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To the IGS seniors,

Congratulations! We consider ourselves lucky to be able to highlight your accomplishments. You have worked hard these past four years, and we cannot wait to see what else you can do.

To the IGS professors,

Congratulations on completing another year! You all have worked hard to provide the best education possible and prepare us for the future, and we are all thankful for your continued guidance. We couldn't have done it without you!

To Dr. Obidoa,

Thank you for all of your work on bringing GHIA to the Mercer community and for pushing us in innovation, inspiration, and leadership.

To the Contributors,

We are so proud of all of the hard work you have put in this year. It has been an honor to work with you, and we can't wait to see what you bring to the newsletter next year.

For the final time,

McKenna Kaufman and Makenzie Hicks
Chief Editors



HONORS AND AWARDS

College Scholars

Sidney Lanier Scholar: Emily Ogbodo
Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholar: Jada Moss
Joe Hendricks Minority Scholar: Jada Moss

Awards

Spirit of INT: Zainab Shaik
Outstanding Student in Anthropology: Jada Moss
Global Development Outstanding Senior: Parker Gray
Global Health Outstanding Senior: Cierra Crawford and Aleshia Allen
Global Health Outstanding Junior: Shaan Prasad
Society for Medical Anthropology Undergraduate Student Travel Award:
Jada Moss
Cervantes Award for Outstanding Achievement in Spanish Studies: Lea Dulcio
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award: Lea Dulcio
The BEAR Award for Outstanding Campus Involvement: Lea Dulcio, Savannah Lackey, and
McKenna Kaufman
The Diversity Inclusion Excellence Student Award: Jamyah Combs

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa: McKenna Kaufman, Makenzie Hicks, Cierra Crawford, Aleshia Allen, Keeli
Hennon
Phi Sigma Iota: Makenzie Hicks, Zainab Shaik, Suha Mohiuddin, and Melisa Pacheco-Jaimes
Alpha Epsilon Delta: Emily Ogbodo
Phi Eta Sigma: MaKenna Lawler, Jada Moss, and Suha Mohiuddin
Omicron Delta Kappa: Jada Moss

University Honors

Service Scholar: Parker Gray
CLAS University Honors Program: Makenzie Hicks

IGS Departmental Honors

Aleshia Allen, Cierra Crawford, Tara Davis, Jada Moss, Jada Ramnarine

Scholarships

Gilman-McCain Scholarship: Folajuwon Samo and Lea Dulcio
Global Leader Scholarship: Folajuwon Samo, MaKenna Lawler, Lea Dulcio, Melisa Pacheco-
Jaimes, McKenna Kaufman and Keslyn Billings

Introducing the new

ANTHROPOLOGY

MAJOR

Anthropology offers a holistic approach to understanding the human past and present and includes four sub-disciplines: Cultural Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, and Archaeology. At Mercer, our new major and existing minor programs primarily offer training in cultural anthropology with an emphasis in applied and activist work, though we offer electives in the other three sub-disciplines.

The new Anthropology major is designed to capitalize on student interest by providing a lean, well-designed program of study that draws on our (IGS) departmental strengths in applied and activist anthropology. The major is comprised of 27 hours of coursework, allowing students to easily complete a second major. Some obvious pairings include Biology, French, Global Development Studies, Global Health Studies, International Affairs, and Spanish. The major is also well-suited for students on a pre-health track who wish to take a more social-scientific approach.

The program's faculty includes three existing cultural anthropologists (Dr. Natalie Bourdon, Dr. Rachael Goodman, and Dr. Amy Nichols-Belo) and an incoming cultural anthropologist (Dr. Lauren Dodaro), as well as affiliated faculty in Biology (Dr. Craig Byron) and Religion (Dr. Scott Nash). Dr. Nate Myrick (Music) has also offered to cross-list a course in Ethnomusicology with Anthropology.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR? EMAIL
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NEW COURSES

- ANT 210. Reading Ethnography
- ANT 220. Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology
- ANT 320. Economic Anthropology
- ANT 330. Anthropology of Development
- ANT 340. From Rage to Love: Emotions and the Body
- ANT 360. Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion

The Department of International and Global Studies

HONORS & AWARDS

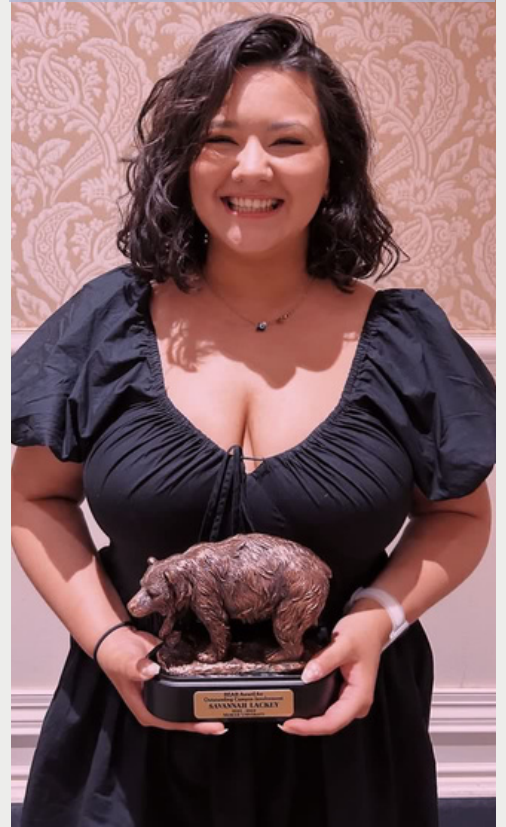


Cierra Crawford was awarded the Outstanding Senior in Global Health Award at Honors Convocation 2023.

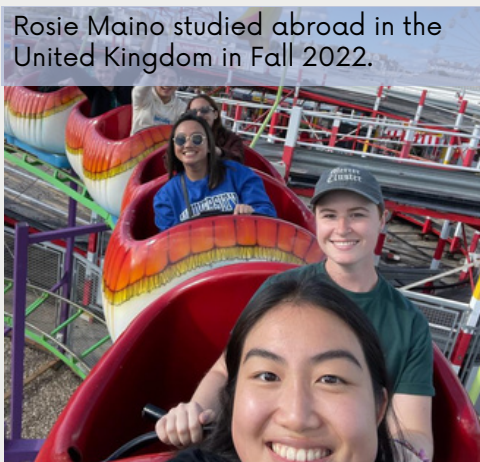


Lea Dulcio was awarded a BEAR Award for Outstanding Campus Involvement.

Savannah Lackey was awarded the BEAR Award for Outstanding Campus Involvement.



Parker Gray was awarded the Outstanding Senior in Global Development Award.



Rosie Maino studied abroad in the United Kingdom in Fall 2022.



Makenzie Hicks and McKenna Kaufman were two of many IGS students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa!



Aleshia Allen was awarded the Outstanding Senior in Global Health Award.



Dr. Nichols-Belo and Dr. Bourdon spoke on the Women's Rights are Human Rights Panel in January.



Shaan Prasad was awarded the Outstanding Junior in Global Health Award.

SENIOR DINNER



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Class of 2023





**SAVANNAH
LACKEY**

Major: Global Health Studies

Minors: Global Development Studies and Religion

Savannah has recently accepted a position as the Resource Development Manager for United Way of Hall County!

"College is serious, but never serious enough to sacrifice your mental health. Take care of yourself and the rest will take care of itself."



**MADISON
GOLPHIN**

Major: Global Health Studies

Minor: Media Studies

Madison is planning to take a gap year from studies to seek employment. She has currently accepted a position with Americorp, working with a non-profit organization. She looks forward to landing a full time position that combines both fields of study, prior to her employment with an Americorp partner.

"Be present! The time really does fly, so be present through all the ups and downs because you're going to miss it one day."



**EMILY
OGBODO**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Psychology

Pre-Professional Track: Physician's Assistant

Emily plans to earn her Master's in Public Health and go to PA school.

"Despite how stressful college can be it's worth it when you earn that degree."



**RACHEL
BOWDLER**

Majors: Political Science and Global Development Studies

Minors: Art and Peace Corps Prep

Rachel is currently waiting on Peace Corps placement.

"The IGS department is full of resources and fantastic professors. Get involved in anything and everything you can and build relationships with your professors as these are the best ways to have a successful and good time here and to prepare yourself for a career."



**PARKER
GRAY**

Major: Global Development Studies

Minors: Environmental Studies and Creative Writing

Parker will be serving in an Americorps Conservation Corps before enrolling in law school in 2024.

"Life is so much richer with a good cultural base; read important books, listen to powerful music, watch weird movies, if you have space in your schedule take an interesting class outside your major just to learn. "



**FOLAJUWON
SAMO**

Major: Global Health Studies

Pre-Professional Track: Physician's Assistant

Folajuwon plans to take a gap year working on acquiring hands-on patient experience before applying to PA school.

"Do not be afraid to ask for help, whether it be from your professors or upperclassmen! They are there to support you wherever they can."



**MAKENNA
LAWLER**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Global Development Studies

Minor: Asian Studies

Pre-Professional Track: Law

MaKenna is applying to Fulbright and planning on attending Law School.

"Don't think that you have to take 18 hours every semester to get through! It's okay to take your time. "



**JADA
MOSS**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Anthropology

Jada will be attending UGA's College of Public Health. She will be concentrating on Health Promotion & Behavior and work in the field of Health Communications afterwards.

"Keep an open mind! Don't be afraid to take new courses and try different opportunities."



**MYLIN
NGUYEN**

Major: Global Health Studies

Pre-Professional Track: Nursing

Mylin will be getting her Master's in Nursing from Emory University.

"Don't get so focus on the next assignment or next exam you have that you forget that the college experience is more than just constantly studying. Try to be in the moment because these are about to be the fastest 4 years of your life."



**TARA
DAVIS**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Spanish

Minor: Chemistry

Pre-Professional Track: Dentistry

Jada will be getting her Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship at Mercer, while serving as the graduate assistant for the women's track and field team.

"Always try to go to class"



**JADA
RAMNARINE**

Major: Global Health Studies

Minors: Biology and Chemistry

Pre-Professional Tracks: Physician's Assistant and Medicine

Jada is hoping to take a gap semester or year to apply to Naturopathic Medical School. During this time, she hopes to find an internship or job within the health field, more specifically women's health if possible.

"My advice would be to allow yourself to be as open minded as possible. Coming in from high school, you may think things have to be figured out but be open to new interest and career paths that you feel passionate about rather than what it feels like you should be doing."



**LEA
DULCIO**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Spanish

Minors: Chemistry and Biology

Pre-Professional Track: Medicine

In the summer following graduation Lea will be interning with Good Samaritan Clinic under Student Action for Farmworkers' Into the Fields program. The following Fall, she plans to begin a master's program.

"Be curiously engaged in the resources available to you simply because you are a Mercer student. You will be surprised to see how your dollar works."



**ROSIE
MAINO**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Psychology
Minor: Anthropology

Rosie will be working for Epic, a healthcare software company.

"Remember that college is a time to explore - who you are, what you like, what you want to do - you'll learn so much more by stepping outside your comfort zone."



**ILSIM
KIM**

Major: Global Health Studies

ILsim is planning on applying to jobs.

"Work hard"



**MORRIS
MORDI**

Major: Global Health Studies
Minor: Chemistry

Morris hopes to attend medical school.

"Never be afraid to ask for help if you don't understand."



**MELISA
PACHECO-JAIMES**

Majors: Global Health Studies and French

Minors: Biology and Chemistry

Pre-Professional Track: Medicine

Melisa is planning on completing a Master's before attending medical school.

"Enjoy your time in college because it truly does fly by! Branch out and do things that intimidate you and get you out of your comfort zone."



**LEILA
OLMEDA**

Major: Global Health Studies

Minors: Psychology

Leila plans to apply to a Master's program to get her Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, work with Americorps, and eventually work with the VA.

"It is okay to not know what you are doing with your life, its okay to make changes and decide something isn't for you, do what's best for you, not what someone wants for you. "



**CIERRA
CRAWFORD**

Majors: Global Health Studies and Spanish

Cierra plans to either join the Peace Corps in Guatemala doing Maternal and Child Health work or the Public Health Advisor Program for the CDC.

"Major in something you're actually interested in or school will be so difficult. Now is when you discover your passion"

SAYING GOODBYE TO GHIA SENIORS



MCKENNA KAUFMAN

Majors: International Affairs and Journalism

McKenna will move to Nashville, Tennessee, to work before going to graduate school for global development. She is waiting to hear back on positions in refugee resettlement and advocacy.



MAKENZIE HICKS

Major: Global Health Studies

Minors: Chemistry, Biology and Spanish

Makenzie will be attending the University of Georgia in the fall to pursue a Master's in Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology.



SUHA MOHIUDDIN

Major: Global Health Studies

Minor: Chemistry

Suha will be moving back home to Birmingham, Alabama for her gap year before applying to medical school.

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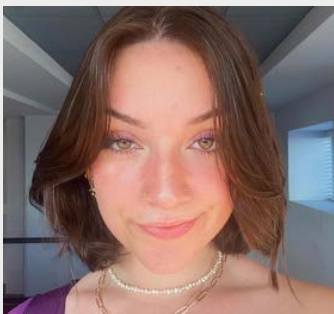
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