchat, Notes, Calendar

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

Archer / Talladega Nights / The Alchemist / Sober / Buttermilk Pancakes

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

It's gonna be a wild ride

What is a fun fact about you?

I played at Summerfest in 2018.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Peyton Hamel

Hometown: Littleton, Colorado

Major(s): Genetics and English

Minor(s):



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

Three things I enjoy doing with my leisure time is reading a nice nonfiction book, socialize with my floor, and play tennis;

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about social advocacy in healthcare, especially in law where there are not any substantial genetics laws to support current research that would help millions of people, especially underrepresented populations in the United States.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader should definitely be able to joke around, but have some serious organizational skills. I want to connect with them, but also have a lot of fun with our Honors freshman!

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to teach at a university (specifically a class about law policy and health), while researching how stem cells can treat Type 1 Diabetes.

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

Goofy, passionate, and ... busy

What is one item on your bucket list?

Ride in a hot air balloon!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Barcelona, Spain

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

Camera, Photos, text

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

How I Met Your Mother / idk but show me some good ones / *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie / Ms. Jackson by Outkast / fruit

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

** Too many dietary issues to have fun with food **

What is a fun fact about you?

I love living at Towers! Even though no one else does...

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Taylor Hays

Hometown: Kansas City, MO

Major(s): Genetics, French

Minor(s):



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

Watching Netflix, spending time with friends, online shopping

What are you passionate about?

Marvel movies

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, creative, energetic, punctual, friendly

What is your dream job?

Doctor

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

Dedicated, loyal, cultured, diligent

What is one item on your bucket list?

Speak French fluently

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Marseille, France

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

Spotify, Netflix, YouTube

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

American Horror Story / The Hangover / Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban / 929 by Halsey / Mashed potatoes

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

Caffeine required but not included

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm biliterate in French

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Will Henrichsen

Hometown: Johnston, IA

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minor(s):



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

I like enjoy biking, hanging out with friends, listening to music.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about cars; ever since middle school, I have been very interested in them.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be a strong leader, intelligent, well-meaning, high-energy, and light-hearted.

What is your dream job?

Ideally, I would like to be a farmer or rancher working on my own land.

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

Stupid, funny, quiet (sometimes), procrastinator.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Although this is far-fetched, I wish that I could fly a SR-71 Blackbird.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would choose to live on a large acreage in the Midwest.

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

Safari, iMessage, Snapchat

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

Breaking Bad / Drive / Lord of the Flies / Through the Wire / Steak

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

He tries too hard to be funny sometimes.

What is a fun fact about you?

I was a lifeguard for three years during high school.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Damien Henry

Hometown: Blockton, Iowa

Major(s): Electrical Engineering

Minor(s): Undecided



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

I most enjoy playing golf in my free time, but when the weather is like it currently is I like to play basketball and binge watch the same three or four Netflix series over and over again.

What are you passionate about?

I am not a super political person, I don't really have a certain aspect of my major that I like more than the rest and I don't have one hobby that I spend more time on than the others, so this question is a tough one. I think that I am most passionate about being a good person. I think it is important that people help out those in need when possible, because some day you are going to be the person that needs help.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I am not too picky, but if I could create my own co-leader they would have some interest in sports, a good sense of humor, and they would be friendly and easy to work with.

What is your dream job?

Being an astronaut!

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

This type of questions is the hardest.
Helpful, funny, personable, genuine.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would like to live somewhere outside of the United States at some point in my life.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Boston, Massachusetts!

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

Netflix, Twitter, and the MyState app.

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

Rick and Morty. Hands down. / Pulp fiction / Not sure about my favorite book. / BLEACH by brockhampton / Probably alfredo (any kind)

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

Fragile!

What is a fun fact about you?

I played 5 sports in high school, but I also loved doing speech contest, quiz bowl, and school plays!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Erica Hollander

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Major(s): Software Engineering

Minor(s): Cyber Security



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

I love to do yoga (especially 7am sunrise yoga at State gym). I also love chatting with my friends, dancing like no one is watching and singing at the top of my lungs.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about giving tours of the College of Engineering with my club TEAM and wearing my Iowa State red polo (it's my uniform). In addition, I am passionate about listening to people because I find people awesome and fascinating.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who is organized and willing to work with my busy schedule. In addition, I would love someone who wants to make our section really fun and a chill environment for our honors students to really benefit from the break in their day.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is becoming a head manager of Software Developers for a large Tech company

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

My friends would describe me as outgoing, goofy, loving, and

What is one item on your bucket list?

I have been to 48/50 states, so the first thing on my bucket list is to visit Hawaii and Alaska and get my last two states.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I love cities, so I really want to live downtown in Chicago, cause that is home for me. My dream location would be Ireland or London.

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

I would keep Messenger, Twitter, and Snapchat

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

I am the biggest Harry Potter fan and I love the Office.

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

Caution: I often accidentally gets into 5-hour conversations that feel like maybe an hour and a half.

What is a fun fact about you?

My fun fact is I know how to twirl a baton.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Quita Jackson

Hometown: Waterloo, IA

Major(s): Actuarial Science

Minor(s):



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

Binge watching TV shows, Listening to music, Dance!!!

What are you passionate about?

Friends and family, clothes, shoes, food, Normani

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Positive, not judgmental, willing to try new things

What is your dream job?

It should be an actuary, but it is actually being a small business makeover-er. Like I would travel across the world and makeover small businesses so that they don't have to close 2 years after opening :)

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

Passionate, Funny, caring, energetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Sydney, Australia

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

Spotify, Mail, Camera

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

Euphoria/Ocean's 8/Sula/ Better/ Garlic Alfredo with Chicken

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

LoUd!

What is a fun fact about you?

I am an obsessive step counter. I am not ashamed of that sorry.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Audrey Jones

Hometown: Overland Park, Kansas

Major(s): Undecided Business

Minor(s):



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

I love to take naps, go swimming, and paint my nails.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about finding little things that you can be thankful for each day and finding as well as celebrating the little victories that you win each day.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is organized and communicates well. Also, someone who is easy to get along with and connects with the freshman.

What is your dream job?

I am unsure what exactly I want to work as, but my dream job would be a job where I get to work with the people I am helping and see the good that I am doing.

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

Outgoing, Adventurous, Personable, Animated

What is one item on your bucket list?

To see the Northern Lights

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

For a short period, I would like to live in Ireland.

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

Snapchat, Safari, Messages,

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

TV show: Brooklyn Nine-nine, Movie: Knives Out, Book: Pride and Prejudice

Song: Beautiful crazy by Luke Combs, Food: Jalapeño Cheetos

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

May cause accidental, but substantial damage to your property

What is a fun fact about you?

I really love to see deer and I really want to have a pet squirrel.

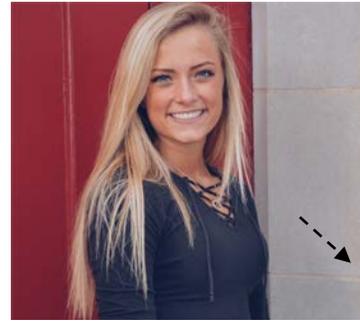
— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Bailey Kaas

Hometown: Indianola, Iowa

Major(s): Biology

Minor(s):



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

I like to listen to music, paint, spend time outside, and do DIYs.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about helping people with anything, and I love to spread positivity and kindness.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I enjoy people who are organized and outgoing like myself, I like people who know how to get work done and be serious when it is needed.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be an ER doctor.

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

Selfless, outgoing, genuine, easygoing

What is one item on your bucket list?

Learn ASL and be able to use it fluently.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I really want to live in San Diego, CA, but I also want to live in southern Africa and do mission work as a doctor there for some time, eventually.

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

Snapchat, YouTube, Twitter

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

Scream Queens / Step Brothers / The Great Gatsby / I like a lot of different genres of music so it would be impossible to choose even a top ten / Fettucine Alfredo

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

This person likes to laugh, and make others laugh, a lot!

What is a fun fact about you?

I almost always know my directions, I can pretty accurately tell where north, east, south, and west are. Like a built-in compass.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Emily Kahl

Hometown: Naperville IL

Major(s): Environmental Science



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

I like spending time with my friends, painting my nails, and watching movies.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about being a part of a team. I love being part of a community that works together and helps build each other up.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would like someone enthusiastic, creative, adaptable, and friendly.

What is your dream job?

Something where I could work outside in a forest environment.

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

Cheerful, inviting, communicative,

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go to Yosemite

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Somewhere that's 60-80 degrees most of the year.

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

Spotify, Snapchat, Safari

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

TV show: 30 Rock

Movie: My Fair Lady

Book: The Little Engine that Could

Song: Layla (the acoustic version)

Food: Ben & Jerrys Cherry Garcia ice cream

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

Warning: Is violent when tickled.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love ginkgo trees!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Daniel Kaye

Hometown: Lake in the Hills (IL)

Major: Industrial Engineering



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

Reading, Playing frisbee, and Ballroom dancing

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about other people, that they feel comfortable, safe, and content.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would love a co-leader who is up for some ridiculous “father jokes” and big smiles. Someone who communicates well and works with rigor. Someone who is kind and looking to help others :)

What is your dream job?

I would like to be an independent watchmaker designing and building fully mechanical timepieces.

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

Kind, Loyal, Understanding, Humorous

What is one item on your bucket list?

Play snow polo in St. Moritz.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Iceland – the people, architecture, and rugged wilderness are all beautiful.

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

Messages, Phone, Camera

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

The West Wing, Brother Bear, The Sirens of Titan (or any other Vonnegut novel), The entire ABBA Gold album (1992), Shrimp Pasta

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

“Everything is up for wordplay”

What is a fun fact about you?

My favourite animals are sheep. I love photographing them and have seven pictures of them hung in my dorm room!

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Name: Abby Keiser

Hometown: Cedar Falls, IA

Major(s): Open Option

Minor(s):



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

I love to bike, color, and have movie nights with friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about Jesus, my family and friends, and traveling around the world!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, outgoing, and organized.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to be an international five-star hotel reviewer. I get to see the world, stay in nice hotels, write a review, and then bounce to the next place!

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

Adventurous, witty, patient, and laid-back.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would really like to visit Peru and climb Machu Picchu.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to live in Colorado to be by the mountains.

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

I would keep the messenger app to keep in touch with friends, Spotify to listen to music, and the weather app because a girl's gotta know if she can wear Chacos!

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

My favorite TV show is The Good Place/ favorite movie is Inception/ favorite book is Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand/ favorite song is Whatcha Say by Jason Derulo/ favorite food is the potato (they're so versatile!).

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

Warning: will destroy you 1v1 in Black Ops.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been skydiving!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Caitlyn Kleine

Hometown: Peoria, Illinois

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

-I love to eat ice cream, play with puppies, and watch the Bachelor(ette).

What are you passionate about?

-I am passionate about health and fitness. I love to workout when I am not drowned in homework and other campus events, and I think staying healthy while balancing college life is really important!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

-I would like to have a co-leader who is very open and funny. Someone who is fun to be around yet also has the drive to get things done on time and is responsible is someone I would love to co-lead with.

What is your dream job?

-I would love to have any job that gives me flexible hours to be a mom and get involved with my future children's lives. I would also really love the ability for me to travel and explore new places and cultures. I also love math and problem solving, so just about anything in that category would be something right up my ally.

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

-Responsible, laidback, hardworking, trustworthy

What is one item on your bucket list?

-Adopt a child

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

-Singapore

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

-Snapchat, Facetime, Disney Plus

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

-At the moment, I am rewatching Wizards of Waverly Place <3
-No favorite movie (too many good ones!)
-Here Comes the Sun by the Beatles
-ICE CREAM

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

-“Will eat your ice cream”

What is a fun fact about you?

-I have never flown on a plane before, but am traveling to Italy this summer!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Brier Klossing

Hometown: Mount Pleasant, Iowa

Major(s): Biology, Animal Ecology

Minor(s):



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

I enjoy reading a good book, playing flute or piano music, and watching movies with friends (like Marvel).

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about everything nature and helping get others just as excited as I do about the outdoors.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

An ideal co-leader would be someone who is very creative and can have lots of fun. While we need to be serious about classes, it is important to also have some time to just relax. Hopefully my ideal co-leader would enjoy the arts and the great outdoors.

What is your dream job?

I would love to become a wildlife biologist where I can work in the field with different animals and plants alike.

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

Sarcastic, Passionate, Creative, Considerate.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To go to the Galapagos Islands.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live absolutely anywhere, I would have to choose Australia. The biodiversity there is spectacular!

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

Camera, Amazon Music, and the weather app.

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

The Good Place / Beauty & The Beast (both versions) / Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban / The Whole "Being Dead" Thing from Beetlejuice the Musical / Pot stickers

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

Caution: can appear serious when actually sarcastic.

What is a fun fact about you?

I am a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, my parents used to tell me at competitions to kick 'em in the head.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Ryann Kullmann

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Major(s): Industrial Design

Minor(s): Business



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

I really enjoy watching football and basketball, listening to music and hanging out with my friends/family.

What are you passionate about?

I am really passionate about forming relationships with people and being able to be there for them. I love talking, but I also love listening to others and hearing about their lives. I enjoy giving advice, getting to know people and making everyone feel comfortable around me.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would like a co-leader that is organized, energetic and easy to get along with.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work for Disney! I would like to help design the interactive line queues and other elements of the park.

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

Positive, funny, weird, supportive

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to meet David Dobrik and be on the vlog!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would probably live somewhere in the Midwest, possibly Wisconsin. Or England, because of the cute accents!

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

Snapchat, Camera, TikTok

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

Criminal Minds / Ferris Bueller's Day Off / Gone Girl / Homesick by Kane Brown / Culver's Cheese Curds

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

Watch out, uncontrollable laughter!

What is a fun fact about you?

I am the oldest of seven children.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Andrew Larkin

Hometown: Council Bluffs, IA

Major(s): Biological Systems Engineering

Minor(s): None



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

Drawing, writing, and watching movies

What are you passionate about?

Helping people out, whether it be with a project they are struggling on or life is just generally getting them down.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, Responsible, Cool, Kind

What is your dream job?

Going back to my hometown and help with land conservation. Maybe working in a national park somewhere nearby.

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

Dependable, Kind, Smart, Caring

What is one item on your bucket list?

Week long boat vacation with a lot of my friends. Preferably near the coast so we can get snacks when needed.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

The Caribbean Islands. Perfect weather, beautiful ocean, what's not to love?

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

Reddit, Snapchat, Dropout

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

Gravity Falls/Ender's Game/Paradox Bound/Fireflies/Chicken

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

Often spaces out and daydreams

What is a fun fact about you?

A few years ago, I trained a wild chipmunk over the summer to eat birdseed out of my hand.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Annika Lehan

Hometown: Shawnee, Kansas

Major(s): Pre-Graphic Design

(Switching to Chemical Engineering)



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

I enjoy hanging out with my friends and reading when I get the chance to! I also love spontaneously dancing and binge-watching anything Disney.

What are you passionate about?

So many things! Most importantly, though, I love making sure that everyone around me is happy and having a good time. I'm also passionate about having fun and smiling lots!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Ideally, someone who has a good sense of humor and is fun to be around! I also think it's very important to be responsible and hardworking.

What is your dream job?

While I don't know exactly what I want to do, I know that I want to find a job that has room for change. I love having variety in my life, and I know I want to help improve the lives of others.

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

Empathetic, joyful, driven, conscientious

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visiting the Grand Canyon

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Absolutely somewhere warm! I also visited Switzerland once, and it was by far one of the most calm and peaceful places I've ever been. It would be awesome to get to live there!

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

Phone, Spotify, Google Maps

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

The Flash / Pride and Prejudice / Harry Potter / Mr. Blue Sky / Spaghetti

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

Prone to spontaneously starting new adventures. You have been warned!

What is a fun fact about you?

I was named after the Star Trek character Seven of Nine because her human name is Annika Hansen!

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Name: Katherine Leiseth

Hometown: Moorhead, Minnesota

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): Spanish



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

I enjoy singing and dancing, adventuring with friends, and going to concerts!

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about helping others, music of any kind, and working with kids!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is fun, confident, and can handle my quirky qualities!

What is your dream job?

Working at an aircraft company as a systems engineer somewhere in the Midwest preferably!

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

Probably nice, caring, smart and bubbly!

What is one item on your bucket list?

To ride in a hot-air balloon!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I absolutely love living in Midwest, but if I had to live anywhere else I would want to live in Spain, I love the Spanish culture!

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

Spotify, Phone, and the Camera of course!

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

TV show : The Office

Movie: Coco!

Book: Little Women

Song: Grow as We Go by Ben Platt

Food: Bacon!

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

Warning: may spout numerous musical theatre facts if provoked!

What is a fun fact about you?

I can play the harp!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Jaxon Mabon

Hometown: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Major(s): Psychology

Minor(s):



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

I enjoy watching tv shows/movies, hanging out with friends, and listening to music. In the summer I love to water ski.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about understanding the science of why people behave and act like they do and how this can relate to the criminal justice system for possible reform.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

The characteristics I want in a co-leader is someone who likes to have fun and who can be creative.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work in a lab setting to conduct research about social psychology. I also think it could be really cool to work for the FBI.

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

Four words my friends would use to describe me are funny, caring, chill, and kind.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to go skydiving.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere it would have to be in the mountains of Colorado, or on the beach in California.

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

I would keep Spotify, Snapchat, and Messages

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

Stranger Things or Game of Thrones/ Interstellar / The Hunger Games /Less than I do by The Band Camino (song) Artist: Post Malone/ Cookies and Cream Ice cream or Taco Pizza

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

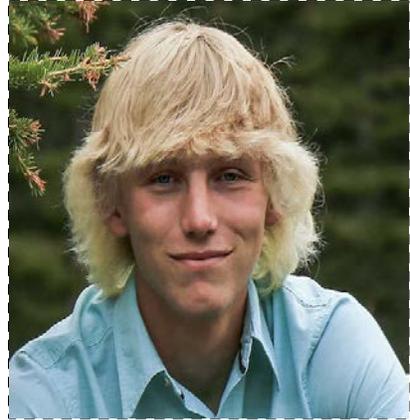
Warning: This person will want to overthink everything

What is a fun fact about you?

I love going to McDonald's for their fries and then going to Wendy's for a frosty to dip the fries in.

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Name: Calvin Maples
Hometown: Choteau, Montana
Major(s): Civil Engineering
Minor(s):



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

I enjoy fly-fishing, hammocking, and hiking when I get some free time.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about making the world a better place for the people in it.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is creative, relaxed but able to keep me on track, and likes to have fun.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working on extreme structures, like offshore windmills.

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

Hard working, funny, sarcastic, nerd

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to live in a treehouse some day.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

If I could live anywhere, I would probably live in Ireland or Scotland

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

I would keep Snapchat, Twitter, and Spotify.

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

TV show: That 70's Show/Movie: Avengers Endgame/Song: Yesterday - The Beatles/Food: steak

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

Caution: Will argue with you about anything, for any reason.

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm teaching myself to play guitar.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Luke Marzen

Hometown: North Liberty, IA

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s):



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

I enjoy playing soccer with my friends, playing videos games, and watching the office.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about computer hardware, video games, and things that go fast like cars, motorcycles, and jets.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is kind, fun to be around and shares a common interest with me.

What is your dream job?

Something that incorporates my interest in planes and computers. Maybe a job dealing with computational fluid dynamics.

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

Friendly, Organized, Outgoing, Nice

What is one item on your bucket list?

Get to fly in a fighter jet then eject out of it and skydive before parachuting to safety. Or use a real-life lightsaber.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would have to stick to somewhere in the US... Probably on the west coast. A suburb of a larger city where the cost of living isn't too high, but also has good job opportunities.

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

Google Maps, Reddit, iMessage

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

Brooklyn Nine-Nine / Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith / The Lord of the Rings Series / Africa / Panda Express Orange Chicken

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

Warning: Sometimes rants about things you won't care about...

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been playing Minecraft for the last 10 years and am still not bored of it.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Joan Meis

Hometown: Le Mars, IA

Major(s): Biology (LAS)

Minor(s): Emerging Global Disease



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

Reading, running, hiking, music

What are you passionate about?

Living life to its fullest and collecting experiences

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing and amicable

What is your dream job?

Disease research, maybe an epidemiologist with the CDC?

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

Attentive, kind, curious, insomniac

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Montana!!!!

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

Pinterest, Spotify, and BBC News

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

Sherlock/Anne of Green Gables/ The Count of Monte Cristo/ Favorite Girl, Icarus Account/ cannoli 🍷

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

This person may have a flare for the dramatic

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm spending the summer in Valencia!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Aline Milach Teixeira

Hometown: Johnston, IA

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I love exploring the outdoors, listening to and playing music on the piano, and socializing with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Oh boy, where do I start? I am passionate about extending my plant baby family, the color red, hammocking, and traveling.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is creative, easy-going, funny, and who is a little bit more introverted than I am, but is still very easy to talk to.

What is your dream job?

Doing research on how to apply chemistry to the study of energy and climate change in order to hopefully find some better and more sustainable alternatives to the daily consumer; and maybe someday, hopefully, to work at a national park as a park ranger.

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

Outgoing, optimistic, caring, and unique

What is one item on your bucket list?

To visit every National Park, and seeing the northern lights

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to go back to Brazil (where I was born) and live there for a few years, and then maybe move to Italy for the foods, history, and natural landmarks.

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

Instagram, Amazon Music, and my bird calling app Merlin Bird ID

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

Brooklyn Nine-Nine / Forrest Gump / anything Ellen Hopkins / If the World Was Ending / rice and beans

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

Warning: will fall asleep when the sun sets (10:30 is my bedtime)

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm a proud member of the juggling and unicycling club here at Iowa State, and I play the accordion.

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Name: Katie Moretina

Hometown: Kansas City

Major(s): Electrical Engineering

Minor(s): Computer Science



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

Watching movies, reading, hanging out with friends

What are you passionate about?

Learning/doing new things

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy to communicate with

What is your dream job?

Disney Imagineer (working on audio-animatronics)

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

Bubbly, talkative, ambitious, competitive

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving or Rickshaw Run through India

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Somewhere warm

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

Snapchat, Spotify, Phone

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

The 100/ Goonies or Clueless/ Asylum/ Barcelona by Ed Sheeran/ Italian food

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

My Hogwarts house is Slytherin, and I definitely agree with that

What is a fun fact about you?

I am scuba certified

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Bekah Muta

Hometown: Ankeny, Iowa

Major(s): Criminal Justice/Psychology

Minor(s): French/Sociology



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

I like to sing, dance, play instruments, do things with my sorority and friends, and watch crime shows.

What are you passionate about?

I'm very passionate about music and community service. I did a lot of musical activities and classes in high school, as well as a variety of community service and volunteer work such as four mission trips and volunteering through my church and school.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Social, fun, welcoming, approachable, and creative

What is your dream job?

Forensic profiler for the FBI

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

Outgoing, ambitious, independent, confident

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Marseille, France

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

Snapchat, Instagram, Doordash

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

Criminal Minds, Jumanji (the new one), The Selection by Kiera Cass, Reckless Love by Cory Asbury, and Mexican food.

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

Caution: Hot

What is a fun fact about you?

I have 11 piercings.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Justin Nock

Hometown: Bettendorf, Iowa

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Leadership Studies, Music Tech



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

I like to listen to music (funk, jazz, and classical), go rock climbing, and socialize with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about music and helping the people in my life.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone who can bring energy to a group and is flexible.

What is your dream job?

I am currently hoping to design machines that manufacture things. The manufacturing process fascinates me.

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

Thoughtful, smart, helpful, and unpredictable

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to donate one of my kidneys to a stranger.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Iowa!!!

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

GroupMe, Google Maps, and Snapchat

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

Breaking Bad / *Pulp Fiction* / *Ender's Shadow* / "Chameleon" by Herbie Hancock / Mac and Cheese Pizza

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

"Beware of chaos"

What is a fun fact about you?

I got shingles when I was 18.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Maggie O'Neill

Hometown: Shawnee, KS

Major(s): Biological Systems Engineering

Minor(s):



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

I like to go to the gym, journal, and spend time outside!

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about environmental sustainability, whether it be studying environmental science or actually making differences in my life to help the environment (Learning to compost!!).

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My perfect co-leader would be super positive, hard-working, and organized. I think I work best with people who are more outgoing because I am more of an introvert.

What is your dream job?

If I could do anything, I'd like to be a wildlife or marine biologist. More realistically, I would like to pursue a career as an environmental or water resources engineer.

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

Kind, driven, passionate, and hard-working

What is one item on your bucket list?

To study abroad at some point (Ireland or Spain or anywhere really)

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Thinking long term, I really love the Midwest. When I'm older I probably will stay in the Midwest, but I really want to be able to travel as well.

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

Snapchat, Google Maps, Google Calendar

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

Greys Anatomy/ Little Women/ Pride and Prejudice/ Getaway Car/ Mashed Potatoes

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

Warning, I'm only shy at first. Once you get to know me, I won't shut up.

What is a fun fact about you?

I talk A LOT in my sleep. I used to talk, walk, and even text in my sleep when I was younger. My roommate has some pretty embarrassing stories of weird things I've done that I have no recollection of.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Claire Palmer

Hometown: Plainfield, IL

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): N/A



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

I enjoy playing video games (mostly Nintendo games), watching YouTube videos, and listening to music.

What are you passionate about?

I may sound like a classic engineer, but I am very passionate about my schoolwork and education. Along with this, I am very passionate helping others (if I wasn't going for engineering, I would probably be a teacher) and I am especially passionate about animals.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Good communicator, hard-worker, creative, fun

What is your dream job?

I still don't know exactly what I want to do in the future, but I would love to work at a job that involves designing/working with robots

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

Hardworking, caring, passionate, chaotic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit Japan

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I grew up in a suburb of Chicago and I always liked that I was able to visit the city any time but I didn't live within the city itself. If I could live anywhere, I would want to live somewhere warm and sunny and close to a big city.

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

Snapchat, Gmail, and my sudoku app

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

RWBY/Ella Enchanted/ (I don't read enough to have a favorite book.....)/Here comes a Thought/Anything chocolate really

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

Caution: Burps loudly

What is a fun fact about you?

I have six different incredibly soft and squishy cat stuffed animals in my dorm, and I want more.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Elizabeth Parra

Hometown: Estero, Florida

Major(s): Animal Science (Pre-Vet)

Minor(s):



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

Personally, I really enjoy doing anything artistic, like art, dance, or watching obscure films.

What are you passionate about?

I am really passionate about leading others. I absolutely love leadership and learning about the dynamics of others. Managing people and working together to meet a common goal is something I strive to incorporate into my future career plans.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would probably like someone who is more extroverted and outgoing than me. I am a very shy person so I would like someone who balances that out, but not someone too assertive. Someone who knows how to joke, relax, and have fun!

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to become a medical director of my own veterinary practice. I would like to run a hospital, but still have time to travel and go to conferences to teach other veterinarians.

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

Sarcastic, Honest, Level-Headed,

What is one item on your bucket list?

One item on my bucket list is to do a Walter Mitty style trip—one with spontaneity, little planning, a place no one knows and/or things about.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would probably like to live in Europe. Preferably Italy or England.

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

I would keep Instagram, Snapchat, and Tiktok.

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

Any British Drama / The Darjeeling Limited / The Sound and the Fury / Anything Indie or Pop / Pasta

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

WARNING: This person is very sarcastic and blunt. Yes, they are joking with you—but actually they're really nice and caring please don't be intimidated.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love watching baking videos really late at night and then attempting to bake even though I'm exhausted.

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Name: Rebecca Patush

Hometown: Joliet (chi-city burb)

Major(s): Materials Engineering

Minor(s): Biomedical Engineering



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

I paint, play ukulele, and climb trees.

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about nature, the arts, and learning in general.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Conversational and a little bit goofy.

What is your dream job?

Bettering medical practices through engineering.

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

Bubbly, smiley, energetic, compassionate

What is one item on your bucket list?

Camping in another country

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Colorado

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

Snapchat, Spotify, Notes

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

Scrubs / Coraline / The Lorax / Chicago by Frank Sinatra / cookies

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

MOST IMPORTANT: NEVER FEED IT AFTER MIDNIGHT

What is a fun fact about you?

I have had 9 pet ducks (Carl, Elliot, Alabaster, Slickback, Willy, Maud, Crystal, Spaz, and Spike).

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Shelby Petersen

Hometown: Barrington IL

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s):



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

I enjoy being with friends but also like taking time to myself (which usually includes napping with several warm blankets). I also like dancing (even though I'm bad) and going for runs when I have the free time.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about education (I'm a nerd and like to take school seriously), taking care of myself, and living life to the fullest 😊

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is reliable and takes things seriously but can also have fun and bring new and interesting ideas to the table.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working in the biomedical field of engineering, working on products that could make type one diabetes easier for the people who have it, or working with renewable energy, such as solar panels.

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

Caring, Responsible, Outgoing, Understanding

What is one item on your bucket list?

Learn and go scuba diving

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to live in Italy, because I love trying new foods and I think it would be cool to learn French!

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

Snapchat, Safari, Clock (I would never wake up)

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

Game of thrones/Greatest Showman/Any Dr. Seuss book /Speechless by Thomas Rhett/Pasta

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

Handle with care, cries easily.

What is a fun fact about you?

My birth certificate said I was a boy up until kindergarten.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Kseniya Ratneva

Hometown: Buffalo Grove, IL

Major(s): Animal Science (Pre-Vet Focus)

Minor(s): Biology



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

Painting, Binge watching Netflix, and full-time snacking

What are you passionate about?

Learning all there is to know about animal behavior and taking care of others, especially babies and animals. Like c'mon.... How can you say no to them?

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can make even the duller situation sound like an adventure, and is good with technology because I'm not :)

What is your dream job?

Helping take care of all sorts of animals as a veterinarian in hopefully my own clinic one day, with a hobby of domestic animal behavior studies or training <3

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

Caring, responsible yet fun, easy going, and QUIRKY 100000000000%

What is one item on your bucket list?

To visit Alsace-Lorraine for all the pretty buildings and so I can finally try authentic Bratwurst

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Definitely Alsace-Lorraine because the area looks like a fairytale village and it looks GORGEOUS from all the pictures I have seen.

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

Instagram, Facetime, & Spotify especially because I need my Deep Concentration Study Playlist to get me focused

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

Gossip Girl/ Day After Tomorrow/ To Kill A Mockingbird/ Domino's Pizza

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

Warning: May steal your food when you're not looking.

What is a fun fact about you?

While I have no accent and any fluent Russian speaker would tell you my grammar is atrocious, I am actually an immigrant from Belarus (above Ukraine) and Russian is technically my first language

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Name: Jordan Rindels

Hometown: Rockford, IL

Major(s): Animal Science

Minor(s):



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

When I'm home I really enjoy walking my dog and playing piano. At school I like hanging out with my friends and watching YouTube, but sadly my friends won't watch YouTube with me, so these events happen separately :(

What are you passionate about?

I'm really passionate about animal welfare and would like to see less sheltered/abandoned animals.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Looking for someone who likes to take long walks on the beach... JK. I want a co-leader who can make me laugh and who keeps me relaxed even on stressful days.

What is your dream job?

I want to be an exotic animal veterinarian for a large zoo such as the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. I love animals, but I'm a city gal so working with livestock doesn't interest me much.

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

Talkative, silly, hardworking, friendly

What is one item on your bucket list?

Hang out with one of those baby elephants that thinks it's a lapdog

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Knoxville, Tennessee

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

Twitter, Phone, Spotify

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

How I Met Your Mother / The Sandlot / Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows / Lazy by Surfaces / BLT sandwich

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

Retells the same story 10 times

What is a fun fact about you?

My travel softball team has won Nationals twice

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Jenna Runge

Hometown: Solon, Iowa

Major(s): Electrical Engineering

Minor(s):



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

Archery, burrito-ing in a blanket and watching movies with friends, and catching up on the sleep I missed due to Physics homework

What are you passionate about?

Good blankets, peanut butter, hoodies, noodles, quality pens, archery, ceramics, the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Billy la Bufanda, smoothies, and naming cars. Also, like engineering and stuff.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who will laugh at me for descending to yet another existential crisis, is organized, and down for some good color coding.

What is your dream job?

Working as an electrical engineering professor and researching how to build more efficient and cheaper solar panels.

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

A No Neck Nelly (this was one of my friend's actual response)

What is one item on your bucket list?

To be taller than my older sister. I don't think it'll happen, but I can still dream.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Stockholm, Sweden. It just looks like a really cool place to live.

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

Google Maps, Messages, and Mail

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

Umbrella Academy / Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse / Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix / Don't Stop Me Now / pancakes

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

When experiencing any strong emotion, volume and talking speed increase dramatically

What is a fun fact about you?

My truck is named Delbert the Dodge Dakota or as my family calls him, Little Hoss.

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Name: Molly Rysavy

Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD

Major(s): Statistics

Minor(s): Biology and Computer Science



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

I enjoy learning new piano songs, reading good novels, and visiting state parks anytime that I can.

What are you passionate about?

I absolute love to learn everything that I can both in and out of the classroom, and am passionate about hearing other people's stories. Also plants, yay!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal coleader would be pretty extroverted, as I can be somewhat quiet and they would help push me out of this comfort zone. I also tend to get excited about discussing new ideas, so I'd probably want to be paired with someone pretty talkative.

What is your dream job?

My goal is to enter the field of biostatistics and contribute to disease/pharmaceutical research.

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

Thoughtful, animated, strong, serrated??? (I asked a friend and this is what they said)

What is one item on your bucket list?

If I ever have the free time, I would love to become a licensed pilot.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

A small coastal town in the Northeast. Maybe I could be a lighthouse keeper?

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

Spotify, Snapchat, and YouTube

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

Bojack Horseman / Jojo Rabbit / East of Eden by John Steinbeck / Tomorrow by Shaky Graves / Pad Thai

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

Warning: This person gets VERY energetic when she is enthusiastic about something.

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm a very big fan of reptiles! I haven't had a chance to own any yet, but I am definitely looking forward to it at some point in the future. :)

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Name: Samuel Potter

Hometown: Waverly, Iowa

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering,
Mathematics



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

Playing Super Smash Brothers, going to Lied or State Gym and getting some exercise in, hanging out with friends

What are you passionate about?

Climbing (all forms), Soccer, Magic: The Gathering, moving between places quickly on my penny board, nonsensical conversations, and comedy

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can ground me in reality, confident, and comfortable improvising

What is your dream job?

I'm not sure yet! At this point I'm leaning either towards theoretical mathematician or rocket scientist. Either way, I want to help push the boundaries of knowledge.

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

Fun, hardworking, ambitious, energetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Become a world champion in a sport or a game

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would love to be able to live in Japan for awhile. It's a beautiful country with a lot of really interesting culture, and learning Japanese is on my eventual to-do list.

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

YouTube, Spotify, and Safari

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

One-Punch Man / Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse / Dune / Aruarian Dance / Chili

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

Prone to long silences followed by strange hypothetical questions and/or bad jokes

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm on the payload subteam of the Cyclone Rocketry team.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Lydia Samuelson

Hometown: Des Moines, Iowa

Major(s): English and Technical
Communications

Minor(s):



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

Reading fantasy novels, writing, sculpting clay animals, and rebelling against constrictive lists.

What are you passionate about?

Definitely writing. A good sentence? Mmmm. Besides that, I can easily lose myself in a good view—especially one from the edge of a windy cliff at the end of a mountain hike.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Energetic, reliable, adaptable, patient, and with the little bit of crazy that makes a person fun.

What is your dream job?

Becoming a full-time creative writer is the dream. It would be incredible to have the chance to author fiction novels, script dramatic podcasts, and/or write for the screen.

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

Sharp, funny, creative, sympathetic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go skydiving

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

It would have to be somewhere with mountains. Either Colorado or New Zealand would be optimal.

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

Text, Notes, and Podcasts

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

Cowboy Bebop/Amélie/Six of Crows/Diablo Rojo by Rodrigo y Gabriela/Orzo with mascarpone, bacon, and butternut squash

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

Killer puns incoming!!!!!!.....!

What is a fun fact about you?

I bought heels as a functional adult and have yet to regret it

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Shay Sargent

Hometown: Sioux City, IA

Major(s): Undecided/Linguistics

Minor(s):



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

I like to watch Netflix, hang with friends and socialize, make art, and go shopping (even though I am broke)!

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about helping others when they are in need and striving to do my best every day.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Some characteristics that would be ideal include being organized but also go with the flow. I like to have fun and see what happens but plan things that I can write in my planner, so I don't forget them.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be to help kids or people in my career field but also being able to travel in my free time.

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

Probably outgoing, kind, silly, and loving

What is one item on your bucket list?

One thing on my bucket list would be to visit Paris and see the Eiffel Tower and The Louvre.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would choose to live in Arizona or Hawaii because both have amazing weather and people. I've traveled to both places and I love them.

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

Snapchat, Spotify, and Maps

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

Riverdale or Vampire Diaries / The Notebook / To All the Boys I've Loved Before / Every music genre but right now Blinding Lights by The Weeknd / Pasta of any kind

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

Be careful, she's always down for an adventure!

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm obsessed with succulents and the color yellow 🌻

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Joseph Schendel

Hometown: Spencer, IA

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): NA



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

Lifting, Boating, and Hanging with friends

What are you passionate about?

Star Wars and Marvel

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Dependable, Fun, and a Jokester

What is your dream job?

Managing an engineering team that designs and enhances space traveling technology.

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

Reliable, funny, Determined, Organized

What is one item on your bucket list?

Sky diving

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Texas because it is not cold

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

Snapchat / Spotify / Netflix

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

Arrow / Avenger's Endgame / Don't read / Separate Ways by Journey or Your Love by The Outfield / Walking Taco

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

Wake me up at your own risk

What is a fun fact about you?

I can do a loon call with my hands

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Name: Grant Schnoebelen

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Major(s): Economics

Minor(s):



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

I have enjoyed running for a long time now. It's a great way to stay healthy and to clear my mind. I also love to read, and I always love to try new books or genres.

What are you passionate about?

I am really passionate about the importance of education. I really love to learn, and I also see how many opportunities diligently pursue your studies can provide you. Also, I think it's important to be patient with people.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone that is easily accessible, and to get in touch with. I'm pretty laid back so I think I can work with most people, but someone who is creative, and fun is ideal.

What is your dream job?

I am not sure yet. I am strongly considering law school, and along with that possible an international law where I get to work with people across the globe.

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

Intelligent, funny, patient, and careful.

What is one item on your bucket list?

See a shooting star.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would probably choose different places for different parts of my life. Maybe Washington D.C. I guess, because I enjoy museums and all the history, and history in the making that is happening. Also, it's a great place to visit so I could probably convince people to come visit.

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

YouTube, because it can help me with homework, projects, learning new things, relaxing, and could even play music if I wanted. The notes app, because it's full of random things I thought once and wrote down because they were interesting or thinking I would need to remember it, and I love looking through those like an almost old diary. Lastly, the MyState app, cause when it is this cold I need to know if a bus will be here.

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

Possibly Ratatouille, the cinematography, music, and story of that movie are all amazing.

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

Warning: Will lose either his phone, wallet, glasses, or keys every other week.

What is a fun fact about you?

I have never liked chocolate.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Abbie Schulte

Hometown: Kansas City, Missouri

Major(s): Biological Systems Engineering

Minor(s):



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

Reading, writing, running

What are you passionate about?

International politics

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Creative, good at communication, and passionate

What is your dream job?

Department of Energy Secretary

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

Loud, intelligent, realist, straightforward

These are the words my friends actually said grape-eater, allergic to citrus, possibly will spontaneously combust

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go backpacking across Europe

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

England, but not London because she's too expensive

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

BBC News, Twitter, Snapchat

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

Merlin/ Endgame/ DaVinci Code/ Nothing Better Than Revenge by TSwizzle/ Mac and Cheese

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

I might spontaneously combust, but I'll be laughing as I explode

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm missing two organs, my thyroid and tonsils

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Name: Nicholas “Nick” Serck

Hometown: Norwalk, IA

Major(s): Chemistry

Minor(s): Biology



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

- Watching Disney +
- ATV Riding
- Adventuring

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about chemistry, leadership, card games and board games, and making a difference in the world

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

- friendly
- optimistic
- outgoing
- punctual
- down to earth
- previous friend/acquaintance of mine

What is your dream job?

I have absolutely no idea!

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

Kind-hearted, intelligent, selfless, goofy

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go on a European vacation.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would choose right here in Iowa because I love Iowa!

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

Snapchat, Twitter and the MyState App

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

The Office, Austin Powers, Harry Potter, Anything Disney, 80's or Taylor Swift, A Good Burger

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

Warning: will discuss Disney for hours

What is a fun fact about you?

I've spent 8 years racing ATV's.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Matt Shafer

Hometown: Solon, IA

Major(s): Biochemistry

Minor(s): Microbiology (undeclared)



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

I enjoy running, singing, and playing guitar.

What are you passionate about?

I'm very passionate about scientific research, especially when it comes to issues like human health. I also love music and exercise. Lastly, I'm super passionate about my faith.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I'm looking for a coworker that is fun but will also be grounded when I get too excited or stressed out about everything that is going on.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be a professor and academic researcher, specifically in cancer or disease research, at Johns Hopkins.

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

Optimistic, outgoing, radiant, kind

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to give my own TED Talk.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Lisbon, Portugal

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

Snapchat, Spotify, Power Planner

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

The Good Place / Spiderman: Far From Home/ Gone Series/ Sunday-Tori Kelly / hummus!

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

This person will talk about microbes for a lot longer than necessary.

What is a fun fact about you?

I've performed onstage with Foreigner.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Kara Smith

Hometown: West Des Moines, Iowa

Major(s): Animal Science

Minor(s):N/A



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

Working with animals, Art/Photography, and Reading

What are you passionate about?

Animals!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Organized, Passionate, Fun/funny/goofy,

What is your dream job?

Breeding Horses, or other animals and taking care of them

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

Dedicated/Driven, Insane (I think in a good way?), and Hardworking

What is one item on your bucket list?

Breed/Ride a Draft Horse

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Colorado

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

Calendar, Messages, Chrome

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

Teen Wolf (or almost any medical show)/Harry Potter Series / Percy Jackson Series / Almost anything country / All Breakfast Food

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

Crazy, especially when tired, often runs on 2 hours of sleep or less, and will probably talk a lot about horses and foals because I work and live at the Iowa State Horse Barn

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been riding horses since I was 18 months old

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Hanna Stec

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor(s): Astronomy



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

Taking naps, listen to podcasts

What are you passionate about?

Getting more women involved STEM, and specifically engineering

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, someone who can go with the flow, but also is able to plan ahead, hard working

What is your dream job?

Being an actual rocket scientist working for a company such as NASA or SpaceX

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

Sarcastic, caring, organized, funny

What is one item on your bucket list?

See a musical on Broadway

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Anywhere where I can have a herd of dogs

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

Spotify, Google Maps, Trivia Crack

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

Haunting of Hill House / Jojo Rabbit is my favorite movie that I've seen recently, but I don't have a favorite of all time / Harry Potter / how the heck do I pick only one / Pad Thai

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

Beware of sarcastic comments

What is a fun fact about you?

I've been on a billboard

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Name: Ryan James VerMulm

Hometown: Spencer, IA

Major(s): Architecture

Minor(s): Digital Media, Entrepreneurship



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

I love listening to music, playing sports, wood working, drawing, and watching movies.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my faith and my fellowship with all people. My faith is the foundation of my morals, which determine who I am today and who I will be in the future.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would have to be very organized and they would have to enjoy being active. It would also have to be someone who has a great sense of humor and is outgoing.

What is your dream job?

Owning my own Architecture firm in a suburb of a major city (preferably somewhere warmer). I would love to manage my own company and do what I love (Architecture).

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

Humorous, Talkative, Outgoing, Caring

What is one item on your bucket list?

I have always wanted to visit Rome and more specifically the Colosseum. I want to experience the culture and ancient architecture Rome has to offer.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

I would next to the ocean preferably on the southern part of the east or west coast.

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

I would keep Snapchat, Pandora, and MyState

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

The 100, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Eragon, Pieces by RED, Buffalo Wings

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

Warning: He will laugh at his own jokes!

What is a fun fact about you?

I am a huge LA Rams (football) and LA Lakers (basketball) fan! If I seem grumpy it's probably because they lost recently!

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Landon Wahe

Hometown: Bondurant, Iowa

Major(s): Biological Systems Engineering

Minor(s):



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

I'm a major movie fan, enjoy spending time playing games with my friends and lifting weights.

What are you passionate about?

I love biology and how it can be used to solve problems.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would have a great sense of humor and would be very easy to communicate with.

What is your dream job?

To design green buildings.

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

Personable, considerate, caring, open.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Own a classic car.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

In the Midwest, probably Wyoming, the people are nice and its beautiful.

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

Spotify, messenger and Reddit.

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

Avatar the Last Airbender, Interstellar, Percy Jackson, Sunshine – Atmosphere, Sausage

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

Warning: Easily Distracted.

What is a fun fact about you?

I bartended my Senior year of high school.

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Name: Lilly Welsh

Hometown: Epworth, IA

Major(s): Environmental Science, Global Resource Systems, and Spanish LCP

Minor(s): Sustainability



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

I enjoy hanging out with friends, watching Netflix, and reading.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about the environment and helping others.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is relaxed but willing to put in extra work to make the seminar the best it can be

What is your dream job?

I hope to find a job that allows me to work internationally and where I am not doing the same thing every day.

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

Kind, Motivated, Resourceful, Reliable

What is one item on your bucket list?

Hike the Inca Trail

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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?

Gilmore Girls/Mamma Mia/Slaughterhouse Five/Golden by Harry Styles/Pasta

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

Will stop everything in order to get coffee.

What is a fun fact about you?

One day I drank a cappuccino, a macchiato, and two shots of espresso before noon.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Olivia Whitham

Hometown: Ames, IA

Major(s): Genetics

Minor(s): Spanish



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

I love playing volleyball, watching Netflix, and hanging out with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Pepsi is better than Coke.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is easy going but takes the work seriously and wants to have the best FHP section ever!

What is your dream job?

Dermatologist, I want to be the next Dr. Pimple Popper.

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

Energetic, hardworking, funny, and well-rounded.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to Greece.

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

In the future I really want to live in a big city somewhere on the east coast.

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

Snapchat, TikTok, and WordScapes.

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

The Office / Mama Mia / Arroz con Pollo from El Azteca or a Pancheros burrito

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

If she asks if she should dye/cut her hair, say no.

What is a fun fact about you?

I work at an ice rink, but I can't ice skate.

— Learn Your Leaders 2020 —

Name: Colin Wiersema

Hometown: Eldridge, IA

Major(s): Civil Engineering

Minor(s): General Business



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

I really enjoy distance running, with the half marathon being my favorite distance. I also enjoy relaxing with friends and playing intramural sports.

What are you passionate about?

Making sure everyone has the ability to reach their potential in whatever *they* are passionate about.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone who also likes to be on the move, always brainstorming and figuring out ways to do things in inventive, exciting ways.

What is your dream job?

Traveling the country as a Civil Sales Engineer, networking and pitching bids to companies on behalf of a large firm.

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

Calculated, Caffeinated, Competitive, Content

What is one item on your bucket list?

Climb Kilimanjaro

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Reykjavík, Iceland

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

Messages, Spotify, YouTube

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

Scooby Doo, no ifs, ands, or buts.

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

This person is not always mad, that's just the way his face looks.

What is a fun fact about you?

I've summited 16 of Colorado's 58 14'ers (mountains above 14,000' in elevation).

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Name: Nicole Young

Hometown: Council Bluffs

Major(s): Open Option (soon to be English)

Minor(s):



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

Writing, running, watching YouTube, and hanging out with friends! Sorry, that's four

What are you passionate about?

Traveling and trying new things

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who's organized but also just able to go with the flow and have fun

What is your dream job?

Author for sure, or a job that would pay me to travel

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

Caring, funny, meme-y, and awkward

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go skydiving!

If you could live anywhere, where would you choose?

Probably somewhere that's always warm like Arizona, but I also like the idea of living in another country for a year or two!

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

GroupMe, Snapchat, and google maps

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

RuPaul's Drag Race, Hercules, The Green Mile, Minimum by Charlie Cunningham, mozza sticks

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

Warning: sarcasm ahead

What is a fun fact about you?

I was hospitalized in Machu Picchu this past summer, which wasn't great at the time but it's fun to reminisce on now!