



CLASS OF 2020
VIRTUAL GRADUATION

Student Spotlight

Hannah Agnew

Hometown: Clarkston, MI

Life Goal: Help to end Mass Incarceration

Favorite College Memory: Dancing and singing the Funky Chicken while in Brazil on a trip centered around Theatre for Social Change.

Areas of Interest: Criminal Justice, Theatre/Creative Arts for Social Change, Women's experience with Incarceration, Sexuality Studies

I would like to thank Ashley Lucas, the PCAP staff and community, the Sisters, and my parents. I would not be who I am now without y'all.



Helena Ayan

Hometown: Seattle, WA

Life Goal: I hope to work to improve women's rights and empowerment at a nonprofit organization.

Favorite College Memory: Learning new dance moves and doing somersaults in the Ugli.

Areas of Interest: Social justice, institutional change

Thank you to my parents for always being there to support me (on my walks to class by answering my phone calls).



Adela Barbura

Hometown: Sterling Heights, MI

Life Goal: I aim to pursue a career in law and fight for women who are still met with discrimination, injustices, and institutional barriers in education, the workplace, and society as a whole. I want to utilize my privilege of going to law school to give a voice to the individuals who have been silenced by society and take a step forward towards equal participation in society.

Favorite College Memory: My first day of classes because it marked the beginning of this incredible journey.

I would like to thank my parents, Maria and Achim, for the incredible amount of support they have given me over these last four years.



Alec Bernstein

Hometown: Roslyn Heights, NY

Life Goal: One thing I hope to do in life is start my own clothing company.

Favorite College Memory: My favorite college memory is when the Michigan basketball team made it all the way to the N.C.A.A. Championship game.

Areas of Interest: Law, criminal justice, theory, populations, and social organization



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Emilie Blair

Hometown: Westland, MI

Life Goal: Positively impact the lives of others through healthcare-related work.

Favorite College Memory: Listening to Rana Awdish speak about her book in Sociology of Bioethics and knowing that I was on the right career path for myself.

Areas of Interest: Bioethics, social determinants of health, women's health

Thank you to my mom and dad, my sister Megan, and my boyfriend, Anthony, for supporting me through the highs and lows of the pre-med experience.



Olivia Bloomhuff

***Hometown:** Grosse Pointe Woods, MI*

***Life Goal:** I hope to make a difference in the lives of others by being an ally, inspiring others, using my own voice, and making the voices of others heard. My studies will also continue next year as I fulfill a dream of mine and attend the University of Michigan Law School as a Double Wolverine.*

***Favorite College Memory:** My favorites have all been spent with friends laughing, listening to, and encouraging each other.*

***Areas of Interest:** Intersectionality & Criminal Justice*

I want to thank my family, particularly my mom and dad, for their endless support. Love you always.



Emma Bruder

Hometown: Franklin Lakes, NJ

Life Goal: Make a positive change in the world.

Favorite College Memory: Performing my own research project and getting my peers involved.

Areas of Interest: Criminal justice, sexuality and sexual assault

Thank you to my amazing professors, GSIs, my friends, family, for always encouraging me to follow my passion!



Skylar Carson

Hometown: Swartz Creek, MI

Life Goal: I plan to attend law school and become a corporate lawyer. In life outside of my career, I hope I have the opportunity to inspire and help others.

Favorite College Memory: Early morning game day tailgates and walks with my friends exploring Michigan's beautiful campus.

Areas of Interest: Criminal Justice, Social Movements, Urban Inequality, and Mass Media

Mom and dad, thank you for everything you have done for me in life and my academic career. I'm honored and blessed to have you as my parents.



Madelynn Carter

Hometown: Holland, MI

*Areas of Interest: Human Rights,
Social Entrepreneurship, Criminal
Justice, Migration*



Kevan Casson

Hometown: Oak Park, IL

Life Goal: Positively impact the lives of underserved populations on an individual scale as well as on a larger social level, and get a graduate degree in Social Work.

Favorite College Memory: Participating in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. I learned so much about injustices in the prison system, but even more about humanizing and empathizing with a population that is so stereotyped and underserved.

Thank you to my parents, Amie and Luke, to my friends, and to the professors that I've been lucky enough to meet over my years here for the constant support and encouragement.



Justin Chen

Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI

Life Goal: I hope to harness big data to help guide decision making and improve the lives of others. Additionally, I hope to help ensure that technology is used responsibly, fairly, and ethically.

Favorite College Memory: Spending two months researching indigenous fisheries in sub-arctic Canada.

I want to thank my parents for their love and support, as well as my sister for great bears.



Hannah Chosid

Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI

Life Goal: Swim in all 5 Great Lakes one day.

Favorite College Memory: Spending my college summers in northern Michigan working at Camp Michigania on the beautiful Walloon Lake.

Areas of Interest: Gender and sexuality



Andrew Cole

Hometown: Richland, MI

Life Goal: Save the ocean.

*Favorite College Memory: Studying
abroad in Turks and Caicos*

*Areas of Interest: Environmental
Awareness and Equality*

*Thank you to the terrific Soc
department.*



Stephanie Doyle

Hometown: Greenville, MI

Life Goal: I will be attending U of M's School of Social Work in Fall of 2021, with a goal of working in Child Welfare.

Favorite College Memory: The opportunity to learn about immigration in the European Union while I studied abroad in Sweden.

I will be forever grateful for my family, friends, and my advisor, Jennifer Myers, for their unwavering support and guidance. Thank you!



Annelise Droste

Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI

Life Goal: Mentor youth and work to reform the education system.

Areas of Interest: Criminal justice, urban education, school to prison pipeline, sexuality and gender

Thanks to my Mom and Dad, and my Marxist brother. Shout out to 820 for the jokes, love, and endless hours spent on the leather couch.



Elyssa Engler

Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI

Life Goal: Always continue growing and learning.

Favorite College Memory: Developing friendships and memories with wonderful classmates, accumulating so much knowledge, developing my identity, and learning about myself.

Areas of Interest: Race, gender and sexuality

I would like to thank my family for emotionally and financially supporting me through all the ups and downs.



Karolyn Feichtenbiner

Hometown: Blue Bell, PA

Life Goal: I hope to participate in the Peace Corps.

Favorite College Memory: Facilitating a class for my peers via the IGR minor!

Area of Interest: Socioeconomic Status

I want to thank my friends and family, near and far, for their parts in helping me become the person I am today.



Cassidy Guros

Hometown: South Bend, IN

Life Goal: Do something meaningful everyday.

Favorite College Memory: Presenting my research at the UROP Symposium.

Areas of Interest: Criminal Justice and Social Work.

I'm so thankful for my parents for always encouraging and supporting me, in college and beyond.



Andrea Gutierrez

Hometown: Oscoda, MI

Life Goal: Inspire youth to share their voices.

Favorite College Memory: Meeting people of various backgrounds.

Areas of Interest: Law Justice and Social Change

I want to thank all those that have supported me over the last four years. You know who you are.



Jaylene Gutierrez

Hometown: Lancaster, CA

Life Goal: I am pursuing my masters in Urban Planning in the fall where I hope to work in natural disaster relief and environmental planning.

Favorite College Memory: Having the opportunity to touch on so many different topics both within the Sociology department and outside of it and eventually having that lead me to what I am passionate about!

Areas of Interest: Environmental justice, urban inequalities, criminology



Katherine Hadley

Hometown: Riverside, CT

Life Goal: Be happy!

***Favorite College Memory:** Getting the chance to take mind-provoking classes and discover what I am truly passionate about, while making lifelong friends along the way!*

***Areas of Interest:** Law, Justice & Social Change*

I want to thank my family and friends for their endless love and support. I would not be where I am today without them.



Riana Hardyniec

Hometown: Wayne, MI

Life Goal: *I will be attending the University of Michigan's Masters in Social Work Program focusing on Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substances Abuse. After graduate school I hope to work as a Medical Social Worker.*

Favorite College Memory: *Watching our football team beat MSU in the Big House this year!*

Area of Interest: *Health Inequalities*

I want to thank all of my family and friends for supporting me through everything over the last four years!



Lexis Hankins

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Life Goal: Law School

Favorite College Memory: Endless amounts of feta bread after an afternoon at the Big House.

Areas of Interest: Law, Justice & Social Change



Olivia Hauserman

Hometown: Chagrin Falls, OH

Life Goal: Become an attorney and defend human rights.

*Favorite College Memory:
Representing Michigan in Mock Trial
with my teammates.*

*Thank you to my parents and friends for
your endless advice and guidance, and
for always being there to support me
whenever I've needed you.*



Olivia Hazlett

Hometown: Marblehead, MA

Life Goal: Help students to increase their cultural competency and engage in more experiential learning opportunities.

Favorite College Memory: Football Gamedays!

Areas of Interest: Social & Racial Justice

A big thank you to all who helped me throughout the past four years. Forever, go blue!



Madison Hegedus

Hometown: Hart, MI

Life Goal: Travel the world and learn new cultures.

Favorite College Memory: Meeting some lifelong friends who have given me way too many great college memories to be able to pick just one.

Areas of Interest: Criminal Justice & Inequalities and Stratification

I want to thank my family and friends for keeping me sane and smiling throughout these last four years and always cheering me on no matter what I did. I couldn't have done it without them.



Emma Hess

Hometown: Chelsea, MI

Life Goal: Master's of Social Work

Favorite College Memory: Finishing top 5 at the Women's Club Volleyball National Tournament in 2019.

Areas of Interest: Education, urban inequality, and social movements

Mom & Dad—your love and generosity are unmatched. Thank you for four years of free laundry, eating your food, & emotional stability.



Charlotte Hoppen

Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, MI

Life Goal: Create a long-term social change.

Favorite College Memory: Walking through campus during the first heavy snow of the season.

Area of Interest: Gender and sex, social inequality, education

I would like to thank my family, friends, and colleagues for the constant support and love over the past several years!



Emily Huhman

Hometown: Traverse City, MI

Life Goal: I hope to always do something I'm passionate about.

Favorite College Memory: My friends and I spending Memorial Day Weekend at my friend's cottage up north last summer.

Areas of Interest: Urban inequality, housing justice

I want to thank my mom, dad, and stepdad for continuing to encourage and support me over the last four years.



Jessica Jackowicz

***Hometown:** Sterling Heights, MI*

***Life Goal:** I hope to get accepted into a PhD program for clinical psychology so that I can become a sex and relations therapist. I want to conduct research that will support changing requirements for sex education in k-12 schools in the U.S.*

***Favorite College Memory:** I loved having the opportunity to work on 2 different research projects that directly related to my interests, one on Title IX and another on lesbian and bisexual women's experiences with sexual assault in college.*

I want to thank my family, my friends, & my extremely talented and dedicated professors that I have been so lucky to work with over the past 4 years. I would be nowhere without them.



Shaina Jansen

Life Goal: I hope to support future students by beginning discussions on how to create a fair and equal higher education system for all.

Area of Interest: Educational Reform

Thank you Mom and Dad, for the values and worth ethic you instilled in me. I owe all of my success to you! Love you.



Stanton Kowalinski

Hometown: Toledo, OH

Life Goal: Help create positive change for future generations.

Favorite College Memory: Being able to conduct my own independent research in Flint to use towards my honors thesis. Interviewing Flint residents was meaningful and humbling.

Areas of Interest: Critical soc, political and economic soc, cognitive soc

I want to thank all of my professors and GSIs, my mother, and my friend Martin Armstrong for their support the past two years.



Kayla Ladis

Hometown: Miami, FL

Life Goal: I hope to be an actress on Broadway or in Hollywood one day, and use my platform to make positive social change and bring awareness to important issues.

Favorite College Memory: Traveling to the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility every week for class.

Thank you to my parents and grandparents for making my college education possible. Thank you to my siblings and all of my friends for supporting me throughout my college journey. Thank you to the Sociology department for giving me such a wonderful community and education!



Rachel Levy

Hometown: Tucson, AZ & Ann Arbor, MI

Life Goal: Live semi-permanently in another country.

Thank you to my parents for paying for my education AND supporting my decision to study Sociology. Thank you to my little sister for being my role model and motivating me to be the best version of myself. Thank you to my friends who listened to me cry over Econ 101 and EECS 183, and also listened to my rants about Sociology of Gender and Women in the Bible. Thank you to 109 Thayer, Delta Gamma (old and new), and East Quad for being my homes throughout it all. Also thank you to the U of M School of Social Work for accepting me — I am very grateful and excited!



Mariah Melendez

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Life Goal: *I hope to utilize my Sociology degree to pursue a Master's in Health Administration to address the many inequalities and inequities many face, especially groups of color. I want to inspire others to address these inequities to ensure a universal change in healthcare.*

Favorite College Memory: *When I first came into the university and participated in ALMA, which is where I met some of my closest friends.*

I want to thank my parents for always loving me & supporting me unconditionally through all of my trying times in college. Love you!



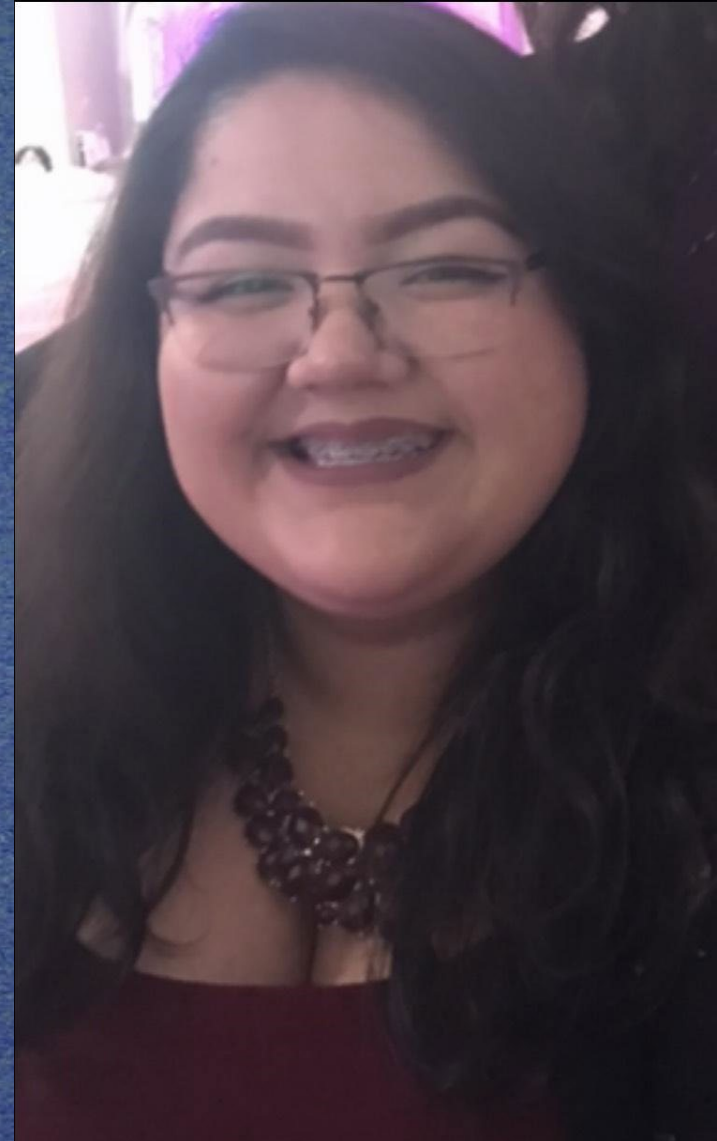
Vanessa Olivares

Hometown: Chicago, IL

***Favorite College Memory:** My favorite college memory has been attending the tailgates! Our student body has such a strong school spirit, and you definitely feel that on game days.*

***Areas of Interest:** Law and society*

I would like to thank my parents for supporting and encouraging me throughout these past four years, and providing me with the knowledge and skills to graduate. Gracias por todos sus esfuerzos, esto es para ustedes!



Hayoung Park

Hometown: Hoffman Estates, IL

Life Goal: After U of M, I hope to become a recruiter in the Tech Industry and help people find their dream jobs!

Areas of Interest: Urban Inequality, Sociology of Mental Illness, and Sociology of Work

I want to thank my mom, dad, and brother, Peter for their never ending love and support over the last four years. Thank you so much for helping me throughout this time and always believing in me! Love you :)



Katherine Podolak

Hometown: Englewood, CO

Life Goal: I am going to be the Hillel Springboard Innovation Fellow at the University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign Hillel for the next two years!

Favorite College Memory: Sitting next to my roommate in P.J. McGann's Criminology course and realizing I wanted to be a Sociology major.

Thank you to my mom and dad for everything. Also thank you to Erin McAuliffe who was the absolute best GSI I learned from.



Hope Raterink

Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI

Life Goal: Visit as many countries as possible.

Favorite College Memory: Going to the Big House on Saturdays.

Area of Interest: Human rights

Thanks to my parents and sisters for always encouraging me.



Jocelyn Rice

Hometown: Detroit, MI

Life Goal: To make positive, sustainable change in the world.

Favorite College Memory: SOC 302 Health & Society was the class that introduced me to Sociology as a discipline, and completely changed my view of the social world!

Areas of Interest: Gender Inequality, Health Inequality, Health and Medicine, Bioethics

Thank you to my mother and grandmother for their sacrifices – I am the woman I am today because of you.



Tess Richardson

Hometown: Lowell, MI

Life Goal: I hope to be a therapist who works with young adults.

Favorite College Memory: My favorite memory here was going to the Big House with my friends every Saturday in the fall.

Areas of Interest: Health inequalities

Thank you to my mom, dad and sister for supporting me in every way. I would not have been able to do it without you.



Erin Ringel

Hometown: Niceville, FL

Life Goal: I hope to complete law school and pursue a career doing criminal justice reform or defense.

Favorite College Memory: Conducting research for my honors thesis.

Areas of Interest: Women and Work, Law and Society

I want to thank my mom, dad, sister Morgan, and brother Ryan for their encouragement and support throughout college.



Lucie Rosenthal

Hometown: Huntington Woods, MI

Life Goal: Engage with and learn from different communities.

Favorite College Memory: Taking Sociology classes with some of my closest friends.

Areas of Interest: Criminal justice

Thank you to my family and friends for being such an incredible support system over the last four years.



Savina Sahgal

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Life Goal: I'm going to medical school in the fall!

Favorite College Memory: Football season in the fall, and seeing the whole school come together and show their love of Michigan.

Areas of Interest: Bioethics

I'm so grateful to my family for their constant support over the last four years. I couldn't have done this without them.



Kia Schwert

Hometown: Traverse City, MI

Life Goal: My education & time at my community college & Michigan has given me a sense of purpose and meaning that I did not necessarily have before starting my education. Although graduating from UM has been the hardest thing I have accomplished so far it has given me more joy & good times than bad. I hope ten years from now I hope to be in a career that gives me the same passion that my education has given me.

Thank you Professors Armstrong and Levitsky. For seeing my potential, advocating for me since the beginning and being a part of the celebration.



Margaret Semprevivo

Hometown: Port Chester, NY

Life Goal: Clinical Social Work

*Areas of Interest: Criminal Justice,
Urban Inequality, Sexuality*

*Thank you to my parents, my siblings,
and all of the great people I have met at
the University of Michigan for your love
and support!*



Rachel Shutty

Hometown: Clarkston, MI

Life Goal: I hope to one day have both my name and major announced correctly at a graduation ceremony.

Favorite College Memory: A tornado warning cancelled the worst exam of my life in the last half hour of taking it. I've stepped on the M twice.

Areas of Interest: Childcare and women's work/family life balance, Global Population Issues, Sociology of Mental Health



Jordyn Singer

Hometown: West Bloomfield, MI

Life Goal: I hope to successfully earn my JD from Georgetown Law and work to promote greater equality in terms of access to fair and safe housing.

Favorite College Memory: Participating in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program and getting to learn about the experiences of incarcerated individuals.

Areas of Interest: Urban inequality, law and society, and criminal justice



Amanda Sivin

Hometown: Roslyn Heights, NY

Life Goal: Help others.

Favorite College Memory: Road tripping to Toronto with my college friends.

Areas of Interest: Criminal justice, deviance, power

I want to thank my friends and family for their unconditional love and support. I couldn't have done it without you.



Peyton Sternfeld

Hometown: West Bloomfield, MI

Life Goal: Graduate law school in 2023 and make an impact in prison reform.

Favorite College Memory: Working at Intergroup Relations with so many amazing people.

Area of Interest: Social Justice

I want to thank my family, friends, and thesis advisors for their support!



Olivia Stillman

Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, MI

Life Goal: Pursue a graduate degree in Urban Planning.

Favorite College Memory: Sitting in the Diag last April listening to Pops Orchestra play the Michigan fight song. It was one of the first sunny spring days and reminded me why I fell in love with Michigan.

Areas of Interest: Urban inequality, community trauma, social movements

I want to thank my family, academic advisors and friends for their endless support the last four years.



Liat Sterenfeld

Hometown: Miami, FL

Life Goal: Sexual Health Therapist

*Favorite College Memory: PJ McGann's
Sociology of Gender class!*

Areas of Interest: Gender and sexuality

*Thank you to both the Sociology Department
and my family for supporting my goals and
interest!*



Aasha Sutton

Hometown: Southfield, MI

Life Goal: Become a mental health professional.

Favorite College Memory: Hanging out on the weekends with my friends.

Area of Interest: Urban inequality

I want to thank all my family and friends who have supported me through everything.



Emily Swisher

Hometown: Clinton Township, MI

Life Goal: Get my Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan with a concentration in Welfare of Children and Families

Favorite College Memory: Going to football games and all the late nights spent studying with my friends who I now consider my family.

Areas of Interest: Social Inequality/Stratification, Sociology of the Family, Cultural Sociology

I want to thank my parents for loving and supporting me through this journey. I couldn't have made it this far without you.



Amanda Talaski

Hometown: Bad Axe, MI

Life Goal: Go to grad school for Public Health.

Favorite College Memory: Anytime at the Big House or Crisler Center watching football or basketball.

Area of Interest: Soc 474: Health Inequalities and the Health and Medicine classes in general.

I want to thank my friends and family, especially my mom, for everything over the past four years. I couldn't have done everything without you guys!



Madison Thomas-Little

Hometown: Muskegon, MI

Life Goal: Spread kindness.

*Favorite College Memory: Project
Community*

*Areas of Interest: Criminal Justice, Social
Justice, Urban Inequality*

*I want to thank my mom, sister, and partner
for always believing in me and encouraging
me to be the best person I can be.*



Katherine Thompson

Hometown: Oscoda, MI

Favorite College Memory: I will always remember the friends that made this experience the best it could be.

Areas of Interest: Sexuality, justice reform, environmental inequality, gender inequality

Thank you for pushing me to be brave and follow my passion. You're okay, I guess <3



Delaney Walker

Hometown: New Rochelle, NY

Life Goal: Reduce inequality in education.

Favorite College Memory: Being a part of the Michigan Fashion Media Summit student planning team.

Areas of Interest: Education Reform, Criminal Justice

Thank you Mom and Dad! Couldn't have done this without you!



Morgan Williams

Hometown: Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Life Goal: One of my life goals is to become an art patron.

Areas of Interest: Law, Inequality, Education, Immigration

I want to thank my network for being my backbone, and the Soc department for the unforgettable learning opportunities.



Rebecca Yin

Hometown: Libertyville, IL

Life Goal: Get my MSW (Master of Social Work) from the University of Washington.

Favorite College Memory: I loved taking Professor Levitsky's law and society class!

Areas of Interest: Law, justice, and social change

I want to thank all my friends and family who have made this possible; I wouldn't be here without you.



**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.**



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