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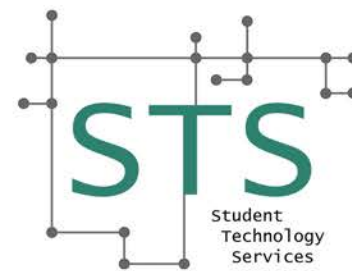
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# Four Years in Review 2014-2018

## Freshman Year

### Ferguson, Yik Yak, socioeconomic diversity

Emily Schienvar | Staff Reporter



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Students returned to campus in August amidst frenzy in the greater St. Louis after the death of Ferguson, Mo. teenager Michael Brown. Students participated in marches and protests—both on and off campus—throughout the semester. Washington University faculty, staff and students gathered around televisions to watch St. Louis County Prosecutor Bob McCulloch announce that a grand jury had decided not to indict Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson for killing Brown the Monday before Thanksgiving break, which led into another bout of protests in Ferguson, Clayton and Shaw, where teenager Vonderrit Myers was killed by a police officer in October.

The new business school buildings, which were completed in March 2014, opened for classes in the fall with a full-service Starbucks and a new food station, while the Women's Building basement underwent renovations, displacing the Office of the University Registrar, the First Year Center and other institutions until Dec. 1.

Washington University was criticized for the second year in a row by the New York Times for its small enrollment of low-income students compared to other colleges and universities with similar endowments. The University, meanwhile, reported that 8 percent of the freshman class was eligible for Pell grants, which are awarded to students from low-income backgrounds. The figure, though pre-

liminary, was an increase of 2 percent over the Pell-eligible percentage in the current sophomore class. Provost Holden Thorp announced in January that the University had made a commitment to increase the number of Pell-eligible students on the Danforth Campus to 13 percent by 2020.

There was additional shifting among the University's upper administration, with Vice Chancellor for Students Sharon Stahl announcing she would retire at the end of the school year and be replaced by Lori White. Dean of Engineering Ralph Quatrano also stated his plans to step down in 2016 and return to his position as biology professor. Meanwhile, professor of economics Steve Fazzari was named head of the newly back sociology department.

In October, Alpha Delta Phi, the fraternity that had been operating unofficially on the Danforth Campus since early 2012, received recognition from the University and Interfraternity Council, making it the first new fraternity recognized at Washington University in 86 years. The Women's Panhellenic Association also voted to invite a new sorority to campus to keep up with the growth of the undergraduate population and recruiting classes.

The family of Yongsang Soh, a member of the class of 2014 who fell

from the balcony of his 23rd-floor off-campus apartment and died in October 2013, filed a lawsuit against Washington University in November. The lawsuit claims that the University did not refer members of Sigma Alpha Mu—the fraternity Soh was a member before its disbandment—to local police for prosecution for drug violations and other alleged criminal activities. It further alleges that because SAM was not disbanded, Soh was able to participate in these activities, which led to his death.

In an effort to consolidate resources and increase efficiency, the current community service and civic service offices—known as the Community Service Office and the Gephardt Institute for Public Service—will be joining forces at the conclusion of the academic year.

In January, the Office of Sustainability took on a new initiative: Green Monday. Students, faculty and administrators made pledges to eat vegetarian on Mondays for the sake of sustainability.

Adjunct faculty voted to unionize in January to negotiate with the university for better stability, pay and benefits. They participated in April's "Fight for \$15" minimum wage protests in support of low-wage workers while emphasizing their own goal of earning \$15,000 per class they teach,

in addition to other benefits.

In response to the events in Ferguson and around St. Louis, Washington University held its inaugural Day of Discussion and Dialogue, which featured a university-wide day of discussion on the issues of race and ethnicity and the University's role in the St. Louis community.

Black Anthology looked at the events in Ferguson, centering around general struggles with racism on college campuses as well as the various large-scale issues brought to light by Michael Brown's death.

Saturday Night Live veterans John Mulaney and Kenan Thompson headlined Social Programming Board's second year of comedy shows in the spring and fall, respectively, drawing massive crowds and huge lines outside of the Graham Chapel venue.

AltaVoz, a student political engagement group at Washington University, planned to put on the panel comparing the social movements in Ferguson, Ayotzinapa and Palestine on March 19 at the Missouri History Museum, but the museum informed the group on March 17 that it would need either to remove the Palestinian panelists or change the venue. AltaVoz started a social media campaign with the hashtag #SelectiveHistory and planned a demonstration outside the museum, which was held during the time the event was initially scheduled.

On April 21, Washington University kicked off a yearlong public health initiative dealing with the issue of gun violence.

The 2014-15 school year also saw the rise of Yik Yak, a social media app where users can anonymously create and view posts within a 10-mile radius of their location. It led to controversy on several occasions when dealing with hot-button issues of racism and homophobia on campus, sexual assault within Greek life and political contention.



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## Sophomore Year

# Construction, activism and campus lockdown

Ella Chochrek | Senior Editor

Students arrived in fall 2015 to construction on both the Danforth Campus and the South 40, with updates to the Athletic Complex and construction of a new dorm in place of Rubelmann House both underway. Plans were soon released for additional renovations to the Danforth University Center, Olin Library and on the East End of campus.

Before classes began, Washington University demolished Rubelmann House on the South 40, built in 1958 and initially set to be torn down in summer 2014. A new dorm, part of Umrath House, would open in its place in fall 2016. The University also renovated the Danforth University Center, adding a new office for Vice Chancellor for Students Lori White and study spaces for students on the third floor. An \$18 million renovation of Olin Library was announced to begin in spring 2016, with plans to completely renovate Whispers Cafe and to add additional entrances to the building. The East End expansion was the most costly and drastic construction project announced by the University. Four new buildings will be added to the eastern part of the Danforth Campus, as well as an underground parking garage, in a roughly \$240 million project slated to finish in May 2019. The AC, which had hardly been updated since it was built in the 1980s, also started undergoing renovations. The updates were set to be completed for fall 2016, in time for the October 2016 presidential debate, meant to be held in the new facilities.

In September came the news that Washington University would hold the Oct. 9, 2016 presidential debate—the fourth presidential or vice presidential debate ever held on the University's

campus and the first since 2008, when vice presidential hopefuls Joe Biden and Sarah Palin debated at Washington University. The fall 2016 election has been a topic of conversation for many students this year, with the formation of pro-Bernie Sanders and pro-Hillary Clinton student groups and a series of pro-Donald Trump chalkings plastered across Washington University's campus.

The logistics of the presidential debate led to the cancellation of fall 2016's WILD due to scheduling difficulties, a decision that sparked public social media debate between Student Union and Social Programming Board. Ultimately, money from the fall WILD budget was moved to a debate programming budget, set to be allocated toward debated-related activities for the fall 2016 semester. While only one WILD performer would come to Beaumont Pavilion for the 2016-2017 academic year, the 2015-2016 school year saw WILD performances by European DJ Kygo and pop punk band the All-American Rejects, and SPB-hosted comedy shows headlined by Bo Burnham and B.J. Novak, as well.

On the pitch, women's soccer made a run to the Division III Final Four, upsetting top-ranked Messiah College in the semifinals. Even though the team finished in second place, the team's run inspired campus and set the tone for University sports in general. Both men's and women's track took home UAA team titles in the spring, and men's baseball won the UAA championship over spring break. Women's basketball

won a UAA title of its own, but its season ended after the team lost in the NCAA Sectional Final to No. 1 ranked Thomas More College.

The University also saw its fair share of student activism this year. On the first day of classes in fall 2015, students held a protest outside the DUC in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, which initially gained traction amongst Washington University students after the summer 2014 death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. Racial tensions at the University of Missouri this fall once again brought the state to the national spotlight, this time inspiring students at Washington University and colleges across the country to declare their support for black students at Mizzou with the hashtag "#ConcernedStudent1950." In addition to race issues, this year focus was on supporting adjunct faculty and the Show Me \$15 movement. A number of protests and walkouts were scheduled throughout the year as adjunct faculty fought to unionize, raise wages and earn job security. Their efforts were rewarded with both a union and an agreement between the union and the University reached in April. Student activists also fought for increased female representation in the physics department this year, holding a sit-in in February to raise awareness of the department's lack of gender inclusion. While the physics department was criticized by students for a lack of women, Washington University made Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies a department this year, meaning

that WGSS, formally a program, can now hire its own faculty. The sociology department expanded, and after hiring its first professors in spring 2015 after a nearly 25-year hiatus, the department began teaching its first classes in fall 2015, increasing its faculty size in the spring of 2016.

Greek life on campus saw changes of its own as well, as sorority Gamma Phi Beta recolonized and extended over 100 bids in the spring. Fraternity Alpha Delta Phi received permission to move back on campus beginning in fall 2016—taking House 1 on Upper Row.

The year ended with an event that caused widespread confusion and panicked some students: an April 20 lockdown on the Danforth Campus that occurred when a Dining Services worker was shot in the arm—but not seriously injured—on Forsyth Boulevard. Many students questioned the University's emergency alert system as well as whether they had received proper training to deal with such a situation.

## Junior Year

# Presidential debate, SU turn-over and internal investigations

Chalaun Lomax | Senior Editor

As students returned to campus in late August, anticipation for the Oct. 9 presidential debate swirled as Washington University began preparing for the event. Mixed feelings abounded, as some student felt the debate was inconvenient and expensive, while others hoped it would allow the University to have increased exposure and encourage political discourse.

However, students did not wait until Oct. 9 to begin voicing their opinions on various injustices. A September demonstration in Bear's Den saw students occupy the main dining hall to express their outrage for the continued



Skyler Kessler | Student Life

police-involved shootings of black men and women nationwide, and an Oct. 23 incident involving two students who posed in facial masks on Snapchat with a comment reading, “we’re in the zulu (sic) tribe” sparked discussion.

As the debate quickly approached, both students and St. Louis community members took advantage of media coverage to participate in demonstrations across campus voicing their concern about various political issues. While the majority of students were not granted access to the debate, the University was buzzing with activity leading up to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and now-President Donald Trump’s arrival on the Danforth Campus.

Trump’s victory produced mixed reactions, as many students, faculty and staff openly shared their devastation, while those supporting Trump were less vocal about their excitement for the incoming administration.

Despite the University’s commitment to remaining politically neutral, Chancellor Mark Wrighton took several public stances on behalf of the institution, both prior to and following Trump’s assumption of office. Wrighton emphasized the importance of creating an inclusive community and celebrating diversity in an emailed statement several days after the election. In a Dec. 5 statement, he openly supported the preservation and expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and in January called for the withdrawal of Trump’s proposed immigration ban. In addition, Washington University publicly opposed Amendment 3, formally known as the Missouri 60 Cent Cigarette Tax Amendment, which aimed to augment early childhood education in Missouri by raising cigarette taxes, currently the lowest of any state.

This academic year was marked by several changes within the College of Arts & Sciences in late September. Over 40 years after the Black Studies Program was founded, the African and African-American Studies program became a department. Additionally, after a 25-year absence from Washington University, sociology added a major and

a minor. A proposal for a Latinx studies program got shot down by administrators.

On the field, the Bears won two NCAA Division III National Championships, in both women’s soccer and women’s indoor track and field. In December, the women’s soccer team captured the championship title, taking down Messiah College, who they’d lost to in the finals the year before. However, shortly after this victory, the men’s team was indefinitely suspended following allegations of “inappropriate behavior” by the team’s members toward members of the women’s soccer team. The suspension was lifted in January, and the University found that the team did not violate Washington University’s sexual harassment policy despite evidence of “inappropriate and offensive behavior.”

Shortly after the spring semester began, campus reeled following news that former Dean of Students Justin Carroll—who had resigned earlier in the semester—was indicted on child pornography charges. Carroll pleaded not guilty in February, and the trial is still ongoing.

The month of February can be best remembered by high turnover within Student Union. Following the resignation of Vice President of Administration Sankalp Kapur, three Junior Class Council members and SU Speaker of the Senate Ben Hauser followed suit. In addition, an internal investigation was launched by Campus Life after SU President Kenneth Sng reported allegations of anti-Semitic and sexually inappropriate comments made by four members of SU.

Investigations also occurred within the Greek community following Kappa Karaoke, Kappa Kappa Gamma’s annual philanthropy event, when members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon performed a choreographed dance that appeared to mimic sexual assault. The University launched an internal investigation in conjunction with the Title IX office and the Greek organizations, but not before KKG and SAE had both released official apologies. The four members of SAE who choreographed the event were

suspended from the fraternity

Amidst campus controversies, students enjoyed performances and lectures by various public figures. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley discussed Middle East policy solutions. Hasan Minhaj of “The Daily Show” talked about being Muslim in America, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney spoke on today’s political climate and “United Shades of America” host W. Kamau Bell delivered a talk on racism. Student Programming Board brought in a female comedian, Alice Wetterlund, for the first time, in addition to shows by “Saturday Night Live” Weekend Update anchor Colin Hanks and H. Jon Benjamin of “Bob’s Burgers”. Although the group was not funded for a fall WILD, students attended a Jason Derulo-headlined WILD in spring 2017.

## Senior Year

# Construction, protests, Wrighton announces retirement

Emma Baker | News Editor

Campus changed dramatically as soon as students left for their junior summers, as excavation began on

the East End Expansion following the 2017 commencement ceremony. The excavation was largely completed over the summer and by the time students arrived back on campus, initial construction was underway.

News on Washington University’s campus arrived before students did when former Dean of Students Justin X. Carroll pled guilty to charges of child pornography July 31. Carroll, who was sentenced to 54 months in federal prison later that fall, was replaced by Rob Wild at the start of the year. A few weeks later, it was confirmed that David Stetter, former assistant director of fraternity and sorority life, used a social media app to send sexually explicit content to multiple students.

Near the beginning of the fall semester, the University’s graduate students announced their interest in forming a union. The Washington University Graduate Workers Union (WUGWU) continued their protests and meetings with the administration into the fall semester and filed for an election with the National Labor Relations Board in September. Before the results of the election could be determined, WUGWU withdrew the petition, but members of WUGWU continue to put pressure on the administration in hopes of forming a union in the future.

The same semester, the selection of the WILD artist drew criticism from the student body. Following Student



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We enjoyed your leadership as classmates and wish you success after Washington University and Olin.

Programming Board's selection of rapper Lil Dicky as the fall WILD headliner, many students pointed out the artist's history of controversial comments. A group of student activists released a letter condemning SPB's choice, and seven undergraduates organized an "Alternative WILD" and a walkout that took place right before Lil Dicky's performance.

Another source of contention on campus was the acquittal of Jason Stockley, a former St. Louis police officer, who was found not-guilty in the killing of 24-year-old Anthony Lamar Smith. Students joined members of the St. Louis community on the Delmar Loop to protest the decision, reigniting the conversation of racially-charged police shootings in the United States on campus.

In early October, Chancellor Mark Wrighton announced that he would retire no later than July 1, 2019. Wrighton oversaw a dramatic increase in applications to the school and an unprecedented growth in the University's endowment, though his tenure was not without controversy. Shortly after his announcement, a committee was formed to begin the search for

Wrighton's replacement and evaluate potential successors.

In January, Olin Library's Whispers Cafe reopened after having been under 18 months of construction. The \$20 million renovation included adding booths and more seating space. Along with the architectural changes made to Whispers, the cafe brought in cold brewed coffee, a Firepot tea collection and other exclusive menu items.

Near the beginning of the spring semester, the University announced a new partnership with QuestBridge, a non-profit scholarship program that connects low-income, high-achieving college applicants with its partner schools. This new partnership aims to increase socioeconomic diversity on campus and make the University more visible to low-income students. Later in the semester, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions announced that the school will add a supplemental essay to its application to give prospective students an opportunity to share their background and interest in the University.

After being placed on a temporary suspension in the fall semester

on Sept. 14 due to reports of alleged hazing incidents, Washington University's Phi Delta Theta chapter was permanently suspended Feb. 21, 2018 when the Washington University Police Department discovered an AR-15 semi-automatic weapon in their on-campus house. Even before their permanent suspension, the fraternity had been violating the terms of their temporary suspension by hosting unsanctioned social events, including party buses and a party on Mardi Gras. Due to their permanent suspension, House 5 was evacuated, and administration announced its reassignment on March 20 to the black student community for the fall semester. This coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Black Manifesto.

Following Phi Delta's firearm-based suspension, Washington University students joined the country-wide protest for gun reform by participating in the the March for Our Lives protest in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, March 24. The march was preceded by a poster-making event and on-campus rally led by Washington University's March for our Lives Club on Friday. The University later announced that it

would not rescind acceptances of high school students who are suspended or are facing other disciplinary actions for peacefully participating in protests.

Alpha Epsilon Pi was placed on social probation after the closing of a Washington University Police Department-led investigation of alcohol-related violations in April. The fraternity was found to have violated Campus Life policies on at least two separate occasions and will be on social probation for one year, in addition to completing chapter-wide alcohol awareness and bystander intervention modules.



Jiyeon Kang | Student Life

## Coaches' Goodbyes



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### Football

#### Seniors:

It has been an interesting year for our program. As seniors you have dealt with a lot, and I tip my hat to each and every one of you. Our theme "Plant the Flag" was the perfect call for the challenges we faced. Never has a team ever had to play so many playoff teams in the regular season. You had a growth mindset and needed it as you trudged

through the schedule. Playing the toughest schedule in the country after going to the playoffs was indeed humbling, yet you never stopped addressing the challenges at hand.

Your legacy will be clear to those who follow you in history. Your story will help them dream big, and risk going out against the best to find the true measure of self. You found the championship within you after coming in as freshmen and struggling with a tough schedule. Moving into a conference laced with speed and competitiveness, it took you one year

to "figure it out," followed by a year of championship success. You celebrated as juniors by serving as the foundation to our playoff team. Your drive and your effort never changed, though, even through the tough senior year. Congrats on allowing me to be a part of your lives over the past four years.

You served your teammates well. I believe the poem I sent you over the summer served you well this year, as it will in the future. May all your challenges be championship ones!

—Coach K

*If you can dream—and not make  
dreams your master;*

*If you can think—and not make  
thoughts your aim;*

*If you can meet with Triumph and  
Disaster*

*And treat those two impostors just  
the same...*

*Then you'll be a man, my son.*

"If" – Rudyard Kipling

## Men's basketball

To: Washington University Men's



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*Basketball 2018 Graduating Seniors  
(Matt Highsmith, Jake Knupp, Kevin Kucera, Andrew Sanders, David*

*Schmelter and Sasha Sobolev):*

Five years ago you made the decision to come to Washington

University for a great educational experience. You had high expectation for what you could accomplish both in the classroom and on the basketball court. At that time, I shared with you a quote by Robert Louis Stevenson that said, "To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming is the only end in life." Now after four years you are ready to move on to life's next great adventure. While you were here you made lifelong friendships, you learned how to discipline yourself to succeed in the classroom and on the basketball court, and you have matured as a person with great sensitivity towards those around you. One of the most important lessons you learned is how to keep focused on your goal regardless of the distractions thrown your way. During these past four years you have evolved as leaders on a basketball team that distinguished itself with two conference Championships and three NCAA appearances.

Each of you has been recognized individually at some point this year for the contributions you have made to Washington University Basketball. Your team posted a 78-26 record for a .750 winning percentage over these four years. I would say that you are definitely on track to "become what you are capable of becoming". At the end of this school year we are both moving on from Washington University to face new challenges. As I look back on my 37 years as the basketball coach, I can't think of any better group of young men with which to close out my career than you and your teammates. Good luck in all that you do, keep your focus and start chasing a new dream!

—Mark Edwards Head Men's Basketball Coach Washington University

## Men's tennis

Every year we joyfully celebrate our senior scholar/athletes com-



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pletion of their Wash U academic & athletic experience. They have had the opportunity to acquire the educational tools to move on to a new life chapter, reflect on their tennis accomplishments and the close relationships that evolved during their keen match play competition. Shaun Berman is moving on to a professional life in finance, Jason Haugen, a major in computer science, is joining Amazon, Jake Klein is off to an investment career working at a bank in Los Angeles, CA, and Johnny Wu is also joining a consulting/investment company in Washington D.C. These guys have been the foundation to our dedicated Wash. U. Men's Tennis Scholar-Champion Program (boasting a 3.72 team GPA). They have won a boatload of matches combined and will be remembered in the program for many years to come. So wear your Wash. U. swag in the future with pride and always remember that you are a vibrant part of the Wash. U. varsity tennis program and we are certainly proud of you.

—Coaches Roger Follmer and Mike Merbaum

## Men's soccer

*Thank you Colin McCune, Kevin Maedomari, Anthony Law, Shadi Awad, Andrew Zingone and Chris Rieger. You sacrificed together for four years pursuing your love of playing soccer. You poured out your time and energy. Trust the memories and friendships will return to you exponentially.*

Through the game, you forged permanent bonds together. Highs or lows, it was together and it was for the team. For the coaching staff, thank you for the privilege of coaching you these four years.

—Joe Clarke

## Swimming & diving

*To the Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Seniors*



CeCe Heard | Student Life

*(Laura Barber, Landon Bennett, Ross Brown, Alissa Ling, Michelle Murdock, Ryan Nathenson, Niamh O'Grady, Albert Yao, Nicole Zanolli, Wending Zhu)*

Since arriving on the campus in the fall of 2014 you have helped our program grow and have provided tremendous leadership along the way. You have dealt with adversity and grown stronger as young men and women. I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to Washington University and the Swimming & Diving team over the past four years.

Your decision to attend Washington University has provided you a quality academic degree and hopefully memories of a competitive NCAA swimming & diving experience. You never slept enough but came back the next day anyway. You cheered for and supported each other because that is what good friends and teammates do. As you progressed from freshmen to seniors, you touched the lives of everyone you came in contact with including coaches, faculty, teammates, alumni and classmates.

As you leave Washington University I hope you take with you the belief that you are ready to meet life's challenges head-on. The goals that you set were definitely more

than about achieving a personal best or winning a race, and the benefits you will receive will extend beyond the boundaries of the pool. You will always be a WUSTL Bear!

Set your expectations high and expect the best in everything you do. We are proud of what you have accomplished and look forward to seeing where you will go in life. You are forever a part of Washington University and our program and we are excited for your continued involvement now that you are alumni.

As Thoreau said, "Live the life you've imagined." Battle On!

—Brad Shively

Head Swimming & Diving Coach

## Women's basketball

*Natalie, Hannah, Shelby, and Amani,*

Thank you for being such great teammates, leaders and bridge builders this season. Heading into your senior season with a new coach, new style of playing, new roles, new everything, is a tough way to finish a career. You four have been



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tremendous. As leaders, you four consistently lead as a united core, never wavering in your energy, effort, and commitment to your teammates. You served as a great bridge for me as a new head coach offering great reminders, asking questions, and relaying information to your teammates. Each of you took on your role for this team with great pride and endless effort. Our season was full of obstacles, challenges, and constant growth, you guys took it all in stride. Your ability to attack obstacles, embrace adversity, and learn and adjust to new ways of doing old things will serve you all well as you go make a difference in the world. Each of you made a lasting impression on your teammates and our coaching staff. I was not here for three of your years, but the one I was I am so thankful for. I am so proud of you all and thankful you guys helped make my first year as a Bear so special. The Bears before you would be proud, and the Bears behind you have been blessed. Now go out into the world and be a light!

B4L,

—Coach Henderson

## Women's golf

Erin,

As the only senior on the golf team you prove the saying "quality not quantity" as true. You have brought your love of the game, your work ethic, your strong game and your leadership to our program for four years. You have created a wealth of memories that should keep you smiling for many years! I know you treasure the friends you have made through golf—these are the real trophies.

Congrats on all your individual accomplishment as well as all your contributions to our team successes. A third place at Nationals your freshman year, many all-tournament teams, UAA and WGCA All-Scholar Teams, All Regional Team recognition and a career low 70 your senior year.

Yeah Bears!

—Coach Port

## Women's soccer

Mariana, Elise, Alison, Kat, Mia, Rachel, Gill, Megan, Kelly, and Megan -

Thank you for being you. Thank you for being great individuals. Thank you for being scholar-champions. Thank you for collectively being leaders to bring out the best in the people around you. Thank you for leaving it better than you found it. When the Wash. U. women's soccer team enters an environment, we strive to act with respect, integrity and class while leaving it better than we found it. Four years ago, you 10 amazing women joined our soccer family. You ten women quickly become bonded as one, know as the Tengerines. I am proud and thankful that all 10 of you successfully helped our soccer family over the last four years. You clearly left it better than they found it. On the field, you have won 69 games, played in 4 NCAA tournaments, won 3 UAA titles and will always be National Champions. Off the field, each of you women have achieved personal greatness in and out of the classroom. Collectively, you have made out community better. You have courageously fought battles some are less willing to fight. You have guided difficult discussions. You have truly been leaders to better the Wash. U. community. As players, friends, teammates, daughters, I could not be more proud of each and every one of you. I am humbled and privileged to have coached you.

Bears for life!

All the best,

—Jim Conlon

## Women's tennis

Dear Lily, Kate, and Grace,

What do you mean you are graduating? You just stepped on campus for your recruiting visits! As captains, you have been exceptional leaders, role models, and mentors for our team. And Erin,



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as your assistant coach, and I, as your coach, we have valued your insight, your skill, and your leadership, more than you will ever know.

Lil, Geeg, and KLee, we will miss you! I will miss you!

We will miss your integrity, your work ethic, your honesty, your dignity, your passion, your kindness, and your determination. You have lifted our team to new heights and competition levels. You have been such a solid, cohesive, supportive group of seniors and thank you for passing that leadership on to our team.

Lily, Grace, and Kate.... more than just the wins, the awards, the practice hours, the bus travel time, the weather delays, the dinners at Olive Garden/Panera/Chipotle, the 5-4 wins, the 5-4 losses, the ITA Regionals, the physical rehab time, the UAA Conference Championships, Spring Break Training Trips to California....I will miss seeing you every day on the tennis court. You are shining ambassadors for the Wash. U. Women's Tennis Team. I wish you all the best in the next chapter of your lives. Once a BEAR, always a BEAR!

Go Bears,  
RAWRRR,  
—Coach Kelly

## Cross country and track & field

Seniors,

It is hard to believe that your four years are almost over, thank you for being an integral part of the WUXCTF family and making it something very special. Where did the time go? Each one of you has a very different story and hopefully you experienced what it means to be a part of something bigger than yourself through two teams, one family. Thank you for pouring your heart into our program which allowed for the joys, the trials, the tears and the triumphs. It is only through the peaks and the valleys that we can truly grow as people and be prepared for life. Finally, our success as a team will not be decided this season, but will be revealed over the next forty years as you become leaders in your communities and families. I can't wait to hear about the next chapter of your story as it continues to be written in addition to meeting your future family members. Know that you are loved and have a special purpose ahead of you. I am excited to see how each one of you will impact the world. You will always be a Bear!

Water over Rock,  
—Kelli, Lane & Stiles

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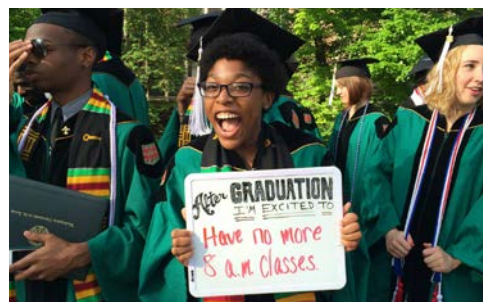
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# One Final Column

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**Maisie Heine** - Former Scene Writer

## *Running with your friendships*

It's cliché, but when people ask me what my favorite part of college is, I always think about the relationships I have formed here. This semester more than ever, I've tried to prioritize my relationships—even in the midst of finishing a thesis, starting a new job this semester and searching for one after graduation on top of all of my regular classes. I didn't use to prioritize relationships in this way. In fact, coming into freshman year, I was concerned about making friends like everyone else, but I also friendships as distractions to school. Because I didn't want that distraction, I never went to WUSA hours and I didn't interact much with my freshman floor—something that later became a regret of mine.

Before I came to Washington University, I didn't totally get how valuable friendships could be. I had (and still have) amazing high school friends. But whenever things would get rough in high school, I always had my immediate family to turn to. While in college, while my family was always a phone call away, it still was not the same. One thing that I learned through my experience in college is how challenging situations can either impair or strengthen rela-

tionships. At Wash. U., I learned how leaning on your friends is not a sign of weakness. Instead, the value of friendships is precisely how when things get tough, your friends are the people who are there to help you through the bad times. I realized that friends were not just people you could have a good time with—they are also be outlets for getting through big issues in life. This was obvious to probably everyone except me, but I think that there is something to be said that college is a time when you are likely to face new obstacles and challenges and it is also a time when you are thrown in with a large group of people who are also facing similar obstacles and challenges. It's a time of intense emotions and a time of coming into your own. The people you share those experiences and heightened emotions with are the people who will likely have a special place in your life for the rest of your life (that's my intent, at least).

Though you may not expect them to be in the moment, those times of staying up at 3 a.m. talking through boyfriend disasters and family problems somehow transform into the most intense and vibrant memories you have looking back. There will also be random times that stick out for no apparent reason; times of eating half and half at the Bear's Den at 2 a.m. or (when you're a junior and actually have a car) driving to Steak and Shake at 11 p.m. or driving to John's Donuts at 4 a.m. (basically, a lot of instances of unnecessary, late-night eating). It was those small moments with people that I missed the most when I studied abroad at the University of Oxford for a year and it is those small moments I know I will miss the most when I leave this place.

To make up for freshman year, I decided coming into senior year that I would not become complacent in my relationships or take any of the people in my life for granted. I began to consider my relationships on the same level as



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**Peter Dissinger** - Former Forum Editor

### *What I Missed at Wash. U.*

Washington University proclaims itself to be a school where collaboration and support are available in abundance—whether it is an institution, the

accessibility of professors or the nature of our students, we are supposed to be a university where students want to be there for each other. I find the student component most interesting (since I am after all, an undergraduate), since collaboration somehow implies that we work to help each other succeed at Wash. U. holistically.

You might be logically led to believe that a “collaborative” student body is likely to support itself not just at major events (like a cultural show or a charity event like Relay For Life), but that we might actually get to know each other by name and story. Whether that would be through a friend’s 30-person workshop on educational equality, taking the time to listen to someone’s podcast or exhibiting genuine appreciation for each other on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, I’ve seen less of this gratitude than you might expect at Wash. U. If you were quizzed on your 10 best friends, what could you actually answer about them? Their majors? Their

student groups? What about where they want to be in 10 years? Or what their proudest accomplishment is at Wash. U.? If anyone can pass that quiz here, props to you

And I’d fail too. I am equally responsible for propagating this culture of indifference. I wish I had done more to hold up my end of the bargain in my four years. Like anyone else, I am prone to excuse myself from a friend’s a cappella show or a lecture they are organizing by complaining about my own level of stress, giving a bogus excuse for why that hour is important to my sanity, or just being too lazy to walk 20 minutes to the engineering school.

It’s time that we own up to our own selfishness at Wash. U. and admit that we have a problem showing interest in what our friends and peers are doing. When push comes to shove, we forget all of the incredible things that go on in our undergraduate community and choose to focus narrowly on our own path.

Solving this issue doesn’t involve a

contrived administration-led marketing scheme, or a set of listening panels, or even a pep rally. It centers around each student making a bit more time in their week for others, whether that is scheduling an hour to attend an event or sending a text to someone out of the blue.

In fact, this kind of prosocial behavior is incredibly beneficial for our subjective well-being, as Professor Tim Bono would tell you. Performing random acts of kindness and expressing gratitude for others are two among many of the strategies he recommends in improving our own happiness in his famous Positive Psychology class. So even if you’re still feeling selfish, remember that these acts will benefit you as well.

So, to the class of 2019 and beyond, do a little bit better than my class did—go find out what your close friends are passionate about, or show up for something they’re organizing. Maybe, we’ll be a step closer to living up to the promise of the admissions pitch that we all remember so well from years ago.

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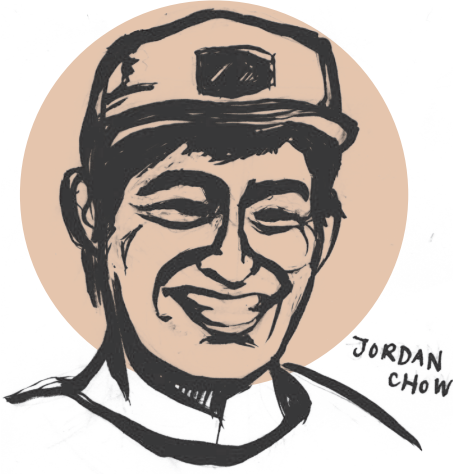
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## Time flies...

They say time flies when you're having fun, but I wish you could replace "slow down" with "flies." In what seems like the blink of an eye, graduation is upon us, and I will be leaving Washington University and embarking on a new journey. It seems crazy to think that I have somehow accumulated enough knowledge to theoretically "make it" in the real world outside of school, yet when I reflect on these four years I realize that it wasn't only the schooling that made me a more well-rounded person, but also the people and the experiences I had.

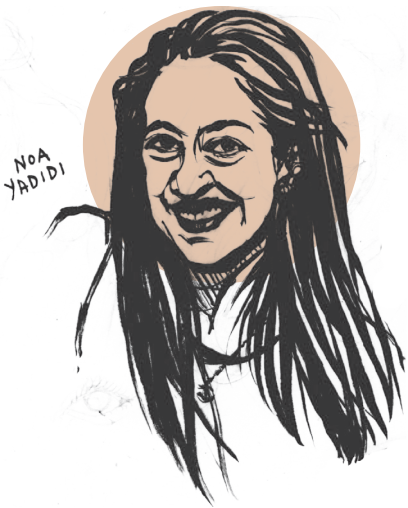
If there's one word of advice I would give incoming students, it would be to truly take

control of your college experience and make it uniquely you. From late night study parties in Olin Library, to early morning road trips with the ultimate frisbee team, I have strived to make my college experience what I want it to be.

It would be silly of me not to highlight some of the groups of people that have made my college experience what it is. Even though I only joined Student Life my junior year, I learned what it meant to be part of a newspaper, and I learned something new almost every production night. The ultimate team is like my second family, and I can't imagine my college experience without the

countless practices and weekends spent with them. Deciding to become a part of the Pathfinder Program my freshman year was one of the best decisions I've made in my college career, and I'll cherish all those long nights spent in the Remote Sensing Laboratory and all the fun times we had in the Mojave Desert and on the beaches of Hawaii.

Graduating doesn't mean that it's the end of the road, rather it means the start of a new journey down a new, freshly paved road open for discovery. Even though I'm not sure where this road will end, I know all the memories and friends I've made over the past four years will be there along for the ride.



**Noa Yadidi** - Former Editor-in-Chief

## Night notes, breaking news and too much takeout

Throughout my college career, I've rarely had a single Wednesday or Sunday night free. There may have been a few at the beginning of my freshman year, but reliably since then those nights have been dedicated to Student Life production nights. Of course, this commitment has come at the expense of others—whether it be social, homework or sleep-related—but I've never minded, really, I've known nothing different.

Over these four years, those production nights have been wildly different. During the first few, I would quietly and timidly design a Forum page, afraid of anyone talking to me lest I reveal my boring, uncool self in front of the witty, talented and intimidating upperclassmen. But as time went on, I got my own quotes on the wall and got in on the

dinner order. I started helping mold the front page—some with my own stories on them (and sometimes slashed, rightfully, in half by older editors)—and being a part of hours-long conversations on whether that one word in the headline should be "struggle" or "struggles" (true story). I witnessed my first and then second (and then third, and then fourth) Sex Issue and Student Libel production nights—each with their own set of last minute problems and sleep-deprived laughs. As editor-in-chief, a new set of production night challenges emerged, but problem-solving and decision making was exciting, especially as a barrage of breaking news and a presidential debate were thrown into the mix.

Even as a senior, after a year spent practically living in the office as editor-in-chief, I've still been making the three-floor trek up the Danforth University Center every production night (and by "trek," I mean I take the elevator). My non-StudLife friends (well, even some of my StudLife friends) continue to ask me why I still care so much, why I still devote my Wednesdays and Sundays, why I still let it take up my time.

For me, it's simple: I love Student Life. I'm not talking about just production nights or just journalism or just the people—all of it. In the past four years, nearly everything that is important to me or that I value has somehow—even indirectly—been related to StudLife. Staying involved and engaged in productive and helpful ways is how I give back to an organization and community that I love and that has given me so much.

We all struggle with our own challenges. Take a look at my quotes on the wall and you'll easily be able to discern mine: affection,

empathy and, mostly importantly, confidence. Through my experiences on Student Life, each of those weaknesses was tested and—with each difficult situation—personally, I grew. And ultimately, isn't that what college is for?

Through our incredibly supportive community and network, I learned how to be more affectionate and outwardly appreciative. I challenged myself to make sure people felt encouraged and rewarded after doing good work, particularly as their editor. I tried to openly encourage and foster an environment where people who disagreed with me felt comfortable speaking up, holding myself accountable for my decisions, challenging me to make them and defend them with purpose. Sometimes that meant heated arguments with some of my best friends, but it taught me empathy—to understand the other side, to be able to admit when I'm wrong and, in turn, encouraged others to also be engaged. Covering a college campus is weird, particularly a relatively small one like Washington University, where I would have constant contact with those I'd be reporting on. From favorable stories to those slightly less so, and without compromising our journalistic integrity, I learned how to be more empathetic in my own reporting—something I truly never expected—particularly, in understanding the different viewpoints and narratives around campus, especially as I dealt with more delicate stories. Most important of all, I have Student Life to thank for a newfound confidence I didn't know was within me. I still have a long way to go, but never thought I'd go from being the quiet, scared girl hiding in the corner to the one standing on the table

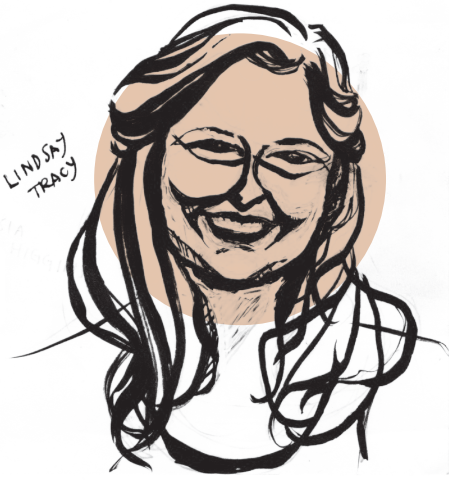
on debate night calling the shots.

In terms of experiences, Student Life has taken me all over our campus and our city. From the St. Louis courtroom to the debate hall to live on C-SPAN to protests, budget meetings, garlic festivals and the chancellor's office. I've gotten to hear some of the most prominent voices speak and speak to some of the most prominent people in our community and beyond. I've had the opportunity to meet more people on campus than most and understand at the most basic level that truly every single person has an interesting story to tell—opportunities that wouldn't have existed (or an excuse to talk to people I wouldn't have) without Student Life.

StudLife has even taken me beyond St. Louis and around the world. In deciding to run for editor-in-chief, I gave up the ability to spend a semester abroad—something I always pictured a crucial part of my four-year college career. But I had to readjust my plans (another good life lesson), instead spending the best summer in my life abroad in London where I met not only my best friend but found a group of friends that are now my family. The next summer, the skills I learned and experience I'd had from Student Life helped me land my dream internship at a journalism outlet in Washington, D.C.—a life changing experience I could have never imagined I'd have.

As the curtain closes on my Washington University experience, perhaps most significantly what Student Life has done is confirm not only the career path I want to pursue, but that I'm prepared. That I can do

See **YADIDI** on Page 23



**Lindsay Tracy** - Former Cadenza Editor

## Oh, the places you'll go

Most people say that college is the best four years of your life. They look back nostalgically about the crazy party stories, the homework they ditched, the weird freshman floor things that happened. Looking back at the high ups and low downs of my past four years, I don't think that's the right approach.

The "best years of your life" narrative builds up this fantasy that you're entitled to only fun in your four years of college

and that if you don't achieve this life of perfection, you're somehow lacking as a student. I spent too long in college complacent with organizations or people that didn't value me because of this expectation that you're supposed to make anything work, fearing the risk of change.

If you don't sometimes fail, then you aren't taking advantage of every opportunity for growth at this institution. Every change I've made for my happiness has been difficult; making new friends, forging new paths, trying out strange classes and taking a chance on the unknown is never easy. And sometimes it doesn't work out. But each challenge is a step closer to making the best life for yourself. Even the worst situations can make you realize what's important.

There's this huge world out there, and, inside of it, a million chances to find people that make you laugh, classes that make you rethink your own beliefs and identity, and a career that make you excited to go into work. If an internship isn't good, that's great! That's one more career path or type

of work environment that you can cross off your list. If a friend isn't who you thought they were, it's an exciting opportunity to get to know other people. If your archeology class doesn't work out, at least now you have some cool facts to pull out at dinner parties.

Freshman year, I had this whole idea of who I was and what I wanted. In some regards, that stayed the same. I'm still friends with some of the people that I met on my very first day of the Student Life pre-orientation program, Freshman Press. I'm still a Film and Marketing double major. I love memes more than ever (Thanks, FMS department, for letting me write an 18-page paper about meme convergence in Game of Thrones fan culture). But I also met some of my best friends during my last semester of college. I started a media club, Storyscope, my junior year full of amazing members and found a home in Los Angeles the summer before senior year.

Living without regrets isn't about making every moment of college great; it's

about leaving no stone unturned. Explore! Try new things! Meet new people! Even from the disasters, you'll learn more about yourself. Don't get comfortable with where you are just because it's familiar.

There isn't one specific way to do college right, and once you start down a path, you may find that another one is better. There's no such thing as too late: to join a new club, to make a new friend, to try a new passion. Pursue a life where you don't need to prove to anyone except yourself that you're happy. Maybe they will be the best years of your life; maybe they won't. But don't accept less than what you want in fear of wasting precious college time. You have the rest of your life to settle into routines; take some risks, make some mistakes, and look forward to your happiest years ahead.

To my soul munk, my Sunday fun-days, my Los Angeladies, my GoT gals, the Tracvan fam, Storyscopers, SLusers, Cadenzangels and more, thanks for a great ride.

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**Greer Russell** - Former Music Editor  
**Crossing the Finish Line**

Once upon a time, I received “The Starting Line” in my home mailbox approximately one month before my first day at WashU.

While reading the advice of Student Life writers and admiring pictures of campus scattered throughout the edition, I tried to imagine what the next four years of my life would be like. Fast forward four years, I’m sitting in my off-campus apartment writing this letter, now trying to predict the rest of my life beyond 1 Brookings Drive.

The fact of the matter is, no one can predict their life in college. I never imagined I would temporarily join a sorority or that I would lead a medical brigade to Honduras, that I would interview big-name musicians in my role as music editor of Cadenza and I never realized the pre-med lifestyle could be so tremendously difficult. In my mind, college was the time for everything to fall into place. Campus was to serve as the runway for your flight into a successful life. Yet it often felt as though I had hit turbulence even before making it off the ground. I never imagined there would be

so many times I would feel hopeless and lost, like my time in college has amounted to no better person than the girl beaming with potential while sitting at her kitchen table that one summer afternoon.

But if we were able to imagine these aspects of college, we would never do it. We would never elect to transport our entire life to a place for only four years just to be tossed around by the higher education system. We would never voluntarily pay money to sit in a library for countless hours stressed about the next day’s exam, essay or interview. We would never grow. And that would be a shame, because growth is the only way we can reach the achievements that similarly lie beyond our imagination. Though it has taken me the full four years to realize it, I am a better version of that girl at the starting line because I am more prepared to take on the realities of the working world. I am prepared to fail,

because I have felt it before and know what it takes to get up and try again. I know what it takes to not give up on yourself, because no one is going to devote more of their time to push you forward than you. Perhaps these four years of college have not been “the best of my life,” but they have given me the strength and motivation to make these next however many years the very best they can be.

Wash. U. has shown me many of life’s realities I was unprepared to tackle on my first day here. It has built up my stamina and given me a few close friends I know I can count on when things do not go as planned. Perhaps it is deceiving to have a start and finish line to denote the beginning and ending of our undergraduate career. For all of us, the finish line across that graduation stage is just as much a starting line as the one we crossed on our first day of freshman year.



**Aaron Brezel** - Former  
 Managing Editor

**How About Those Sports!**

Usually, a Student Life farewell letter is some combination of personal experience and sage guidance. I don’t really like waxing about myself and I am definitely not the kind of person you should be taking advice from. Just because you can stuff your entire laundry bag into the washing machine, doesn’t mean you should. That’s not a metaphor; it’s how I broke a washing machine.

Instead, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the folks who helped shape my identity as a journalist. I can pursue this passion in the next stage of my life because I met people at Washington University who encouraged my creativity and gave me a platform to experiment. There’s some people at home I want to talk about, too. This is in no particular order.

To my parents, Ted and Claire Brezel, and my sister, Emma, I’m told I only get about five hundred words for this letter. I couldn’t thank

my family enough if I had five thousand.

They are my sounding board and my copy editors, my therapists and 75 percent of my readership. College wasn’t always smooth sailing for me, but I came out the other side, because of the love and support they gave me. Journalism is new ground for the Brezels. Most of the time I won’t know which way is up, but I do know I have the help of three best guesses.

To the Wash. U. Athletics Department, I’m not sure how ethically kosher it is to thank reporting subjects, but since I’ll probably never write about these guys again, who cares? To Chris Mitchell, Mark Edwards, Vanessa Walby, Larry Kindbom, Chris Peacock and every other coach, administrator and athlete who suffered me over the past four years, thank you. Because you graciously answered all my dumb questions, I slowly built up the reporting skills to ask dumb questions less often.

You fostered an environment that made it very easy to fall in love with journalism. And to Chris Mitchell specifically, thank you for the late-night PR calls. They always made me feel very official and important.

To Student Life, what an opportunity you gave me. For four years you were a platform and a creative outlet, not just for me, but for every writer, editor and designer that walked through the office door. I won’t mince words and say it was a perfect experience. School newspapers are stressful and not every late night in the office when you have a paper due the next day is going to be fun. But Student Life gave me the opportunity to experiment and develop as a journalist. Every place this career takes me will be thanks to my fellow writers and editors and all I learned from them.

That basically covers everyone. Thank you and goodnight.

**From YADIDI on Page 21**

this. That there may be times where I feel a lot of those similar feelings I did four years ago—fear, uncertainty that I’m not good enough or don’t fit in—but that I can get through them. That I can get through them because of what I’ve learned here at Washington University and here at Student Life. Because I’ve learned how to persevere, to be strong and to handle

the difficult situations that will undoubtedly arise. So, as the last few weeks of school trickle on, and I start spending less and less time in the office as we learn to live apart, I know Student Life will always have a special place in my heart no matter where in the world I am. The future looks pretty scary, I’m not going to lie, but I’ve got what I need for this next step in life. So, thanks, StudLife.

**From HEINE on Page 19**

my other priorities in life, knowing that those people I had grown to love over my four years here would be a little less accessible the moment I packed up and left after commencement. I guess what this all boils down to is the simple but just maybe precious advice—make time for the people in your life and try

to open yourself to new relationships up until the very end of your time here. Don’t slow down once you see the finish line; finish strong and then keep going because it’s not like you can come to a complete halt after all of that momentum you’ve built up, anyway. We’ll still be running even after the timer runs out.



**Hanusia Higgins** - Former  
Scene Editor

## Make Like a Plant

Comparing my personal growth during college to that of a plant's is probably one of the most cliché metaphors out there. So, I'm going to, uh, pretty much just take that trope and run with it.

You see, plants are a big part of my life. (They're a big part of yours, too,

even if you don't think about them as often or as fondly as I do.) I study plants. I experiment on plants. I eat (almost exclusively) plants. We humans have a lot to learn from the kingdom Plantae.

When a seed falls, floats, or unceremoniously splats onto the ground, it's on its own, but not totally without help: Each seed is packed with nutrients to help propel it into its first stage of life as a sprout. The cotyledons, or embryonic leaves, in a seed help the baby plant begin to photosynthesize and gain the energy to make its own, full-fledged leaves.

When I began my journey at Washington University nearly four years ago, I was a lot like a seed. I was on my own for the first time, with an initial reserve of support that I used to establish myself. I put out a leaf, then another. I grew beyond relying on those metaphorical cotyledons. I became more independent, more self-sufficient (though, regrettably, not via literal photosyn-

thesis). I sunk my roots slowly into the limestone-rich St. Louis soil, anchoring myself more firmly to this Midwestern city with which I've grown increasingly entwined and enamored over the past four years.

In the course of a life, external factors shape students and seedlings alike: Water and sunlight are needs that both have in common; students have additional requirements like academic and social support, to name a few. Unlike plants (as far as I know), humans have voices, and we should use them—loudly and often. Advocating for myself is one of the most important skills I have learned in college.

Now, with graduation impending, I'm facing a major transplantation, and it's simultaneously terrifying and exhilarating. But although I've remained largely in St. Louis for the past four years, I've changed a great deal.

A tree, like the beautiful Ginkgo bilobas outside Olin Library, stays

rooted in place its whole life. Cut open, the patterns of its annual rings reveal insights into its natural history. Some rings are narrow, indicating years when resources were scarce. Others are wide, expressing years of exuberant, nearly unbounded growth. The occasional scar or char belies an event of great trauma, but when enough time has passed to grow over the wound, it becomes undetectable from the tree's outside. Though I ask that you please don't cut me open to fact-check, I, too, have experienced exuberant growth and extreme sorrow in my time at Wash. U., and the cumulation of my experiences have helped shape me into the tree-hugger I am today.

My final, self-indulgently cheesy (chlorophyll-y?) advice for those remaining at Wash. U. is to make like a plant. Sprout a few of your own leaves. Sink your roots into the St. Louis soil. And, if you'll pardon one last cliché, grow where you're planted.



**Wesley Jenkins** - Former  
Associate Editor

## Loss, listicles and (Stud) life

In honor of the StudLife party theme that never came to fruition (Dress as your favorite item from Wes's car), I will dedicate this senior letter to all of the things I will miss from the StudLife office:

The yellow Wiffle ball bat

Well with that out of the way, I guess it's time to do the sentimental part. Through only the misfortune of timing, everything I have loved about StudLife has disappeared during my time here. The WUnderground "mushroom" that we stole after the presidential debate was stolen back. My three wall quotes were lost along with all the others. Ray Bush, general manager extraordinaire and best human being I know, has taken a new job doing bigger and better newspaper things. And worst of all, we lost our beloved StudLife office, replaced with an inadequate facsimile that lacks both windows and soul.

While I know eventually the new office will be imbued with the same culture of camaraderie and memory that I once knew, there will never be a time that I can return to StudLife and reflect on the space that I loved.

Which I guess only leaves the people and the stories. There are too many names of too many staffers over the years I was here to list everyone who impacted me, but here's a go at it: Noa, Maddie, Aidan, Peter, Ray, Claire, Leich,

John Schmidt, Josh, Rob, Jill, Elena, Zach, Becca, Jodice, Smeeks, Nick, Erica, Greer, Ella, Kendall, Lindsay, Shands, Kayla, Megan, Danielle, Olivia, Skliff, Laura, Jonathan, and last but not least Sam Hanks for his one banquet appearance.

Because I'm realizing this letter is becoming a list of lists, I'll lean into the trope and finish it out strong.

Top 5 Favorite Stories I wrote:

America's Favorite ROOGY

Who Won (any)

I just want to check in; how are you feeling right now?

Don't be afraid to ask

More than just a number: Socioeconomic diversity by name and story

Most Annoying Office DJ, in descending order:

Noa (too many Latin remixes)

Josh (too much Danish grunge folk)

Ella (not enough imagination)

Myself (too much rap)

Aidan (good DJ)

Maddie (the preferred DJ)

Best Time for Production to End, in

descending order:

Before 11 p.m. (What is this thing called sleep?)

After 4 a.m. (The sadism I can brag about)

1 a.m. (A nice surprise)

2 a.m. (honestly routine)

3 a.m. (too late to be fun, not late enough to be impressive)

Midnight (we definitely f---ed something up)

Campus Print Publications in Order of Quality:

Simple Syrup

StudLife (I'm biased okay)

Armour

Spires

WUPR

Used toilet paper

WUnderground

With my last 38 words, I'd like to leave this organization with the immortal words of Zach Buchanan: "Greetings from frigid St. Louis, where I will not be venturing outdoors unless there is a fire. Maybe."





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# Albert Yao



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## Congratulation Albert!

We are so proud of what you have achieved! We hope your dreams take you beyond your highest hopes, and we will always be there to love you and support you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Megan,  
Yeye, Nainai, Waigong,  
Waipo



## Alex Van den Avont



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You morphed from Vandy to Avda, identified cilantro, hit a golf ball with pinpoint precision (but forgot about the bounce), and more importantly, made life-long friends!

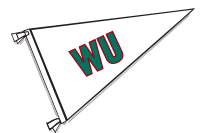
We all love you!



## Alison Wulfe



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Congratulations Alison Wulfe on your Graduation from Wash U!

We love you,  
Mom and Dad  
Mark and Blake

# ALEX HERRIOTT



## CONGRATULATIONS ALEX!

You leave behind flashing dance floors, electro-material prototypes, the mighty Griffins and WashU IEEE. You will cherish EE Undergrad and CE Masters degrees, great memories and friendships made.

Proud of you and our very best for the next chapter,  
Love Mum & Dad



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## Ally Dworetzky

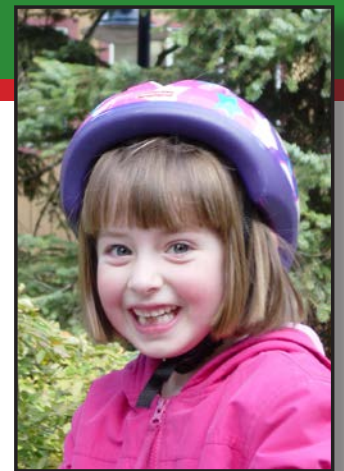


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Congratulations, Ally! Your accomplishments have made us so proud & we're simply awestruck by what you've achieved. Always believe in yourself & you'll accomplish anything.

Nous t'aimérons,  
Mom, Dad & Noah



## Alysandria Eleanor Wayne



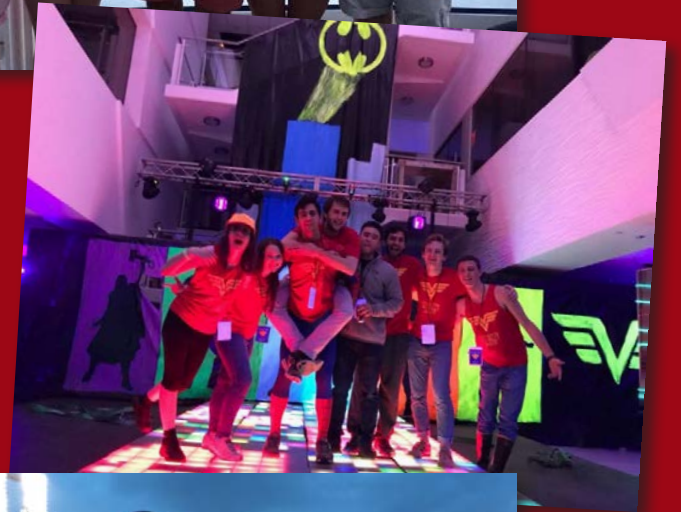
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Alycat,  
Congratulations! We are incredibly proud and happy for you. Remember the past, live in the present and look forward to the future.

Love you,  
The "Fam"

# BRIAN D ZIMMERMAN



*Congratulations to you and the class of 2018!*

*Enjoy this moment, you deserve it!*

*Watching you evolve and navigate life the past four years has brought us immense joy and pride.*

*You are our sunshine.*

*Love, Mom, Dad, Daniel and the Z/G Family*

*You'll never walk alone*



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# ANDRES JOSE FERNANDEZ

**ANDRES,  
CONGRATULATIONS ON  
YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS  
AND ON GRADUATING  
FROM WASHU.  
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AND THE REST OF  
FERNANDEZ AND GARCIA  
FAMILIES.**



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# Carrie Stump



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*We are so proud of you and all  
that you have accomplished!  
Congratulations! We love you!  
Mom, Dad and Courtney*

# Caitlin Summer Schwartz



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**Congratulations Caitlin!**  
We are so proud of you and will always  
be there to support you!  
We love you so much,  
Mom, Mainon, Lauren, Ryan, and Aaron

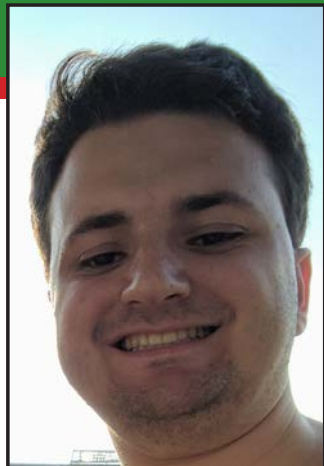
# Evan Satinsky



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Evan,  
It has been wonderful to watch you mature and  
succeed at Wash U. We can't wait to see how your  
life unfolds from here!  
Love, Mom and Dad



# Carson Platnick



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**Congratulations!**

We are in awe of all you've accomplished and so  
proud of the person you've become. Know that we love  
and support you no matter what - we can't  
wait to see what you have in store for your life!

Forever and always,  
Mom, Dad, Mimi, and Papa

# Caroline Moore



Congratulations to our beautiful daughter!  
 We are so proud of all your accomplishments and how much you have grown in your four years at WashU.  
 We can't wait to see what's next!

We love you!  
 Moomay and Padre



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# CHRISTOPHER S. FARKOUH



CHRIS,

We are so extremely proud of all you've accomplished! You warm our hearts and souls just by being the wonderful young man that you are. Keep on striving sweetheart, for a beautiful future awaits you.

You are the love of our lives!  
 Mom, Dad, Matthew, Nicole,  
 both Grandmas and Aunt Shell



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# Elexa Jade Salina



Elexa,

Our wish for you is that throughout life's journey your dreams stay big and your worries stay small. Face challenges with strength and confidence.

Live with dignity, grace and humility. Breathe, trust and bask in the beauty of YOU. We are so proud of all your accomplishments.

Always know how much you are loved.  
 MOM, DAD, SLOANE, SADIE.



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# COLE RASHAD WEST

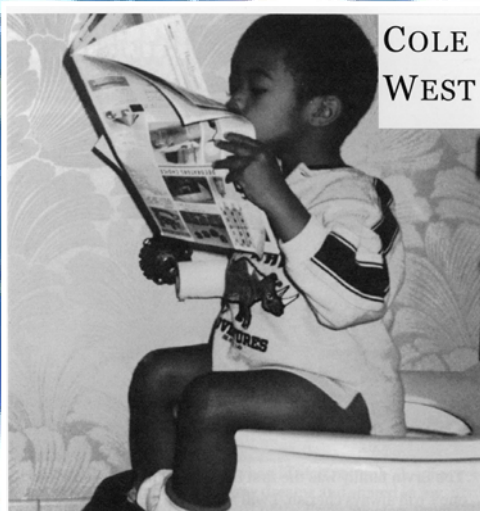


Cole

"Whatever you're interested in, everyone at Olin wants you to succeed."



TAKEN AT OLIN



COLE WEST

Ervin is my family. They are the first people I want to tell my successes and the first people I ask for help. I've been blessed in so many ways to be part of this community and I'm forever grateful.  
"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It's the courage to continue that counts." -Winston Churchill



## Cole, you are OUR Shining Star!

You stand tall and strong on the mighty shoulders of your 'Village'.

We are in awe of, overjoyed by and grateful for your achievements and hard working spirit. Your scholarship, business, fellowship and the 2018 Poets & Quants Best & Brightest for Undergrads Recognition article are all absolutely amazing and we are so proud! Continue to shine your light brightly and 'Lift as you Climb'.

Enjoy the journey to your Promise.

We Celebrate YOUR Blessings and Favor with endless love and abounding Pride and Joy.

Mom, Dad and "The Village"



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## Glizela M. Taino



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Congratulation our princess.  
We are very proud of you and we love you.

Love,  
Tatay, Mama, Kuya, Ate, Jazrine and Arya



## Greer Russell



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Congratulations, Greer!  
We watched U do great things these past  
four years. We can't wait for more successes  
to come. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Tess, Mickey, Louie, Trixie,  
& Slick



# Isabelle Metz

*Darling Isabelle,  
You are beautiful  
inside and out.  
Smart, funny and  
have the best laugh!  
Congratulations -  
you make us so  
proud. Follow your  
heart. This is just  
the beginning of a  
wonderful life.*

*Love, Mom, Dad  
and Trixie  
(from heaven)*



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# Elizabeth Michelle Gordon

You may be the sweetheart of Sigma Chi,  
but you are our sweetheart!

CONGRATULATIONS  
AND

WE LOVE YOU!!

DAD, PATTI AND STEVIE



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## Isabelle (Izzy) Agostini



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Congratulations on everything you have worked so hard to achieve!

Love from all of us!

Bill, Charlotte, Carina, Magnus, Dante, Jack, Grandma Irene, Grandpa William, Mormor Anita, Morfar Franky

## Jonathan Stepakoff



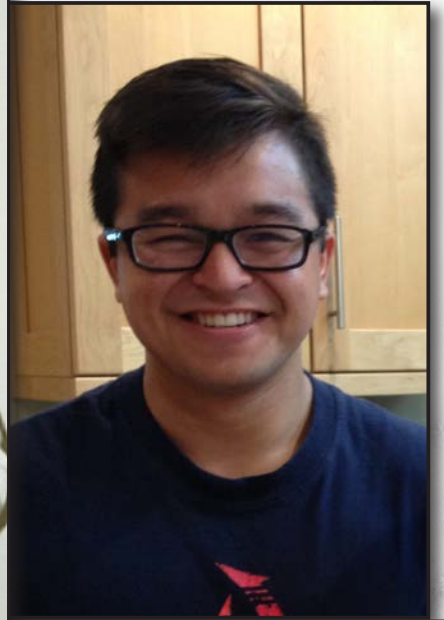
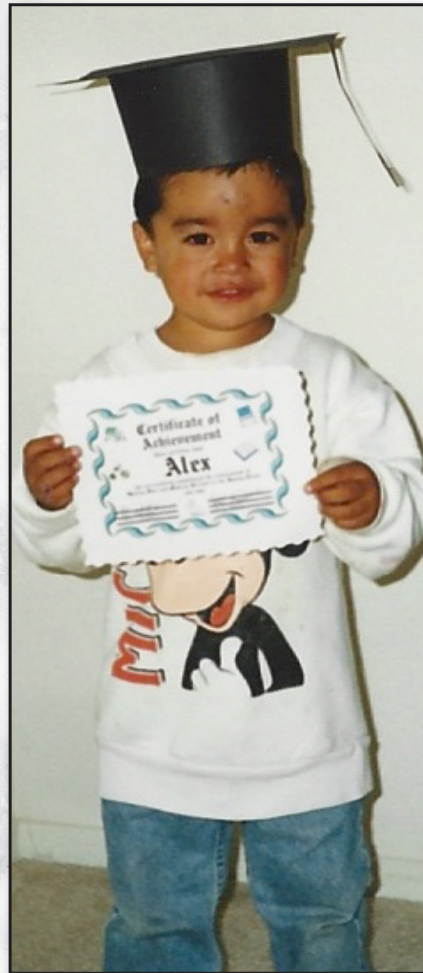
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Congratulations, Jonathan!

We are so proud of all your accomplishments and the principled man you are becoming. We wish you every success at Capital One and fulfilling all your dreams.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Liz

## Jorge A. Gutierrez, III



Congratulations on all of your amazing accomplishments!

We love you and are very proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Gloria, Coco, and Bob

## JANE ZANKMAN



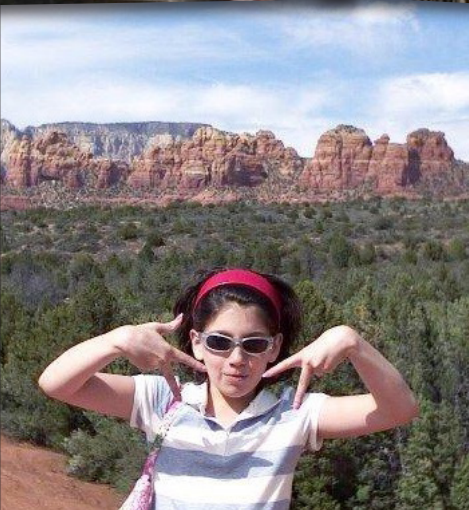
Congratulations Jane! We are very proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Rachel, Mara and Minnie



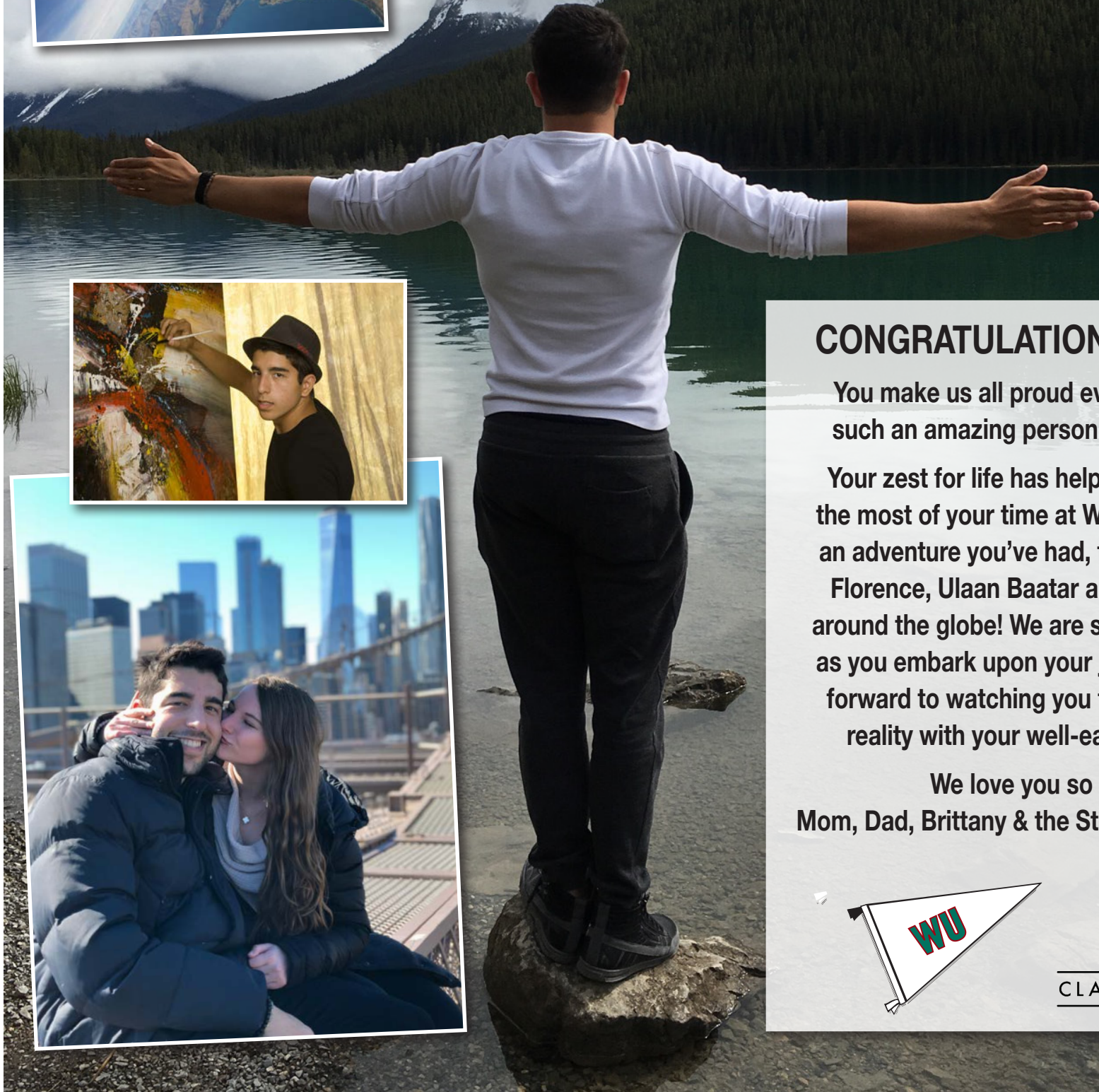
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# Jordan Sturner



## CONGRATULATIONS JORDAN!

You make us all proud every day. You're such an amazing person inside and out!

Your zest for life has helped you to make the most of your time at Wash U. And what an adventure you've had, from St. Louis to Florence, Ulaan Baatar and 35 countries around the globe! We are so excited for you as you embark upon your journey and look forward to watching you transform every reality with your well-earned degree!!

We love you so much,  
Mom, Dad, Brittany & the Sturner/Studnik clan



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## Liam Eno McBride



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Dearest Liam...

Congratulations on your well-deserved success. You are a man of substance, a jokester with a big heart and a brilliant mind. Follow your dreams and onward to the next adventure!

Love You: Ima, Aba & Zoe McBride



## Josh Bircoll

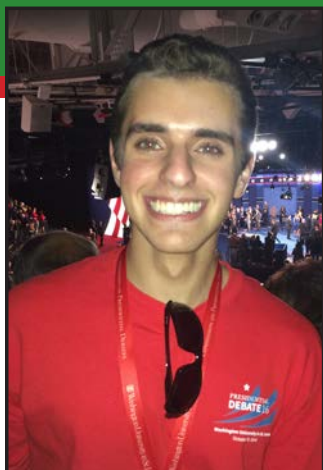


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Congratulations Josh!

We are so proud of you, and we know the best is yet to come!

We love you- Mom, Dad, Jamie and Sari



## Lily Schroeder



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Congratulations! We love you!!

Mom, Dad, Billy, Johnny, Peter & Reindl



## Kasey Southard



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From the time you were young until today you have only given us reasons to hold our heads in pride. The hard work and sacrifices have paid off and today is your reward. Congratulations to our little graduate, the sky is the limit!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Ashley and Mike (+Winston, Dolce and Ziggy)



## Margaret J. Min



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Dear Margaret,

Congratulations on your WU graduation!

We are so proud of you!

"Do more things that make you smile."

Love, Mom, Dad, Jaspur and Caroline.

May 18, 2018



## Landon Amory Lichtenstein



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Our hearts are filled with love You have made us proud beyond compare. Go forth and lead the way to a better, brighter and happier world for all.

Your family.

## Matthew Fischer



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Congratulations Matthew!

From Circus Nursery to WashU Grad, you did it and we are so proud of you :)

Love Mummy, Dad, Meagan and Grandma xo



# MATTHEW COE



Be kind when given the choice.

Be thoughtful when making a decision

Be aware of all that is around you.

Be safe.



To someone who is generous, genuine, conscientious and loyal, we wish wonderful things.



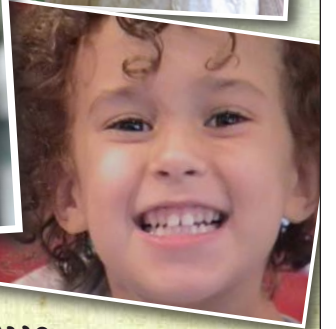
Congratulations Matthew, we are in awe.  
Love, Mum and Dad



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# Sarah Caroline Greenberg



**CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH!**

May your pockets be heavy and your heart light,  
May good luck pursue you each morning and night!

We are so proud of you! Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, Ben, Jake and Rebecca



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# Olivia Nicole Williams



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Olivia, Congratulations on your many accomplishments! We are so proud of you.

May God continue to bless you on your life's journey.

Love, Daddy, Mother, Natalie and Courtney



# Preethika Rajsekar



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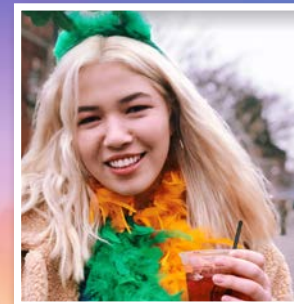
Congratulations Preethi!

Wishing you the best of the best in coming years!! Can't imagine 4 years at WashU went by like a blink of an eye! Welcome home :)

Love, Amma, Appa, Sharani & Spur



# Mikaela Lee Hong



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We're so proud of ALL your accomplishments! Marketing major in Olin, Psychology major, The Greenleaves, AKPSI, AEPHI and running a marathon have kept you busy but you always manage to have a great time laughing and loving life!

Congratulations Mikaela!

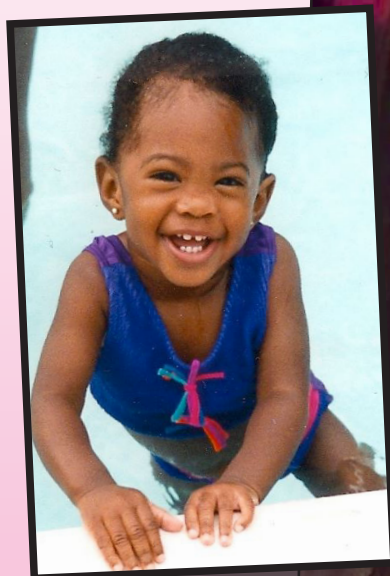
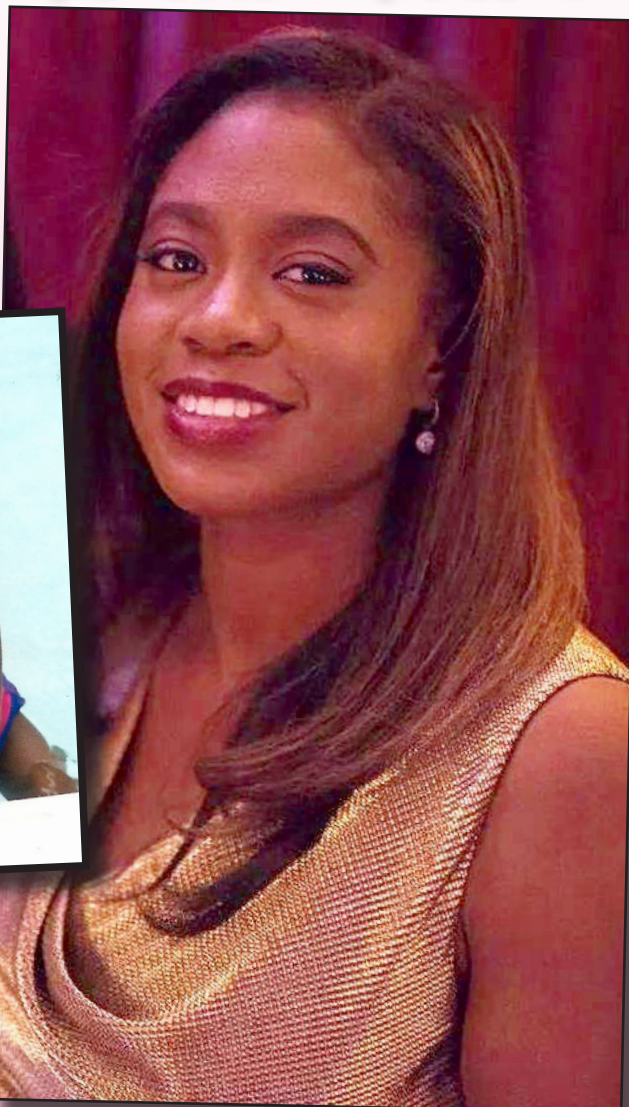
Love,  
Mom, Dad, AJ, Alex



# Teran Michelle Mickens



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*Teran, what a wonderful young woman you are! Your vision, determination, grace, intelligence and compassion have helped you to realize this monumental achievement. We can't wait to see what your next chapter brings. Always remember that we are with you every step of the way!*

*With love and immense pride,  
Mom, Johnny, Tevin, Lilly, Bentley  
and the entire family*



# Roderick Mbembe Smith



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Congratulations Roderick!  
We are very proud of you.  
One goal accomplished and many more to go!  
Believe in you! We do! Go get it!  
Love Pops, Mom, Miya, Rian  
and your Village!



# Skylar and Taylor Dittrich



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Congratulations to our amazing twin daughters!  
2018 WUSTL Olin Business and OSU Engineering  
graduates. We are so proud of you and  
your accomplishments!  
Love, Mom and Dad

# Sophia Marie Guirguis



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Congratulations on your graduation from  
WashU, Sophia! We are so proud of your  
accomplishments and can't wait to see  
what the future holds!  
~ Love Mom, Dad, Kayla, Noah and Stella ~



# Sydney Katz

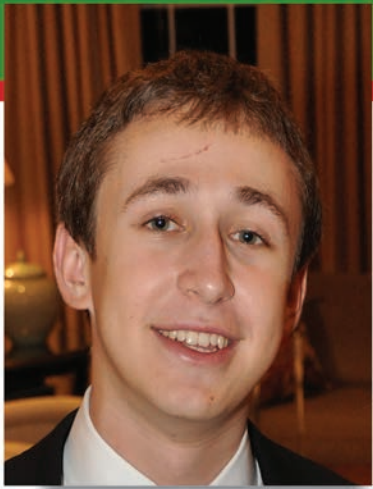


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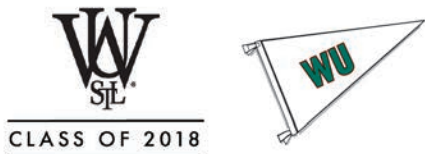


Congratulations to our Valedictorian on your numerous  
accomplishments at Washington University.  
You never cease to amaze us.  
Wishing you all the best that life has to offer.  
Love,  
Mom (& Hector) and Dad (& Annette)





*Adam Taitz*



So proud of you! May you continue to achieve success in all your future endeavors and fulfill all your hopes and aspirations.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Jason, Jonathan, Daniel & Gabrielle

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# Congratulations Seniors!

*Wesley Jenkins*

*Noa Yadidi*

*Aaron Brezel*

*Peter Dissinger*

*Kendall Carroll*

*Greer Russell*

*Maise Heine*

*Hanusia Higgins*

*Lindsay Tracy*

*Jordan Chow*



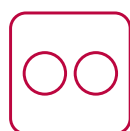
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