IN CELEBRATION OF OUR

2019 LEAD SENIORS

THE ALUMNI CENTER
MAY 2, 2019

Lisa Garcia, LSA ’19
LEAD IS FOR ATTRACTING THE BRIGHTEST MINDS.
FOR CREATING THE MOST DIVERSE STUDENT BODY.
FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL WOLVERINES.
WELCOME
Ellen Agress, ’68
Chair, Board of Directors, Alumni Association
Steve Grafton
President & CEO, Alumni Association

SUPPORTING LEAD
Brett J. Hart, ’91
Executive Vice President & General Counsel, United Airlines

SENIOR REFLECTION
Lauryn Walker, ’19
LEAD Scholar

PRESENTATION OF 2019 LEAD GRADUATES
Elizabeth “Beanie” Zollweg
Senior Assistant Director, LEAD Scholars Program
Phyllis Taylor, ’91
Lead Assistant Director, Alumni Student Recruitment & LEAD Scholars
Ayannah Adegeye, Livonia, MI
College of Engineering
Computer Science Engineering
Instructional Aide for Engineering 101 (3 semesters)
Ayannah’s immediate plan this summer is to travel all over the world before entering the workforce as a Game Developer on the Minecraft Team at Microsoft.

Ainsley Ashman, Columbia, MD
College of Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Central Student Government
Engineering Student Government
Bursley Hall Council
After graduation, AJ will work for BNSF Railway in the Kansas City Metro Area, with long term plans to attend law school and go into public service.

Royce Atkin, Buffalo Grove, IL
Ross School of Business
Business Administration
Royce is currently weighing his options on his next steps after graduation.
Austin Basley, Allen Park, MI
College of Engineering
Chemical Engineering

Member, American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AICHE)
Undergraduate research paper published in scientific journal

After graduation, Austin plans to work as a process engineer, becoming a technical expert in his discipline of work.

Julia Calma, Long Island, NY
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Psychology, Entrepreneurship (minor)

EnspiRED, an annual charity fashion show

Julia plans to enter the Fashion Industry upon graduation.

Rebecca Chase, Livonia, MI
Ross School of Business
Marketing

Beckie plans to work for Ford Motor Company as a sales rep, with an eye toward earning either a Masters in business or attending law school.
Kellie Chestnut, Detroit, MI
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
*Biomolecular Science, Environment (minor)*
Michigan Community Scholars Program
STEM Society
American Chemistry Society

Kellie will pursue a position in pharmaceutical research, with an eye toward continuing research in a healthcare field.

Deondre Davis, Southfield, MI
College of Engineering
*Electrical Engineering*
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
M-STEM
Deep Robotics Optical Perception Research Lab
Petrovich Emerging Leaders Experience
Undergraduate Student Advisory Board

Deondre is currently weighing his options on his next steps after graduation.

Asia Dillard, Garner, NC
College of Engineering
*Materials Science and Engineering*
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
Ceramics Club

Asia looks forward to a vacation upon graduation before planning her next step.
**Jessica Fallis, Dryden, MI**

Ross School of Business  
*Business Administration, Finance (concentration)*

Delta Sigma Pi (DSP) professional business fraternity

Jessica will begin a job in sales and trading at Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in their New York City office. She plans to break the glass ceiling, while continuing to mentor others to do so as well.

**Lisa Garcia, Rancho Cucamonga, CA**

College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  
*International & Comparative Studies; Law, Justice, and Social Change (minor); Graham Sustainability Fellow*

LEAD Advisory Board  
Resilience in Context research lab  
Proyecto Avance: Latino Mentoring Association  
St. Mary Student Parish  
Independent, original research project in Palestine

After graduation, Lisa plans to pursue human rights work in Latin America with NGOs. With graduate school in her future, she will continue to travel the world and meet good people.
Morgan Hawthorne, Chicago, IL
College of Engineering
Industrial and Operations Engineering

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
M-STEM Student Council
National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering

Morgan is moving to Seattle to start full time at Microsoft working in Azure cloud supply chain planning. Morgan will spend time volunteering to help elementary school students of color develop competencies to be successful in STEM majors.

Laura Huerta Sanchez, Montclair, CA
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience, Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture (minor)

Lambda Theta Alpha Latín Sorority, Inc
Psychology STAR Scholars Program

Laura is planning to continue her education in a PhD program in Psychological and Brain Sciences. She would like to continue doing research and become a professor.

Maria Ibarra, Macomb, MI
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
BMS and Spanish, Gender & Health (minor)

Residence Staff, University Housing

Maria is taking a gap year before applying to medical school.
Vanessa Magallanes, Manteno, IL
School of Education
*Elementary Education, Mathematics (minor)*

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc.
Kappa Delta Pi Honors Society

Vanessa plans to be an Elementary Educator after graduation with long term plans of working as an Education Policy and Administrator.

Sarah McNair-Wilson, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
College of Literature, Science & the Arts
*Mathematics for Secondary Education, Teaching Certification*

M-STEM Academies

After graduation, Sarah plans on becoming certified to teach mathematics in California.

Walter Moore, Grand Rapids, MI
College of Engineering
*Mechanical Engineering*

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

Walter plans to secure a job and gain work experience in hopes of having his own engineering firm.
Zacharie Napont, Boyne City, MI  
College of Literature, Science & the Arts  
History  
Manager for the Men's Basketball Team

Zacharie plans to student teach and receive his Masters in education through the Master of Arts with Certification Program (MAC). His long term goals are to become a high school teacher and basketball coach.

David O’Neill, Southfield, MI  
College of Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

After graduation, David plans to seek a job in the electronics field with hopes of finding a position that allows him to travel and move to the east coast with his family.

Angelina Palacios, Detroit, MI  
College of Literature, Science & the Arts  
Biochemistry  
Pre-Medical Club  
La Casa

After graduation, Angelina will relax before attending medical school at Wayne State University.
Tia Patrick, Troy, MI
College of Engineering
*Industrial and Operations Engineering*

National Society of Black Engineers
Conference Planning Chair NSBE

Tia plans to secure a job in the purchasing or manufacturing field with future plans of going back to school to get a Masters in business.

---

Serena Pergola, Plainview, NY
College of Literature, Science & the Arts
*Communication Studies, Sweetland Writing Minor and Ross Sales and Marketing Certificate*

Publisher of SHEI Magazine

Serena will be working at Sightly in NYC as the Business Sales Account Executive and plans to pursue future jobs in marketing and advertising.

---

Luis Rangel DaCosta, Katy, TX
School of Music, Theater & Dance
*Music Performance/Materials Science Dual-Degree*

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity, Epsilon Chapter (President)
University of Michigan Supermileage Team (Project Manager)

Luis will be take a break to consider PhD programs in Materials Science.
Jacob Renaud, Traverse City, MI
College of Engineering
*Industrial & Operations Engineering*

Mentor, Center for Engineering Diversity & Outreach (CEDO)
Alpha Chi Sigma, Professional Chemical Fraternity
M-STEM Academies
IM Soccer, Captain

After graduation, Jacob will be pursuing a Masters in Biomedical engineering with plans to later earn a PhD and conduct research.

Benjamin Serratos, Dearborn, MI
College of Engineering
*Materials Science and Engineering*

M-STEM
Michigan Materials Society
American Society for Metals

Benjamin will return to work at IMRA America as a materials engineer with plans to return to the University of Michigan to complete his master's degree.
Hana Sinha, Ann Arbor, MI
College of Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Biochemical Concentration

58 Greene A Cappella
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
Work in a Cancer Biology research lab through the U-M Hospital
Volunteer at Mott Children’s Hospital

Hana is planning to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan for biomedical engineering before applying to medical schools.

Lauryn Walker, Chicago, IL
Ross School of Business
Business Administration

Ross BBA Ambassadors
Ross Peer Recruiters for Outreach
BA 100/102 Peer Coach
Black Business Undergraduate Society
Black Student Union

Lauryn will be working full-time for Accenture in Chicago and would love to continue to do human capital consulting projects with Accenture in the future.
Alexis Wilson, Canton, MI
Dearborn - College of Arts, Sciences and Letters
*Criminal Justice, Psychology (minor)*

Cheerleading team

Alexis plans to work after graduation, potentially pursue an online master's program in architecture, and has future plans of attending law school.

Taylor Wynn, Bethesda, MD
School of Information
*Information Analytics*

Member of Kappa Theta Pi, a professional technology fraternity
Women’s Club Volleyball (4 years), Treasurer for team (2 years)
M-STEM
Instructional Assistant for SI 106
Research with Dr. Christina Weiland in the School of Education

After graduation, Taylor will be attending graduate school to obtain her Master's of Science in Nursing. In the long run she plans to enter the nursing informatics field, to find ways that technology can impact patient care processes while still directly treating them as a Women’s Health nurse practitioner.
LEAD ADVISORY BOARD
The LEAD Advisory Board members are Scholars who enhance the LEAD community through their vision, leadership and program planning. This year the advisory board hosted several programs, ranging from the annual fall Olympics to a peer led study abroad panel to Friday Night Fun sessions. There is one board member who is a graduating senior.

GRADUATING SENIORS
Lisa Garcia, President

LEAD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS
Zoe Espinoza, Mentorship Committee Co-Chair
Zoe Evans, Events Committee Co-Chair
Nicholas Faulkner, Mentorship Committee Co-Chair
Michael Forrest, Communications Committee Co-Chair
Alyson Grigsby, Vice President
Lindsay Llende, Events Committee Co-Chair
Kori Maxie, Campus Partnerships Committee Co-Chair
Jocelyn Ortiz, Communications Committee Co-Chair
Blake Preston, Events Committee Co-Chair
Lauren Rainey, Campus Partnerships Committee Co-Chair
THANK YOU, LEAD SCHOLARS, FOR ALL YOU’VE DONE.