SI LEADER SPOTLIGHTS
ABBIE BAVUSO

Major: Pre-Pharmacy
SI Position: Leader for Chemistry 211
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Working out
Favorite Quote: "Who you are is defined by what you're willing to struggle for." - Mark Manson
Plans after graduation: Become a clinical pharmacist (hopefully in the emergency department!)

ADAM CARDENAS SISK

Major: Spanish
SI Position: Mentor
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Spending time with friends
Favorite Quote: "No matter how flat you make a pancake, it still has two sides." - Nicos Oropeza
Plans after graduation: To attend graduate school for Wildlife Biology and travel as much as I can!
ALYNAH ADAMS

Major: BS Biology & Chemistry minor
SI Position: Leader for Chemistry 322R
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Spend time in the sun! Reading and cooking.
Favorite Quote: "If you can not beat the fear, do it scared. Fear is not your opponent. You do not have to beat it." - Glennon Doyle Melton
Plans after graduation: Retake (yes RETake) the MCAT, travel to South America to assist in healthcare initiatives, and of course, continue to be an advocate for STEM students as the host of The STEMology Podcast, and attend medical school.

ALEXANDRIA MEYERS

Major:
SI Position: Leader for
Favorite Self-Care Activity:
Favorite Quote:
Plans after graduation:
**ANNA STRUSZ**

**Major:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
**SI Position:** Leader for HLSC 120  
**Favorite Self-Care Activity:** Putting on good music and painting or doing anything creative  
**Favorite Quote:** "I confess I could not help but wonder at it," Antony van Leeuwenhoek when he discovered microorganisms in 1676.  
**Plans after graduation:** Move to Colorado to be by my sister and her family and enter a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program.

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**CAMILLE ELIAS**

**Major:** Biology  
**SI Position:** Mentor  
**Favorite Self-Care Activity:** Lighting fall scented candles and online shopping  
**Favorite Quote:** "Grow through what you go through."  
**Plans after graduation:** Taking a gap year in order to gain more research and clinical experience. I plan to apply to PhD programs during this time as well, in hopes of working towards a PhD in research.
CARSTON ROACH

Major: M.D.
SI Position: Leader for MED 9312
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Cooking, listening to music, and yoga
Favorite Quote: "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." - John Augustus Shedd
Plans after graduation: Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine

CELESTE SIMONSON

Major: Biology
SI Position: Leader for Biology 206
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Reading and face masks
Favorite Quote: "I'm not superstitious, but I am a little stitious." - Michael Scott from The Office Season 4
Plans after graduation: Medical School
CHANDLER TARRANT

Major: Physics  
SI Position: Leader for Math 210  
Favorite Self-Care Activity:  
Playing/writing music
Favorite Quote: "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." - J.R.R. Tolkien  
Plans after graduation: To attend graduate school for either physics or education before jumping into teaching math and physics at the advanced high school level.

CHRISTIAN CHAPMAN

Major: Computer Science  
SI Position: Leader for CS 101  
Favorite Self-Care Activity:  
Fishing
Favorite Quote: "I didn't fail the test. I just found 100 ways to do it wrong." - Benjamin Franklin
Plans after graduation: Pursuing my Master's in CS and starting my career as a Software Engineer.
DANIEL VAN WILPE ARCEGA

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
SI Position: Leader for ECE 241
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Playing soccer
Favorite Quote: "We accept the love we think we deserve" ~The Perks of Being Invisible
Plans after graduation: Work with research related to the automation of prosthetic body parts

DANIELLE BEAUBIEN

Major: B.S. Biology, B.A. Chemistry
SI Position: Leader for Math 210
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Movie nights with friends and family
Favorite Quote: "When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty."
Plans after graduation: Pursuing an MD and surgical residency program
DESTINEE TIDWELL

Major: Biology
SI Position: Leader for Biology 102
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Reading
Favorite Quote: "Happiness can be found in the darkest of places if one only remembers to turn on the light" - Albus Dumbledore
Plans after graduation: Complete a two year masters program to get my Masters of Arts in Teaching, then hope to teach high school biology

DEVV VRAT BHAKTA

Major: Biology (Biomedical Sciences Emphasis)
SI Position: Leader for Biology 441
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Making music
Favorite Quote: “Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.” — Oscar Wilde
Plans after graduation: Hopefully be accepted into an MD/PhD program so I can go onto the research path as a career. If not, then go pure MD or apply to get a Masters
DREW CHILDS

Major: Computer Science
SI Position: Leader for CS 201R
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Driving my car/hanging out with friends
Favorite Quote: “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” – Mark Twain
Plans after graduation: Pursue my Masters in Computer Science and work as a software engineer at Tesla

ELENA LE

Major: Health Science
SI Position: Leader for Anchor 206
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Listening to music while solving a puzzle
Favorite Quote: "Just say "yikes" and move on."
Plans after graduation: To go to P.A. school
ELIZABETH ELMENDORF

Major: Physics with astronomy emphasis
SI Position: Leader for Physics 240
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Nap time
Favorite Quote: "Being too full of sleep to understand how far the unknown transcends the what we know" - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Plans after graduation: Currently uncertain at this time. After grad school, I hope to perform research of some kind.

ELLIE RIEBER

Major:
SI Position: Leader for
Favorite Self-Care Activity:
Favorite Quote:
Plans after graduation:
ETHAN GRANGER

Major: BS in Biology
SI Position: Mentor
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Visiting family and friends
Favorite Quote: “My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style” — Maya Angelou
Plans after graduation: Attend PA school

EVAN WIKE

Major:
SI Position: Leader for
Favorite Self-Care Activity:
Favorite Quote:
Plans after graduation:
GRACE REESMAN

Major: Physics and Mathematics
SI Position: Leader for Physics 250
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Taking my dogs on walks and reading
Favorite Quote: "For me, I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You’d be surprised how far that gets you.
- Neil deGrasse Tyson
Plans after graduation: To go to grad school (for physics)!

HANNAH GREEN

Major: Psychology
SI Position: Leader for Psychology 210
Favorite Self-Care Activity: At home manicures and face masks
Favorite Quote: "If it costs you your peace, it’s too expensive"
Plans after graduation: Hopefully, graduate school for neuropsychology!
HELENA SZYMBORSKI

Major: Biology
SI Position: Leader for Chem 115
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Playing with my calico cat, Mia!
Favorite Quote: "True leaders always practice the 3 R’s: Respect for self, Respect for others, Responsibility for their actions."
Plans after graduation: TBD :)

IZZY DAAB

Major: Biology B.S., Chemistry minor, Spanish minor
SI Position: Leader for Biology 108
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Working out at the gym
Favorite Quote: "Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire." -Jennifer Lee
Plans after graduation: To attend medical school to earn an MD. The ultimate goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon.
JADE BAUER

Major: Biology
SI Position: Leader for Physics
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Baking
Favorite Quote: "You will never have this day again, so make it count!"
Plans after graduation: Dental school

KYLIE BROUS

Major: Secondary Math Education
SI Position: Leader for Math 110
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Taking a walk
Favorite Quote: "Life is short but also, like terribly and insufferably long at the same time."
Plans after graduation: To teach high school math but maybe get a master's in math first
**LAKSHMI KASI**

Major: B.A./M.D. and Language Arts with Chemistry Minor

SI Position: Leader for BMS 9265

Favorite Self-Care Activity: Writing

Favorite Quote: "It's our choices, Harry, that show us what we really are, far more than our abilities" - J. K. Rowling

Plans after graduation: Get a dog and just keep doing things that make happy!!!

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**LAUREN SHAFFER**

Major: Chemistry & Biology

SI Position: Leader for Biology 109

Favorite Self-Care Activity: Working out

Favorite Quote: "Onwards."

Plans after graduation: Apply to medical school!
LEXI SIEFER

Major: Biology
SI Position: Leader for Biology 202
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Working out
Favorite Quote: "Enjoy every moment of the journey, and appreciate where you are at this moment instead of always focusing on how far you have to go." - Mandy Hale
Plans after graduation: Moving across the country to and going to school to become a physician assistant

MANASA GADIRAJU

Major: 6 year BAMD
SI Position: Leader for BMS 9265
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Cooking
Favorite Quote: "I have been Foolish and Deluded," said he, "and I am a Bear of No Brain at All." - A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh
Plans after graduation: Residency! Catching up on sleep
MARIA STARNES

Major: History
SI Position: Leader for History 102
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Going for a walk!
Favorite Quote: "Four R's My Friend: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rihanna." - Ilana (Broad City)
Plans after graduation: I would like to become a high school history teacher and will likely pursue my masters in education!

MARK ABNOS

Major: Chemistry/Biology
SI Position: Leader for Biology 316
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Playing tennis
Favorite Quote: "If you don’t make mistakes, you’re not working on hard enough problems." – Frank Wilczek
Plans after graduation: Attend medical school
MARLENA LONG

Major: 6-year B.A./M.D. program (Major: BLA/Minor: Chemistry)
SI Position: Leader for Chemistry 212
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Showing pigs
Favorite Quote: "Success: where determination and preparation meet"
Plans after graduation: To enter an OB/GYN residency program and pursue a career as a high-risk OB/GYN

MICHAEL BOCK

Major: M.D.
SI Position: Leader for MED 9408
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Naps!
Favorite Quote: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things." - Philippians 4:8 (Paul the apostle from prison)
Plans after graduation: Match into general surgery or internal medicine in a Kansas City hospital!
NICHOLAS SEIDEL

Major: Medicine
SI Position: Leader for MED 9408
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Walking the puppy with my wife
Favorite Quote: "Recognize and embrace your flaws so you can learn from them. Sometimes it takes a little polishing to truly shine." – Kanye West
Plans after graduation: Complete my residency in either surgery, internal medicine, or emergency medicine

NIDA ALI

Major: Psychology & Spanish
SI Position: Leader for Political Science 210
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Watching Friends
Favorite Quote: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
Plans after graduation: Master’s Program in Clinical Psychology
PAIGE RIGGS

Major: Public Health
SI Position: Leader for Biology 218
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Watching TV
Favorite Quote: "Let your Faith be bigger than your fear"
Plans after graduation: Attend medical school with hopes of becoming a pediatrician

PHOEBE FYFFE

Major: Chemistry (pre-med)
SI Position: Leader for Chemistry 211
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Running
Favorite Quote: "Sometimes the best way to solve your own problems is to help someone else." – Uncle Iroh from Avatar the Last Airbender
Plans after graduation: Attending medical school in pursuit of becoming an OB/GYN or a pediatrician
RACHEL MALSCH

Major: 6 Year BA/MD BLA
SI Position: Leader for LS-Anatomy 219
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Reading a great book
Favorite Quote: "Do more of what makes your soul happy"
Plans after graduation: Begin my residency, but I am currently unsure of which field of medicine I want to pursue. I also hope to adopt a dog and move to a new city. I plan to travel as much as possible around the world after I graduate.

SEAN CASSIDY

Major: B.S. Biology
SI Position: Leader for Biology 109
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Vacationing
Favorite Quote: "Get comfortable being uncomfortable."
Plans after graduation: Medical School
**SOPHIA COUTERANIS**

Major: Psychology with Minors in Biology, Chemistry, and Spanish

SI Position: Leader for Psychology 210

Favorite Self-Care Activity: Putting on a face mask and watching Netflix

Favorite Quote: “One of the basic rules of the universe is that nothing is perfect. Perfection simply doesn’t exist... Without imperfection, neither you nor I would exist”  -Stephen Hawking

Plans after graduation: Going to graduate school to become a genetic counselor

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**SYDNEY GARDNER**

Major: Chemistry

SI Position: Leader for Physics 210

Favorite Self-Care Activity: Sleep

Favorite Quote: “It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting.”

Plans after graduation: Attend medical school to become a psychiatrist
TIM NGUYEN

Major: Biology B.A. (Bio-Medical Emphasis) & Chemistry B.A.
SI Position: Leader for Biology 108
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Working Out
Favorite Quote: "On time and ready to play."
Plans after graduation: Dental School

TYLER ANDERSON

Major: Elementary Education
SI Position: Leader for History 101
Favorite Self-Care Activity: Spending time with my family
Favorite Quote: "Everyone is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."
Plans after graduation: In a perfect world, I would teach the first grade in a school in Missouri. I also plan on continuing my education to obtain my masters.