

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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What is your major?

I'm majoring in Health Science on the Health Promotion Track, Sociology, and Non-profit Administration with a minor in Psychology. The Health Promotion track is a new addition to Cleveland State's curriculum and it is geared towards addressing health issues among certain populations within communities and working with non-profits in doing so.

I will likely be graduating in Spring 2020. From there, I hope to attend graduate school, work for a non-profit in the area, or start my own non-profit. As long as I am working towards making a difference, I'll be on the right track.

How would you describe yourself?

I would describe myself as compassionate, well-rounded, and determined. I'm always looking for ways to get involved and make a difference in any way that I can.

What's your favorite food?

My favorite food is definitely mac n cheese. Unless coffee counts as a food. If I'm at a restaurant and there is mac n cheese on the menu, there's a 97% chance I'm going to order it.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I'm generally caught up in a book somewhere in a coffee shop, hanging out with friends, or volunteering. I'm a regular volunteer in the Cleveland Metroparks and have been actively involved with Viking Expeditions since my freshman year of college. This past summer I actually spent two whole weeks volunteering abroad in Madrid, Spain through the International Volunteer Headquarters. While I was there I worked with special needs kids in an orphanage, helping to teach them English and lending an extra hand to their caregivers. It's difficult for residents to get involved in Madrid because most volunteer opportunities generally require a full-time dedication that residents are unable to supply due to their own obligations, and thus many locations rely on the help of outside volunteers to come in and help. Our affiliate, Serve the City, works on a year-round basis to fill this void. While the experience presented many challenges, it was one that I have taken so much away from and genuinely cannot wait to utilize here back home in Cleveland, in order to give back to my own community.

What's your favorite part about being in the Honors College?

My favorite part about being in the Honors College is having classes with other Honors students. Meeting others who share a passion for education and determination to make a difference, in whatever regard they are geared towards, is inspiring. Some of the people I've met through these courses have become some of the biggest influences on my path and view in life, whether they are aware or not.