

— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Aaron Leppert

Hometown: Rockton, Illinois

Major(s): Chemistry Education

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

Writing, anything athletic, relaxin' and maxin' with good friends.

What are you passionate about?

The obvious answer is wrestling. I'm also passionate about Nintendo, eating food, good writing, chemistry, and spending time with family and friends.

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

Honest, Determined, Passionate, Loyal

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I love working with anyone who is a hard-worker, has a sense of humor, and is willing to listen to multiple points of view. I admire a person who puts his priorities and values above all else.

What is your dream job?

At the end of the day, I want a job that makes me happy. Cliché, I know. Whatever that happy job may be, it will most definitely also include coaching wrestling.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Eat every single fruit in the world and rank them by personal taste. I don't know why, I just do. I have a top ten list of favorite fruit right now for some reason.

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

I would go to Hawaii because I have always wanted to see a volcano and try to get as close to lava as humanly possible.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

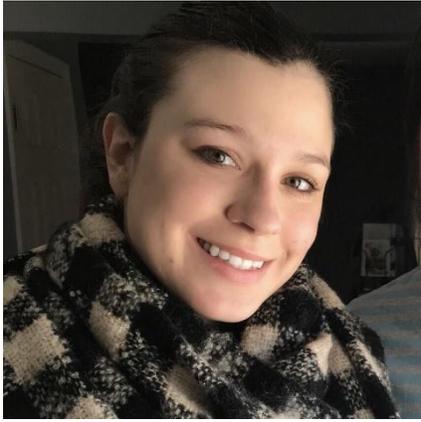
Adventure Time / Rocky II / Inheritance – Christopher Paolini

What is your favorite quote?

Torn between these two: "Flying is learning to throw yourself at the ground and miss" – *Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, by Adam Douglas & "We don't live to eat, we eat to live!"-Coach Jimmy Powell

What is a fun fact about you?

My nickname is Lobster and I have a soft spot for goats (they are pretty adorable)



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Name: Abby Klahs

Hometown: Bloomsdale, MO

Major(s): Biology and Statistics

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

In my free time I enjoy sewing, I make stuffed animals! I also enjoy going bouldering.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about small, squishy animals and the environments they live in.

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

Creative, funny (occasionally), knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I think my ideal co-leader would be compassionate, flexible, and would laugh at my terrible jokes.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be an aquarist, but my career goal is to be a fisheries biologist or a college professor.

What is one item on your bucket list?

One thing I would love to do is study abroad in Australia!

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

I would go to the bottom of the ocean in order to see the amazing biodiversity.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV show is *Lucifer*, movie is *Ponyo*, book is *Silverwing* by Kenneth Oppel.

What is your favorite quote?

"I don't care that they stole my idea... I care that they don't have any of their own" - Nikola Tesla

What is a fun fact about you?

I play seven instruments and am self-taught in five of them.

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Name: Abby Tornow

Hometown: Kalona, IA

Major(s): Pre-architecture

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

I enjoy drawing, hanging out with friends and family, and watching movies.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about residential architecture. One of my favorite things to do is drive around and look at all the different styles of houses in a town.

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

My friends describe me as organized, funny, considerate, and ambitious.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would describe my ideal co-leader as energetic, outgoing, and creative.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working for an architecture firm as a residential architect.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to fly in a hot air balloon.

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

I would go on a trip throughout Europe because I want to see all the unique buildings there.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

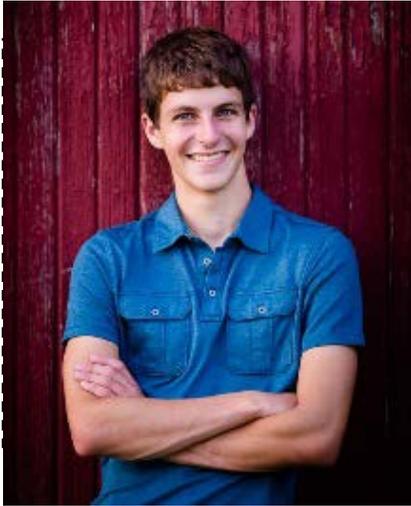
I don't have a favorite TV show or movie. I just like finding new ones to watch. My favorite books would have to be the Matched series.

What is your favorite quote?

"Embrace the awkward." – Brent Foster

What is a fun fact about you?

Three of my nicknames in high school were Rabbit, Architect Abby, and Abbae, and I randomly get the hiccups.



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Name: Alex Vande Loo

Hometown: Stewartville, MN

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

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

I enjoy to be active, climb, read, or hang out with friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about space and animals. Most things about nature actually are wonderful.

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

Caring, active, organized, and creative.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be cheerful, adventurous, and fun to be around.

What is your dream job?

My dream job would be working on robots or just about any kind of space craft/space cities (hopefully).

What is one item on your bucket list?

To see the northern lights. Or the southern lights, I'm not picky.

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

Australia or New Zealand or some warm island because I love to play in the water and islands, especially with forests and rocks to climb and coasts are super fun. Plus I like being warm.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Red Rising / I am Number Four series

What is your favorite quote?

"Nothing goes over my head. My reflexes are excellent and I would catch it."

-Drax the Destroyer

What is a fun fact about you?

So far I have built 3 robot arms.



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Name: Alison Wagner

Hometown: Allenton, Wisconsin

Major(s): Animal Science

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

I like to craft a lot and I like to play with animals. I obsessively play Euchre and I also really enjoy spending time with the rest of Harwood.

What are you passionate about?

I am really passionate about agriculture and feeding a growing America. Also cows; I am passionate about cows.

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

I asked my friends and they said, "Creative, Wisconsin, Cheese-loving, and Cows"

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader

Comical, creative, hardworking, and driven.

What is your dream job?

I want to be a ruminant nutrition specialist. So basically, I want to feed cows for the rest of my life.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to go to every National Park in the U.S. (the first one I want to go to is Denali in Alaska)

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

I would go to Scotland. I really want to see Scottish highland cattle in their original home.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Office/Monsters Inc./*To Kill a Mockingbird*

What is your favorite quote?

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." -Winnie the Pooh

What is a fun fact about you?

I was named after a bluegrass singer (Alison Krauss). I guess that is pretty neat.



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Name: **Ashwin Yedavalli**

Hometown: **Dunlap, IL**

Major(s): **Mechanical Engineering**

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

I spend most of my time hanging out with friends. Otherwise I'm either playing tennis, winning against my roommate in 2k or FIFA, jamming out to music, or chilling and probably procrastinating homework.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about ideas. I love thinking of solutions to things and I respect a good idea when I hear one. If you know a cool life hack, let me know.

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

Lol what a guy

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can always help the class engaged. Awkward silences are no fun.

What is your dream job?

Being an engineer at a top company like Google (I totally want ball pits and ping pong tables in my office)

What is one item on your bucket list?

Watch all 4 Tennis grand slams live and explore the area (Melbourne, Paris, London, New York)

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? A cruise through the Caribbean. It's super chill, has good food, and you get to sightsee.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Sherlock Holmes is interesting. I wish I could think like him (minus the narcissism). I also love *The Office* and *Master of None*

What is your favorite quote? →→→→→

What is a fun fact about you?

I like Turtles. I wish I had a turtle.





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Name: Axel Zumwalt

Hometown: Marion, Iowa

Major(s): Computer Engineering

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

- Playing video games
- Analysis of film and other media for thematic and quality elements.
- Being with friends.

What are you passionate about?

Learning and creating new things.

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

Intellectual, passionate, unyielding, elderly.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who understands my personality and compliments it.

What is your dream job?

Engineer/Entrepreneur/Product Creator

What is one item on your bucket list?

Make a real bucket list.

All the usual stuff... something something... travel the world, learn, be happy.

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

Japan:

Big cities, beautiful mountains and trees, unique culture, good food... cat islands.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show: Whatever I'm watching at the moment.

Movie: *The Fabulous Destiny of Amélie Poulain*

Book: *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand

What is your favorite quote?

"My happiness can only be made with my own hands! My happiness doesn't depend on anyone but me!"

What is a fun fact about you?

I've had the same favorite song and favorite integer for as long as I can remember.



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Name: Bella Guyll

Hometown: Ames, Iowa

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

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

Snowboarding, reading, camping

What are you passionate about?

Protecting our environment and developing better green energy technology

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

Hard-working

Passionate

Eager to Learn

Outgoing

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Creative, Hard-working, Energetic, Conflict-resolution

What is your dream job?

Professor doing research at a university.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To visit all of the national parks.

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

New Zealand. It's just somewhere that 've always wanted to visit because of its natural beauty and extensive outdoor activities available.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Meet the Press with Chick Todd/ Meet Me in St. Louis/Gone with the Wind

What is your favorite quote?

"Can I just eat my waffle?"

-Barack Obama

What is a fun fact about you?

I eat cottage cheese at every meal.

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Name: Ben Welte

Hometown: Roscoe, Illinois

Major: Electrical Engineering

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

I like to run, listen to music, and spend time with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Learning new things and becoming a well-rounded person.

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

My friends picked: Loyal, diligent, polite, and witty (I'm not sure about the last one though haha).

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Creative, energetic, and thoughtful.

What is your dream job?

To work for Danfoss in my hometown so I can live by my friends and family.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Running a marathon.

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

Italy so that I could find out if their pizza really tastes that good (or bad, because I've heard both).

What is your favorite Movie / TV Show / Book?

Lord of the Rings / I don't watch TV / Lord of the Rings

What is your favorite quote?

"All you can take with you is that which you've given away." - It's a Wonderful Life

What is a fun fact about you?

Fun Fact: my Spanish name is definitely Beñ.



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Name: Brett Manternach

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Major: Aerospace Engineering

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

I enjoy spending time with my friends, watching mind-bending movies, and riding my freeline skates.

What are you passionate about?

I'm a car fanatic, and one of my favorite things to do is go to classic car shows and admire the amount of work owners put into their cars.

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

Witty, dedicated, humorous, and hard-working.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would share my sense of humor and have similar ideas for the classroom. When we disagree, they would be willing to find a compromise that suits both of our needs.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to work at a high-level position at an aircraft propulsion or rocketry company.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to live to be 101 years old and be able to say I lived in three centuries.

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

I want to go to Austria and revisit the Swiss Alps. Austria has beautiful, old cities that are untouched by war, and the Swiss Alps are nearby and remain the most breath-taking place I have ever visited.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV show ever is Breaking Bad. The show has a gripping plot, and the attention to detail as well as effort put into filming is incredible.

What is your favorite quote?

"If the human brain were so simple that we could understand it, we would be so simple that we couldn't." -Emerson M. Pugh

What is a fun fact about you?

I ride my freeline skates to and from class, and I teach beginners how to ride for the Freeline Skating Club on Sundays.



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Name: Brian Todey

Hometown: Ames, Iowa

Major(s): Civil Engineering

What are you passionate about?

-I am really passionate about music, and also about addressing social injustices in the world. I also really like athletics.

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

-Trustworthy, Caring, Serious, Sarcastic

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

-A person who is willing to do their share of the work and can think creatively while still maintaining a grounded perspective.

What is your dream job?

-I don't really have a dream job because the job that I care most about is a job where I know that I am making a difference in peoples lives and that each day I can say that the choices I made improved someone else's life. That job means more to me than any job that makes me rich or powerful.

What is one item on your bucket list?

- To visit Rome and see St. Peter's Basilica and Bernini's Alter.

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

- I would go to Croatia because that is where my family is from and I would love to go visit my ancestral village.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

-My favorite TV show is probably Parks and Rec, but The Office, New Girl, Friends, Arrested Development, and It's Always Sunny are awesome too. Favorite book is probably Slaughter House Five, and one of my favorite movies is Fantastic Mr. Fox.

What is your favorite quote?

-“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” –
- Robert Louis Stevenson

What is a fun fact about you?

-I have two different shaped ears. One is a copy of my mother's and the other is a copy of my father's.



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Name: Carter Wunsch

Hometown: Johnston, Iowa

Major(s): Computer Science & Psychology

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

Rock climbing and coding

What are you passionate about?

Exercise and education

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

Smart, wild, determined, respectful

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Cooperative, focused, and passionate

What is your dream job?

Designing artificial intelligence

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

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

New Zealand

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Lost

What is your favorite quote?

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it."

What is a fun fact about you?

I can solve a Rubik's cube in under 30 seconds



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Name: Charles Truka

Hometown: Stanton, IA

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

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

I enjoy relaxing with a good movie or some music. I also enjoy swapping stories.

What are you passionate about?

I really like learning new things.

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

Voice of reason, laid-back, likeable, quiet

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Friendly, easy-going, enthusiastic

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to do something I'm good at and get paid a lot.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I think it would be cool to not only travel, but

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

I want to go to New Zealand to see where they filmed the Lord of the Rings.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia/ Inception/ A Game of Thrones

What is your favorite quote?

"Time you enjoy wasting, is not wasting" -John Lennon

What is a fun fact about you?

I've known US Senator Joni Ernst since elementary school.



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Name: Chirayu Shukla

Hometown: Johnston, Iowa

Major(s): Biology and Psychology

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

Playing tennis, watching Netflix, and making short films

What are you passionate about?

Sports, Movies, and Education (Neuroscience specifically)

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

Intelligent, Hardworking, Funny, Responsible

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Good sense of humor and (mostly) Responsible

What is your dream job?

Super Dream Job: Neurosurgeon and Filmmaker (Yes, Both)

Dream Job (Realistic): Neurosurgeon

What is one item on your bucket list?

Watch Tom Brady win his 6th Super Bowl in Person

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

Europe: So many activities and things to do. Wouldn't be bored.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show: Friends or Game of Thrones

Movie: Inception or The Dark Knight and Star Wars

Book: Harry Potter

What is your favorite quote?

"Fate whispers to the warrior, 'You cannot withstand the storm.' The warrior whispers back 'I am the storm.'" - Unknown

What is a fun fact about you?

I have 3 Black Belts in Tae Kwon Do, Karate, and Judo



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Name: Conner Goode

Hometown: Ankeny, Iowa

Major(s): Finance and MIS

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

I love playing soccer, listening to music, and I am always wanting to read/ watch something with a great story.

What are you passionate about?

Hyvee Chinese. Aside from Tokyo Steakhouse Hyvee has had and will always have the best Chinese food around town.

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

Cheerful, energetic, scatterbrained, and enthusiastic.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Organized, fun, and energetic!

What is your dream job?

Something along the lines of game development.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To travel to every continent.

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

I am a **huge** Manchester United fan, so a dream of mine would be to go to Manchester and watch them play live.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

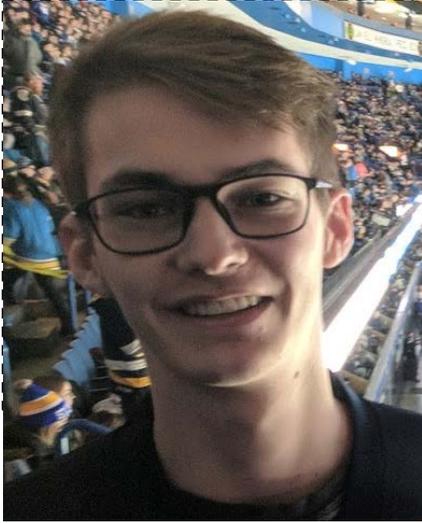
My favorite book is usually the most recent one I have read, but for TV shows nothing will ever beat Game of Thrones.

What is your favorite quote?

“So it goes” - Kurt Vonnegut, Slaughterhouse Five

What is a fun fact about you?

I genuinely enjoyed the emoji movie and continue to defend its charm and look forward to the eventual sequel.



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Name: **Conner Simmons**

Hometown: **Chillicothe, IL**

Major(s): **Mechanical Engineering**

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

Magic: the Gathering, Hanging with leaders Ethan, Jack, and Axel, and Watching YouTube

What are you passionate about?

Baseball, specifically the St. Louis Cardinals

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

Charismatic; Outgoing; Loud; Funny

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Understands sarcasm and can appreciate my humor; I need reassurance about my funniness.

What is your dream job?

Any engineering job with diverse roles/assignments so it can keep me on my toes!

What is one item on your bucket list?

Watch a game in every Major League Baseball stadium in one summer

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

Germany, if I could travel anywhere within it. It has so much beautiful architecture!

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show – How I Met Your Mother; Movie – Baby Driver, Dodgeball; Book – The Great Gatsby

What is your favorite quote?

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world” Romans 12:2a

What is a fun fact about you?

I had never had Papa John's pizza before coming to Ames. Ames is sadly the furthest West I have ever been.



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Name: Connor McElroy

Hometown: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

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

I like to hunt, play tennis, and play soccer.

What are you passionate about?

A very good steak. It is what I live for.

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

Sarcastic, stubborn, impulsive, opinionated

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Great, funny, exciting, awesome, and sarcastic

What is your dream job?

Astronaut

What is one item on your bucket list?

Climb Mount Everest

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

Nepal, so I can climb Mount Everest.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

I like Prison Break, but what are books?

What is your favorite quote?

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take. – Wayne Gretzky” – Michael Scott

What is a fun fact about you?

I am unable to digest lactose.



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Name: Dakota Berbrich

Hometown: New Ulm, MN

Major(s): Computer Engineering

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

Listening to music, hanging out with my brother and friends, and driving.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about making a positive impact on society in any way possible.

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

Chill, nice, smart, sarcastic.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Charismatic, a good communicator, and a positive person.

What is your dream job?

Working on a team that is passionate about what they're doing. Preferably designing secure and reliable computer components.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Going deep into the forest up north, miles away from civilization, and star gazing.

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

I would go to Machu Picchu because of the rich history that it holds, being one of the earliest civilizations in the western hemisphere, and its mesmerizing mountain top views.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Parks and Recreation | Whiplash | Lord of Flies

What is your favorite quote?

"We all do better when we all do better"-Paul Wellstone

What is a fun fact about you?

I grew up surrounded by Labrador puppies—my family bred labs.



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Name: Danielle Thompson

Hometown: Prior Lake, MN

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

Minors: Spanish and Sustainability

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

Knitting, eating snacks, petting dogs

What are you passionate about?

Vine (R.I.P.), plants, chemistry, hairless cats in sweaters

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

Artsy, pretty cool, brainy, easily distracted

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Vine-lover, likes snacks and science, uncomfortably organized, likes terrible jokes

What is your dream job?

Dream job: Sitting in a small room with lots of puppies

Realistic job: Research and development for biofuel company

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to run the Mount Marathon race in Alaska.

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

I would go to Antarctica because it is cold and cold is good.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Always Sunny in Philadelphia / Oh, Hello! / The Harry Potter series

What is your favorite quote?

“What is your spaghetti policy here”- Charlie while eating spaghetti out of a Ziploc bag

What is a fun fact about you?

I am ambidextrous!



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Name: Daniel Shaw

Hometown: North Richland Hills, TX

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

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

Tennis, Piano, and 2k

What are you passionate about?

Tennis

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

Reserved, Indecisive, Easy-going, Responsible

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Chill but not too chill

What is your dream job?

Working for Tesla

What is one item on your bucket list?

Study abroad

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

Australia to study abroad

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Breaking Bad / Spider-Man: Homecoming / Percy Jackson and the Olympians

What is your favorite quote?

“Ever tried. Ever failed. Doesn’t Matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.”

What is a fun fact about you?

Yes... I do have white hairs.



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Name: David Reynolds

Hometown: Grand Island, Nebraska

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

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

I love listening to music, watching movies, and going to the gym.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my career and future. I spend the majority of my time developing upon my skills and building upon my success as a student. I am also really passionate about music, I am always listening to music.

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

Hilarious, goofy, dedicated, and compassionate.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Hard-working, absolutely has to have a sense of humor, and willing to put up with me!

What is your dream job?

Working as an engineer at SpaceX or Tesla. Or, creating my own company that develops Iron Man suits.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to the Rolling Loud Festival in Florida.

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

Go to New Zealand, because I have always wanted to spend time taking in all of its' scenery. I also really want to travel around Europe, there's so much history there. Africa, Asia, South and central America would be pretty cool too.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

BigBang Theory/Toy Story/Death by Black hole

What is your favorite quote?

"I only love my bed and my momma, I'm sorry"- Drake

What is a fun fact about you?

Mexican food <3.

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Name: Derek Thada

Hometown: Owatonna, MN

Major(s): Mathematics and Statistics

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

Playing ping pong, going to Cyclone sporting events, and watching the Minnesota Timberwolves.

What are you passionate about?

School, sports, and my future.

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

Grinder, Playmaker, Confident, and Smart

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

A good communicator/listener, laid back, and organized.

What is your dream job?

Work in an NBA Front Office

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would like to go to a Summer Olympics

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

Dubai, tallest building is there plus that one fancy hotel, the Burj Al-Arab.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show: Suits... Movie: Field of Dreams... Book: Alex Rider Series...

What is your favorite quote?

The legs feed the wolf—Herb Brooks

What is a fun fact about you?

I can recite all of the Presidents in order.



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Name: Eli Gaeta

Hometown: Moline, IL

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

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

Camping, Table Tennis, Board Games

What are you passionate about?

Volunteering & philanthropy, adventuring in the outdoors, sciencey things like space, Pokémon, memes, Christmas, table tennis

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

Outgoing, considerate, funny, clever (I have verified sources I swear)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Relaxed, fun-loving, flexible (with plans, but physically is cool too), goal-oriented, can swim, can hold breath for at least 30 seconds, can count to 12 with their eyes closed

What is your dream job?

Aerospace Engineer for Virgin Galactic

What is one item on your bucket list?

Backpack in Gates of the Arctic National Park

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

South America, Colombia/Chile so often overlooked for its beautiful nature

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show: Breaking Bad

Movie: Planet of the Apes

Book: Grendel by John Gardner

What is your favorite quote?

Ad Astra Per Aspera

What is a fun fact about you?

I caught a shark when I was in kindergarten.



Name: Emma Flemming

Hometown: Des Moines, IA

Major(s): Environmental Science &
International
Studies

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

Drinking coffee, adopting pets, and watching vine compilations.

What are you passionate about?

Plants, lots of plants.

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

“Spunky but not quite”

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Humorous and motivated

What is your dream job?

Owning my own greenhouse/plant store.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit Tashirojima—one of those cat islands in Japan.

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

Great Barrier Reef because I am and always have been fascinated by the ocean.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Portlandia / Planet Earth / Brave New World

What is your favorite quote?

“If I had to have a stripper's name, it would be equality” - Leslie Knope

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm a Canadian citizen!



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Name: Erich Brandt

Hometown: Western Springs, Illinois

Major(s): Undeclared Engineering

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

I enjoy playing board games and binge watching Netflix with my friends. I also love to read.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about music. Music is fun to create and listen to, and it is a fun way to learn more about my friends.

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

Kind, Honest, Responsible, Diligent

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, creative, and hard working.

What is your dream job?

When I was little, my dream job was to be a veterinarian.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to see the Northern and/or Southern lights.

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

I would go to Spain so that I could practice my Spanish and visit all of the places I learned about in Spanish classes.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Spongebob Squarepants / Marvel's Doctor Strange / The Lorien Legacies by Pittacus Lore

What is your favorite quote?

"Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend." -Albert Camus

What is a fun fact about you?

I can recite the alphabet backwards.



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Name: Erik Zeller

Hometown: Winona, MN

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

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

I really enjoy live music of all types, sleeping in, and I'm a massive Minnesota Timberwolves fan so watching and playing basketball is definitely up there.

What are you passionate about?

Planning trips. I really enjoy thinking ahead to the things that excite me.

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

Adventurous, exuberant, sensible, and tall.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone with a lot of creativity and willingness to set up unusual but informative lessons.

What is your dream job?

One with high pay, low stress, and a decent amount of time off. Basically, I'm still searching.

What is one item on your bucket list?

At some point I want to be considered an above average cook. Being a quality chef feels like it would be a very rewarding skill.

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

I've always been very curious about Egypt and Turkey—although I've decided maybe saving those locations for retirement may just be the best decision.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

I've recently been heavily drawn into "The Bachelor"....there is mild shame in that, I can't help it.

What is your favorite quote?

"It's not peer pressure, it's just your turn" – Grant Davis

What is a fun fact about you?

I made Woody Harrelson laugh.



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Name: Ethan Vander Wiel

Hometown: Cedar Falls, Iowa

Major(s): Software Engineering

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

Programming, playing video games, and getting way too involved in DCI for the whole summer.

What are you passionate about?

Code that looks clean and beautiful. Things being efficient.

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

Quick-witted, passionate, outgoing, curious

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Adventurous, positive, and exciting!

What is your dream job?

CTO at a start up that goes from a small company to a big one.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Going to a snooker world tournament match.

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

Anywhere that there is no light pollution, so I can see the night sky perfectly. Bonus points if this place has the northern lights.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show: Black Mirror, Silicon Valley

Movie: Arrival

Book: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Ender's Game

What is your favorite quote?

"The chances of finding out what's really going on in the universe are so remote, the only thing to do is hang the sense of it and keep yourself occupied." – The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

What is a fun fact about you?

I have had two lung surgeries and now my lungs are attached to my chest wall



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Name: Grace Trembath

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Major(s): Biochemistry & Spanish, minor
in Genetics

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

Playing Stardew Valley, eating all the food my roommate makes, and yelling at/with my friends about movies/TV shows/anime

What are you passionate about?

Coffee!!!! Tea!! Caffeination!!!!!!!

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

Competitive, caring, hard-working, and basic

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Easy-going and patient with a good sense of humor

What is your dream job?

I want to work as a doctor with rural/underserved populations in the United States and abroad.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to take my mom on a surprise trip to England when I'm done with college because she's a librarian who's nuts about Jane Austen.

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

Home. I miss my mom. (and my cats).

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia / The Bee Movie / Percy Jackson

What is your favorite quote?

"I am overwhelmed with things I ought to have written about and never found the proper words."
— Virginia Woolf

What is a fun fact about you?

I am a structural purist but ingredient rebel on the sandwich alignment chart.



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Name: Gracie Carlson

Hometown: Eagan, MN

Major(s): Pre-Graphic Design

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

I like Ultimate Frisbee, swing dancing, spending time outside and drawing

What are you passionate about?

Shakespearean insults

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

Extroverted, energetic, positive and usually-working-on-something

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is exuberant and willing to put up with my shenanigans

What is your dream job?

Eventually a free-lance designer, but I think it'd be pretty sweet to work as an editor and designer for Outside magazine

What is one item on your bucket list?

Visit all fifty states

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

Italy because it's gorgeous, filled with good food, amazing history, beautiful people, and tons of natural beauty.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Call me a nerd, but I like Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics.

What is your favorite quote?

Jeremiah 29:11

What is a fun fact about you?

I was a hurdler in Track in highschool... And I still jump over random objects for fun



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Name: Hannah Garland

Hometown: Dixon, IA

Major(s): Horticulture

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

I enjoy reading, trying to be crafty, and golfing.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about advocating for agriculture. There are too many people on this planet that don't know where their food comes from and we need to change that.

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

Caring, passionate, knowledgeable, down-to-earth

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Hardworking, Fun, and Punctual

What is your dream job?

Possibly owning my own nursery and garden center.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To attend the NCAA men's basketball championship game.

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

I would like to go to Australia to see all of their different species of plants and animals.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

NCIS/Remember the Titans/The Selection Series

What is your favorite quote?

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

What is a fun fact about you?

I dislocated my pinky during a basketball game.

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Name: Hannah Schaffer

Hometown: West Des Moines, Iowa

Major(s): Civil Engineering with an
Environmental Specialization

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

Watching way too much YouTube, look at pictures of dogs, and spending more time helping my friends do their homework then I spend on my own.

What are you passionate about?

Water resources and not trashing the planet.

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

Kind, quirky, happy, and curious.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Hard working, outgoing, and positive.

What is your dream job?

Whatever Joanna Gaines job title is.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Going hiking in Colorado in the fall.

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

Rome because it has good food, ancient ruins, and Vatican City.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Bones / The Perks of Being a Wallflower / The Great Gatsby

What is your favorite quote?

“Of course it is happening inside your head, Harry, but why on earth should that mean that it is not real?”

-Albus Dumbledore

What is a fun fact about you?

I have never been on an airplane before.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Ivan Rasmussen

Hometown: Humboldt, IA

Major(s): Mathematics and Statistics

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

I love playing tennis and watching men's cyclone basketball and football.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about tennis and Roger Federer (aka the GOAT of tennis)

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

Calm, determined, responsible, and silly.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Organized, smart, and preferably a girl so we can have both a boy and girl leader to get different ideas.

What is your dream job?

Being a professional tennis player and traveling the world! (Even though I'm afraid of flying)....

What is one item on your bucket list?

To see Roger Federer play tennis and that would pretty much do it.

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

I would go to Wimbledon because it's Wimbledon 😊

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV show is *The Walking Dead*, my favorite movie is probably *Jurassic World*, and my favorite book/books are the *Harry Potter* Series.

What is your favorite quote?

A quote from Sylvester Stallone in *Rocky*, it inspires me, "It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done!"

What is a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I was adopted from Russia at the age of 4.



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Name: Jack Wilkinson

Hometown: Milton Wisconsin

Major(s): Computer Engineering

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

Playing Magic the gathering, watching Game of Thrones and watching stupid YouTube videos.

What are you passionate about?

I get into arguments about bad movies so I think that counts.

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

Passionate, Kind, Smart, Creative

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is organized and able to get things done on time.

What is your dream job?

Working at a patent law firm.

What is one item on your bucket list?

To travel the world.

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

I would visit the UK or Japan, I think that

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Blacklist // Brave New world / Island - Aldous Huxley

What is your favorite quote?

"Listen to many speak to a few" -Shakespeare

What is a fun fact about you?

I can put my leg behind my head.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Jaclyn Simons

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Major(s): Chemical Engineering

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

Painting, watching vine compilations, and running (especially with my dog).

What are you passionate about?

I'm really passionate about helping others in any way possible, and also that pineapple belongs on pizza.

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

Hardworking, dedicated, easy-going, and happy.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone that has a positive attitude and can handle some really bad dad jokes.

What is your dream job?

Realistically, developing pharmaceuticals and biomedical materials that help make lives a little bit easier and a little less painful.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I've always wanted to go zip-lining, preferably in the mountains.

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

Alaska. The colder the better, and another item on my bucket list is to see the northern lights.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

New Girl / Oh, Hello / The Things That Keep Us Here

What is your favorite quote?

"There has never been a sadness that can't be cured by breakfast food." –Ron Swanson

What is a fun fact about you?

I've broken my nose three times, but I'm not sure that's considered fun. Alternatively, I can do the worm.



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Name: Jacob Schmieder

Hometown: Little Chute, WI

Major(s): Biochemistry

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

I enjoy woodworking or making just about anything, as well as playing sports.

What are you passionate about?

There are many things that I am passionate about, but I think I am most passionate about learning.

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

Involved, passionate, caring, creative

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Passionate and accepting

What is your dream job?

I'm not really sure. I think being involved in the front edge of nanotechnology would be cool, but I can also see myself teaching others in some way too.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Live in New York City

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

Germany. That's where my family is from and I think that there is a lot of cool history and heritage there.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Book: 1984 by George Orwell

Movie: Field of Dreams

TV Show: I don't really watch much TV so I don't think I have one.

What is your favorite quote?

"Is this Heaven?" "This is Iowa."

What is a fun fact about you?

My town shipped over a windmill from Holland as a "tourist attraction"



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Name: Jacob (Jake) Veatch

Hometown: Altoona, IA

Major(s): Software Engineering

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

I enjoy doing things with friends, whether that be playing sports, card games or going to get some food.

What are you passionate about?

I'm surprisingly interested in art. More specifically in watching Bob Ross on Netflix. That man can paint.

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

Charismatic, intelligent, creative, funny.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be accepting of harmless pranks and would be willing to return the favor to keep our team on edge.

What is your dream job?

I like to think that I'll be struck with a great idea for a software product, be able to market it, sell it to Facebook and travel the world with my fortune.

What is one item on your bucket list?

This is pretty typical, but I want to go skydiving extremely badly and was very close to pulling the trigger last summer and signing up to become solo certified.

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

I would go to the Mediterranean area of Europe. Italy and Greece are extremely old and have so much history. Plus, I like to look at old buildings.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite movie of all time would have to be Forrest Gump. The way they put Tom Hanks into different historical scenes was nuts.

What is your favorite quote?

"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough." – Albert Einstein

What is a fun fact about you?

I enjoy riding my motorcycle when its nice outside.



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Name: Jared Sorensen

Hometown: Chanhassen, MN

Major(s): Biochemistry

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

Playing guitar, videogames, and listening to music

What are you passionate about?

My guitar. If I could save one thing in my house/dorm, it would be my guitar.

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

Honest, caring, creative, playful

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

relaxed, easy-going, open-minded, but also great at staying organized

What is your dream job?

Either a doctor or a musician

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go on tour (musically speaking)

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

Uhhh Italy I guess. Or anywhere far north with beautiful scenery (especially with forests, lakes, and mountains)

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

HARRY POTTER (the books, of course), Rush Hour (movie), The Magicians (tv show)

What is your favorite quote?

Anything from Mark Twain. His wit and insight are unmatched.

What is a fun fact about you?

I am unnervingly flexible.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Jenny Lelek

Hometown: Naperville, IL

Major(s): Vocal Music Education

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

Singing, spending time with family, and obsessing over succulents.

What are you passionate about?

Music, especially some good jazz.

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

Sarcastic, music-nerd, plant-mom, and short.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny and hardworking.

What is your dream job?

Teaching and inspiring elementary students as a music teacher. The goal is to show students the power music can have in their lives by making music their favorite part of the day.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Ride an elephant.

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

Colorado because of all the beautiful mountains and scenery.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

How I Met Your Mother and Hunger Games.

What is your favorite quote?

“The earth has music for those who listen.”

What is a fun fact about you?

I can quote any SpongeBob episode and I have absolutely no shame.



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Name: John Davis

Hometown: Moulton, IA

Major: Biology

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

In my free time, I like to read, fish in the summertime, and hang out with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

I am very interested in science, and I enjoy helping others - which is the main reason I want to have a medical career in the future.

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

I think my friends would describe me as: organized; dependable; outgoing; and determined.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be responsible, easy-going, and collaborative.

What is your dream job?

My dream job, as briefly mentioned, is in the medical field as a general surgeon. I hope to practice somewhere in Iowa once I am licensed.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Eventually, I would like to visit all 50 states' state capitals. And go skydiving!

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

If I could go anywhere, I would like to go to Yosemite National Park to hike and see the huge sequoia trees.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV show, currently, is Grey's Anatomy; movie is Pulp Fiction; and I really like the Harry Potter series.

What is your favorite quote?

"A man who dares to waste one hour of his time has not discovered the value of life." - Charles Darwin

What is a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I have an identical twin, whose name is Kendall.



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Name: John Mobley IV

Hometown: Jefferson, Iowa

Major(s): Physics and Mathematics

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

I enjoy going on extremely long bicycle rides, listening to The Beatles, and learning obscure facts about vintage space exploration.

What are you passionate about?

Academia. I believe broadening your perspective and actively engaging in intellectual pursuits is integral in understanding and improving yourself and the world.

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

Reliable, academic, organized, and compassionate.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader would be someone with a great sense of humor and an eye for perfection.

What is your dream job?

It would be wonderful to hold a professorship in nuclear physics—allowing me to research fusion technologies while still supporting the academic efforts of students.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I hope for the opportunity to experience zero gravity, whether that be in low Earth orbit or on a reduced-gravity flight.

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

I would like to revisit France and Switzerland to see the facilities at ITER and CERN.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

House of Cards / *Schindler's List* / *The Scarlet Letter* – Nathaniel Hawthorne

What is your favorite quote?

“Research is what I’m doing when I don’t know what I’m doing.” – Wernher von Braun

What is a fun fact about you?

I can recite all 118 elements from the periodic table while playing the tune from “Modern Major General” on the piano—the updated version of Tom Lehrer’s “The Elements” song.



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Name: Johnny Lawless

Hometown: Peoria

Major(s): Physics

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

Play board games with my friends (favorite board game is Avalon), listen to new albums, and getting into silly debates

What are you passionate about?

I'm a huge Bob Dylan fan

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

Animated, Terrible-joke-maker, Go-with-the-flow, and Laid-back

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Motivated, excited, and dedicated

What is your dream job?

I want to research at a particle accelerator

What is one item on your bucket list?

I'd like to learn to play some form of musical instrument, like the harmonica or guitar

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

China, so I could try authentic Chinese food

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV Show: *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*

Movie: *The Room*

Book: *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert Heinlein

What is your favorite quote?

"All I can do is be me, whoever that is" – Bob Dylan

What is a fun fact about you?

My favorite royal family of all time is the Hohenzollerns from Prussia



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Name: Kailee Ervin

Hometown: Woodbury, MN

Major(s): Accounting

With a minor in mathematics

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

I like to catch up on all the movies and TV shows that are on my long list of things I need to watch.

What are you passionate about?

Honestly? Math. I'm a nerd.

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

Persistent, hungry, sensible, adventurous

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Funny, but knows when it's time to get work done

What is your dream job?

One that involves me working with lots of numbers (Hopefully in a swivel chair, so I can take some swivel breaks).

What is one item on your bucket list?

Learn how to surf

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

Japan! So I can see what actual ramen is supposed to taste like.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

White Collar / *August Rush* / Rick Riordan (because I can't just choose a single book and love all of them)

What is your favorite quote?

"The true mind can weather all the lies and illusions without being lost. The true heart can tough the poison of hatred without being harmed. Since the beginning of time, darkness thrives in the void, but always yields to purifying light" –The lion turtle, *Avatar the Last Airbender*

What is a fun fact about you?

When I'm bored, I tend to play with paper. Usually it ends up being in a shape of a crane.



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Name: Katie Byrne

Hometown: Bettendorf, IA

Major(s): Management Information
Systems (MIS) and Computer Science

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

Doing intramurals (9 sports and counting), playing cards with my family, and watching Netflix.

What are you passionate about?

Community service; I am currently serving in three leadership capacities involving service (Director of Community Service for Alpha Gamma Delta, Philanthropy Chair for Freshman Council, & Dance Marathon committee member) and I am excited to go on my first service trip this spring break!

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

Compassionate, fun-loving, dependable, & approachable

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Nice, dedicated, & energetic

What is your dream job?

Work for a non profit organization.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go on a cruise.

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

Ireland because my great grandparents are from Ireland and the views are beautiful.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Middle / any Disney movie / *The Harry Potter* series

What is your favorite quote?

“To the world you may be just one person, but to one person, you may be the world.”

What is a fun fact about you?

I have four brothers.



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Name: Katie Toms

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Major(s): Civil Engineering

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

Exploring outside, road trips, and being with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Knowledge and my friends.

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

Bright, caring, nice, and sometimes funny.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who can laugh about things that go wrong and someone who isn't afraid to go big.

What is your dream job?

Designing environmentally friendly energy and power sources or designing nature centers and trails.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to the Olympics, probably not to compete.

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

Martha's Vineyard because Jaws was filmed there.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

That 70s Show / Moonrise Kingdom / 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

What is your favorite quote?

"How lovely yellow is! It stands for the sun." - Vincent Van Gogh

What is a fun fact about you?

My socks always match.



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Name: KayAnne Bryant

Hometown: Council Bluffs, IA

Major(s): Computer Engineering

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

Skateboarding, coloring, and reading.

What are you passionate about?

Learning about how things work.

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

Hardworking, nerd, driven, and hilarious (or maybe that's one I'd use..)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, funny, a good pal.

What is your dream job?

Something that involves being able to travel the world, experience different cultures, and meet new people.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go skydiving, over the ocean.

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

Underwater, maybe Atlantis.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

TV show and movie — anything Marvel.

What is your favorite quote?

When a new day begins, the day is new.

What is a fun fact about you?

I own an obsessive amount of chucks.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Kayla Wernsing

Hometown: Sauk City, Wisconsin

Major(s): Environmental Science and
Geology

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

In my leisure time, I enjoy hiking, kayaking, and listening to obscene amounts of music, but not all at the same time.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about being outside, the natural state of our planet (and preserving that state), finding new music, and petting the maximum amount of dogs.

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

Super food. Earth enthusiast.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

The perfect combination of down-to-earth attitude and out-of-this-world work ethic. Or someone who can role with the punches and make some jokes while they're at it.

What is your dream job?

Head scientist in a national park. What field of science and which park has yet to be determined.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Survive thru-hiking the Appalachian trail.

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

Canada. Good hiking, fishing, parks, and politics. Also, I hear their pancake toppings are *amazing*.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Criminal Minds/How to Train Your Dragon/whatever I'm currently reading. So "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold

What is your favorite quote?

"Never put a sock in a toaster." – Eddie Izzard

What is a fun fact about you?

It's not directly about me, but my great-grandma did Al Capone's hair and nails for years. I think that's pretty fun.



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Name: Laura Knapp

Hometown: Cary, IL

Major(s): Environmental Science and
Biology

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

Hanging out with friends, watching netflix, and playing intramurals

What are you passionate about?

Nature

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

Curious, social, caring, dedicated

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, creative, and compassionate

What is your dream job?

Conservation Biologist

What is one item on your bucket list?

Live somewhere outside the Midwest

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

South Africa, because I would want to see all the animals.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

I am currently obsessed with the Bachelor, but my all-time favorite is Parks and Rec, with the Office as a close second.

What is your favorite quote?

“We have to remember what’s important in life: friends, waffles and work. Or waffles, friends, work. But work has to come third.” — Leslie Knope

What is a fun fact about you?

My favorite fruit is mangos.



Name: Leah Johnson

Hometown: Olds, Iowa

Major(s): Animal Science

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

Finding new ways to make ramen semi-fancy, watching makeup tutorials on youtube, and trying to learn rap songs.

What are you passionate about?

Pineapple belongs on pizza.

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

Loud, food-loving, musical, dog/baby-obsessed.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Motivated and willing to laugh at my bad puns.

What is your dream job?

Inventing a new animal feed and running my own company based off of that.

What is one item on your bucket list?

See a Laker's game in Los Angeles.

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

This one sushi place in Sacramento California that I went to a few summers ago (that I don't remember the name of) because it has **really** good sushi.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Mindhunter/ Mean Girls/ all of the Percy Jackson books

What is your favorite quote?

"Talk less, smile more."

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm writing this on a Friday night while watching Jimmy Neutron.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Lily Harvison

Hometown: Brandon, SD

Major(s): Genetics with Minor in
Psychology

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

I love to figure skate, bike, and listen to music!

What are you passionate about?

I'm really passionate about all things sports and science.

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

Sarcastic, Hardworking, Determined, Listener

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would love someone who I could joke around with yet be serious when we need to be.

What is your dream job?

Family Physician or Pediatric Genetic Counselor

What is one item on your bucket list?

Backpack Europe!

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

See above, but there is so much culture and good food

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Greys Anatomy, Blades of Glory, and *Night*.

What is your favorite quote?

"Sometimes you have to fall before you can fly."

What is a fun fact about you?

You would think I have great balance from skating, but I literally trip on nothing daily.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Lucas Jurasek

Hometown: Byron, IL

Major(s): Aerospace Engineering

Minor: Mathematics

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

I love endurance activities like running, swimming, and biking, and I love exploring nature!

What are you passionate about?

Nature! Sometimes I think about quitting the whole “college” and “getting a good job” thing and just living in the mountains..

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

Enthusiastic, Random, Curious, Nature-lover

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Organized, In-control, Planner

What is your dream job?

Being an astronaut!

What is one item on your bucket list?

Run the Western States 100 mile race

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

Norway—the mountains there are absolutely gorgeous..

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Office/Interstellar/The Martian

What is your favorite quote?

“Everything I have I owe to this job.. This stupid, wonderful, boring, amazing job.”

-Jim, The Office

What is a fun fact about you?

My mind gets blown *everyday*



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Name: Mary Meis

Hometown: Le Mars, IA

Major(s): Kinesiology

(Left person's me :)

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

I enjoy hanging out with friends, playing sports/games and coloring.

What are you passionate about?

Making my sisters' (especially Ellen's) lives as difficult as possible.

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

"Optimistic, passionate, family-oriented, and faithful." -Theresa, the best person ever!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Good sense of humor, responsible and keeps the front pocket of their jacket zipped.

What is your dream job?

Be a physician, possibly for Doctors Without Borders

What is one item on your bucket list?

To see the 7 natural wonders of the world

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

South Shetland Islands of Antarctica because they have 5 stars on Google Maps and penguins.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Hm. That's tough, but I'd have to say *The 100/Scooby-Doo and the Harlem Globetrotters/Alex Rider*

What is your favorite quote?

"Kindred spirits are not so scarce as I used to think. It's splendid to find out there are so many of them in the world." -Anne of Green Gables

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm *terrified* of sharks. Also I prefer to not be the only person in a picture, hence why Ellen is also in the above picture.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Matthew Brandt

Hometown: Western Springs, IL

Major(s): Undeclared Engineering

Minors in Mathematics and Psychology

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

I enjoy beating (and sometimes losing to) my brother in Super Smash Bros, watching anything superhero related, and watching reality tv with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

My friends. If I surround myself with great people, they can teach me way more than I could

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

Observant, honest, stubborn, and logical

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My ideal co-leader is someone that's outgoing, hardworking, and loves to smile.

What is your dream job?

Non-practical dream job: Being a famous singer or actor

Practical dream job: Being a high school calculus teacher

What is one item on your bucket list?

I WILL learn how to play the piano before I die.

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

I would go to Dubai to visit my friend Swathy so that she can show me all of Dubai's secrets.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV show is SpongeBob SquarePants and my favorite movie is Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2.

What is your favorite quote?

"Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

-Albus Dumbledore

What is a fun fact about you?

My brother and I went fishing once when we were young, and instead of catching a fish I caught him by the ear.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Megan Behrends

Hometown: Atlantic, IA

Major(s): Diet & Exercise

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

When I have free time *silently cries*, I enjoy going to Cyclone athletic events, watching The Office on Netflix, and laughing with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Food and eating it.

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

Caring, dedicated, outgoing, and funny; they actually said these nice things about me!

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Hardworking, handles sarcasm, and focused (also loves Iowa State!!)

What is your dream job?

That's a good question, still trying to figure it out.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Traveling to all 50 states

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

I would go back in time to when America wasn't settled yet and then fly a plane over it and just admire the natural beauty (completely aware this is absolutely impossible, but it'd still be super cool).

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Bachelor / How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days / The Help

What is your favorite quote?

Life's not fair, the fair's in July.
- My mother

What is a fun fact about you?

I grew up on a farm and showed lambs. I also got stuck in an elevator in NYC once.

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Name: Megan Johansen

Hometown: Urbandale, Iowa

Major(s): Accounting

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

Going to Zumba and having board/card game nights with my friends.

What are you passionate about?

Singing and dancing just to have fun.

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

Dependable, well-organized, caring, outgoing (weird).

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is outgoing, takes initiative, and willing to be a little weird for the sake of making the class fun for everyone.

What is your dream job?

I would love to be a professional singer or dancer, but I can't play piano/compose or

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go to Washington D.C. to visit the multitude of museums there.

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

South Korea, the culture, language, architecture, and landscape are just very interesting to me and I would love to experience it first hand.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV shows are Supernatural and Criminal Minds, movies are The Host and The Greatest Showman, and book is whatever I'm reading right now.

What is your favorite quote?

"People tend to consider being vulnerable a bad thing. It's not. Vulnerability reminds us that we're human. It keeps us open to giving and receiving love." - Jodee Blanco

What is a fun fact about you?

I like to learn different K-pop dances in my free time. ^_(\u2728)_/\u2728



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Name: Megan Ziemann

Hometown: Ankeny, IA

Major(s): Marketing with minors in French and Women's and Gender Studies

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

Bullet journaling, attempting high notes on the trumpet, and getting *invested* into RuPaul's Drag Race.

What are you passionate about?

Adopting pets from local shelters instead of purchasing them through breeders, Friley Windows foccacia bread, and intersectional feminism.

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

Responsible, organized, reliable, and Type A.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone spontaneous, creative, and just as much of a coffee drinker as I am.

What is your dream job?

Social media coordinator for a large company where I can advertise in unorthodox ways (think MoonPie or Wendy's on Twitter).

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to drive somewhere where the light pollution is so low that I can see the Milky Way.

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

Santorini, Greece. Not to do tourist stuff, but to pet cats.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

When I'm sad, Atlantis. All other times, Brooklyn Nine Nine.

What is your favorite quote?

"Zach, stop. Zach, stop! You're gonna get in trouble! Zach!!!" - Vine

What is a fun fact about you?

I watch and play along with Jeopardy every single day.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Molly Zenk

Hometown: Sheboygan, WI

Major(s): Psychology

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

I enjoy coloring, thrift shopping, and listening to anything by Taylor Swift.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about gender equality, and whatever music I am currently listening to.

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

Compassionate, creative, funny, and stubborn.

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would hope to work with someone who is funny, hardworking, and ideally as extra as I am.

What is your dream job?

I really want to help fight gender inequality in developing countries.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I really want to milk a cow!

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

I would go to India because I really want to see the Taj Mahal, and because curry is my favorite food.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite TV show is Parks and Rec, favorite movie is Moana, and favorite book is The Book Thief.

What is your favorite quote?

"I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream" -Vincent Van Gogh

What is a fun fact about you?

I lived in Germany for six months



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Morgan Ambourn

Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN

Major(s): computer engineering

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

Traveling, eating interesting foods, and working out with friends (intramurals, fitness classes)

What are you passionate about?

Learning (got to love a good podcast now and then)

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

Easy-going, organized, quirky, and thoughtful

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Friendly and responsible

What is your dream job?

Working in robotics or artificial intelligence

What is one item on your bucket list?

Camping in the Boundary Waters or backpacking through Europe

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

Singapore (hopefully next spring to study abroad!) to learn about the culture

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

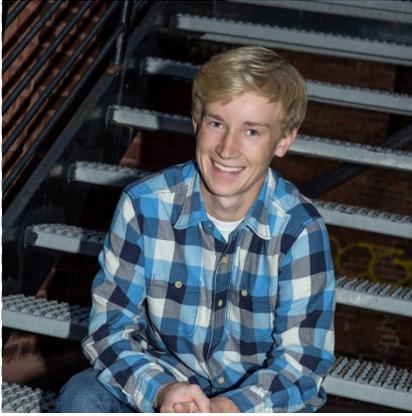
Gilmore Girls, Arrival, the Bible

What is your favorite quote?

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list"

What is a fun fact about you?

I've held a baby tiger and hand fed a grown bear at a sketchy zoo in Mexico



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Noah Berthusen

Hometown: Waukee, Iowa

Major(s): Software Engineering

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

If I had more leisure time, I would read more. But right now, I climb and chill a lot.

What are you passionate about?

The internet is one of the greatest inventions in the history of mankind. Old people out there, you are wrong.

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

Strategizer, Flowy, Go-Getter, Grande

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Willing to think outside of the box and do something brand new.

What is your dream job?

Researching somewhere, free to do whatever I please.

What is one item on your bucket list?

It probably won't happen, but going into space would be the coolest thing.

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

New Zealand, so I could hike, go surfing, and then visit Hobbiton.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Office and *2001: A Space Odyssey*

What is your favorite quote?

"If you don't turn your life into a story, you just become a part of someone else's story." –Terry Pratchett

What is a fun fact about you?

I'm kind of scared of finding something solid at the bottom of my milk, so I never finish off a gallon (I'm a monster, I know).



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Rachael Brady

Hometown: Adel, IA

Major(s): Biology

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

Petting dogs, cooking and eating, starting craft projects and sometimes finishing them

What are you passionate about?

Dogs, kids, chocolate, really soft clothes

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

Balanced, thoughtful, determined, sweet

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone energetic and fun who is down for bouncing ideas off each other

What is your dream job?

My ultimate goal is to be a neonatologist, or another kind of pediatrician.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Make the perfect mac & cheese

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

Italy because I took 4 years of Italian and want to be fluent in it! Also they have the best food on the planet.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Office or *Friends* / *Forrest Gump* / *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

What is your favorite quote?

“There’s only one thing I hate more than lying: skim milk. Which is water that’s lying about being milk.” –Ron Swanson

What is a fun fact about you?

I’ve never broken a bone.



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Name: Raya Lehan

Hometown: Shawnee, Kansas

Major(s): Graphic Design

(with a minor in advertising)

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

I love being surrounded by music; I have several friends who will play guitar and piano around me in their free time and I love to sit and listen to them. I also love having genuine and real conversations with people. I can talk to people for hours if the conversation is good and real.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about cats, card games and listening to new music that I can then put on repeat for weeks until I get sick of it (as long as the music is NOT rap!!).

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

Energetic, outgoing, honest, optimistic

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

My idea co-leader is upbeat and energetic. They have more creative ideas than they know what to do with and they are super friendly. They love to smile and laugh and they don't take themselves too seriously.

What is your dream job?

I would love to work for a company where I got the opportunity to do logo and advertising design!

What is one item on your bucket list?

To be honest, I don't have a bucket list! I am not a huge fan of them because I just prefer to take adventures as they present themselves, one day at a time.

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

I would probably go back to Germany; I have been twice and I have some distance cousins who live there and visiting them again could be fun.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favorite movie is called 'Stanger than Fiction'.

What is your favorite quote?

I love quotes so much... top two favorite would be "Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you'll land among the stars" and "Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth."

What is a fun fact about you?

I am the least athletic person I know, but once I went to state for a sport. (The sport was bowling ;-))



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Rebecka Ogle

Hometown: Gravity, IA

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

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

I enjoy reading, watching Netflix, and hanging out with my ducks.

What are you passionate about?

I love my ducks and philosophy.

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

Passionate, Confident, Intelligent, Driven (they actually chose these ones)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Fun, imaginative, out of the box thinker.

What is your dream job?

Working for John Deere breaking things for a living, I swear it's a real job.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Swimming in the ocean with dolphins and sea turtles.

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

I would love to go to Rome and see all the architecture and while I'm there make a stop in the rest of Europe, see Germany and maybe parts of Spain.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Riverdale/ Day after Tomorrow/ Fahrenheit 451 or My Sisters Keeper

What is your favorite quote?

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light" ~ Albus Dumbledore

What is a fun fact about you?

I have basically a petting zoo at home. I have 10 ducks, 3 rabbits, 3 pregnant goats, a couple of chickens, like 20 cats and a dog. We are also going to be getting pigs soon.

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Name: Rylee Bowman

Hometown: Lake Mills, Iowa

Major(s): Open Option

Planned: Political Science and International Studies w/ minor in Psychology

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

Napping or Watching movies with friends

What are you passionate about?

Women's Rights, Music, My friends and family, garlic bread

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

Passionate, emotional, driven, witty

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Able to laugh with me, builds off of my strengths and weaknesses, fluent in memes

What is your dream job?

To work for the UN Women working to provide education for women in third world countries or where education is not readily available.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go skydiving

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

Santorini, Greece. I've fallen in love with it though pictures it's one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen and I would love to be around that much history.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The X-Files/ Dirty Dancing/ The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

What is your favorite quote?

"Everything is going to be ok in the end, and if it's not ok yet, it's not over." -My mom

What is a fun fact about you?

I can sing/rap every word of Hamilton, all 2 hours and 48 min.





— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Sam Messbarger

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Major(s): Kinesiology (Pre-Physical Therapy)

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

Some of my favorite things to do with my leisure time involve playing/watching sports specifically basketball and baseball. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and listening to music, my favorite artists are Chance the Rapper, Khalid, Childish Gambino and Kanye West.

What are you passionate about?

I am very passionate about sports, my favorite teams are the Iowa State Cyclones, Arizona Diamondbacks, Pittsburgh Steelers and Boston Celtics. I am also very passionate about my family, friends and Dance Marathon (#FTK).

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

Outgoing, Competitive, Caring, Honest

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

I would like to be paired with someone who is outgoing, fun, responsible, gets their work done, and isn't afraid to take charge of a situation.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is either to be a physical therapist working with rehabilitating athletes or working with patients rehabilitating from cancer and other diseases.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would love to get the opportunity to visit every continent, except maybe Antarctica, not a fan of the cold.

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

I would be courtside for a national title basketball game between Iowa State and Duke watching ISU hit a Christian Laettner-esque buzzer beater.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Breaking Bad or Brickleberry / Remember the Titans / The Harry Potter Series

What is your favorite quote?

“You miss 100% of the shots you don't take” -Wayne Gretzky' -Michael Scott

What is a fun fact about you?

I had blonde hair all of first semester because my baseball team dyed our hair for state last summer, and I don't have any good pictures of myself since my blonde hair grew out so, consequently, my headshot on this sheet is me with bleach blonde hair.



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Sarah Siroky

Hometown: Centerville, Ohio

Major(s):

Integrated Studio Arts

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

Painting, watching The Office, discovering new music on Spotify

What are you passionate about?

ART

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

Funny, creative, optimistic, calm

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, easygoing, responsible, inclusive

What is your dream job?

Artist/Illustrator at Hallmark Corporation

What is one item on your bucket list?

See the Northern Lights

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

Hawaii, because I've never been there, and I'd love to see the volcanoes. Also the beaches.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

I really enjoy animated movies (Tangled and How to Train Your Dragon especially) as well as romantic comedies like The Proposal and Miss Congeniality

What is your favorite quote?

"If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit." -Banksy

What is a fun fact about you?

I can quote/act out entire Vines by heart



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Sara Siebrecht

Hometown: Sheldon, IA

Major(s): Culinary Food Science

Minors in Spanish and Hospitality Mgmt

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

Making lists on bright sticky notes, singing Broadway hits to myself in the mirror, and meeting friends at Friley Windows for sweet potato fries

What are you passionate about?

FOOD!, the goodness of Target, singing and talking about music, and Salt Company

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

“Short” would probably be the first choice. Followed by determined, creative, and spunky

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Willing to talk to people more than I am (there’s a reason I work in the back of the kitchen and not as a waitress), communicative, and friendly

What is your dream job?

Something between feeding the beautiful, joyful children of the Dominican Republic, and using science to make allergen-free food that *actually* tastes good and is texturally normal

What is one item on your bucket list?

Spend three weeks galivanting through Europe, preferably not alone

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

Somewhere with moderate and predictable weather, beautiful views, and minimal chance of natural disaster – does such a place exist? I hear Ireland is close

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Parks & Rec / currently The Greatest Showman / currently reading Hebrews so I’ll go with that

What is your favorite quote?

“Todo es hermoso y constante / todo es música y razón / y todo, como el diamante / antes que luz es carbón.” – José Martí

“All is beautiful and right / all is as music and reason / and all, like diamonds, is light / that was coal before its season”

What is a fun fact about you?

I was a lead in six musicals and two plays in high school!



- Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Sara Smiley

Hometown: Granger, IA

Major(s): Architecture

-minoring in Psychology

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

I enjoy coloring, binge watching TV, and going to the lake (during summer months only).

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about designing things!

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

Bad driver, cereal-enthusiast and smiley

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who laughs at my bad jokes, nice, and semi-organized

What is your dream job?

I really want to design houses someday!

What is one item on your bucket list?

I've never been inside Friley and someday I want to bring snacks and explore it

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

I want to go to Australia so I can hear cool accents and hold a wombat :)

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Flash / Finding Nemo / The Darkest Minds

What is your favorite quote?

Every day's a good day when you paint – Bob Ross

What is a fun fact about you?

I really dig breakfast food



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Stephanie Walton

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Major(s): Genetics

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

I like to read, hang out with friends, and listen to music.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about food, listening to new music, reading, cats, books, and travel. (I'm passionate about most everything I like/ do)

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

Slightly funny/ mildly melodramatic

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone who is slightly less introverted than I am, and also interested in nerdy books, TV shows, and movies.

What is your dream job?

I want to work as a pathologist in a hospital.

What is one item on your bucket list?

I would like to travel and see all of the seven wonders of the world.

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

I'd go to Greece because it is beautiful and I want to see the Parthenon.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Glee/ 10 Things I Hate About You/ Anything by Rick Riordan

What is your favorite quote?

"So let the sun come streaming in cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again" –Dear Evan Hansen

What is a fun fact about you?

One time I was pulled over by the cops and they gave me \$100.



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Name: Sydni Lapsley

Hometown: Kansas City, Missouri

Major(s): Performing Arts and Psychology

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

Listening to showtunes, watching YouTube videos, and looking at pictures of my cat

What are you passionate about?

Theatre and Family

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

Sensible, caring, funny, thoughtful, creative

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Outgoing, creative, and organized

What is your dream job?

Stage Managing a Broadway Show

What is one item on your bucket list?

To get a hug from Beyoncé, Bruno Mars, and Evan Peters

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

Venice because it's a city on water. I mean that's amazing. I also want to go on a gondola ride, see an Italian opera, and have authentic Italian food.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

American Horror Story/Any Marvel Movie/Franny and Zooey

What is your favorite quote?

"Stars can't shine without darkness" -Tumblr

What is a fun fact about you?

I have been through astronaut training



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Tom Schebler

Hometown: Davenport, IA

Major(s): Civil Engineering

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

Netflix (big fan of *The Office*), Outdoor recreational activities, Sleeping

What are you passionate about?

I enjoy history and American politics. I'm always up for a good debate!

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

Talkative, Sarcastic, Jokester, Know-it-all (I think that's one word??)

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Someone with a solid sense of humor, and someone who is organized and will remember all of the things that I forget!

What is your dream job?

Commissioner of the PGA tour

What is one item on your bucket list?

I want to earn my private pilot's license.

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

Hawaii. I think that Hawaiian shirts are comfortable; I look great in them, and they are only socially acceptable to actually wear in Hawaii. Also, the beaches look nice.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

The Office, *The Dark Knight*, *The Catcher in the Rye*

What is your favorite quote?

"There is no elevator to success — you have to take the stairs." —Anonymous

What is a fun fact about you?

I have a two-year-old Goldendoodle named Bella. She was our family Christmas present a few years ago.





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Name: Tyler Ingebrand

Hometown: Johnston, Iowa

Major(s): Finance and International
Business

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

Rock climbing and watching terrible Netflix movies

What are you passionate about?

Chocolate milk. Seriously.

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

Reliable, Ambitious, Sympathetic, Determined

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Extroverted and hardworking

What is your dream job?

Any job involving international travel

What is one item on your bucket list?

Skydiving

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

Spain because of the food and beaches

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Ender's Game

What is your favorite quote?

"Just do it" – Shia Labeouf

What is a fun fact about you?

I used to drink a gallon of chocolate milk every day



— Learn Your Leaders 2018 —

Name: Will Beachner

Hometown: Lee's Summit, MO

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

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

Watching sporting events or ESPN in general, playing playstation, Golfing

What are you passionate about?

Any Kansas City sports team and just soccer in general

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

Smart, reserved, chill, witty

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Creative, hardworking and good at connecting with people personally.

What is your dream job?

Astronaut for NASA

What is one item on your bucket list?

Go Skydiving

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

Barcelona, Spain to watch Leo Messi play for FC Barcelona

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

Shawshank Redemption easily

What is your favorite quote?

"Make your free throws win the game" -My Dad (it has more meaning to me)

What is a fun fact about you?

I've never broken a bone



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Name: Zacharias Komodromos

Hometown: Larnaca, Cyprus

Major(s): Electrical Engineering

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

Spending too much time watching movies and series, playing soccer (although I haven't here yet) and randomly learning how to play the guitar.

What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about learning about things I don't know much about (not strictly academic)

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

punctual, dependable, humorous, and dedicated

What characteristics describe your ideal co-leader?

Dynamic and open-minded

What is your dream job?

Researcher that has to travel often.

What is one item on your bucket list?

Spend a period of time travelling around the world

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

I would visit Kerkyra (Corfu), a Greek island, during their easter festival.

What is your favorite TV show / movie / book?

My favourite TV show is Mr. Robot, and a close second is The Magicians.

What is your favorite quote?

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

What is a fun fact about you?

I can totally lecture people on Greek.