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We are pleased to introduce and congratulate the 2017-2018 graduates of the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. You'll meet many of these exceptional individuals, who are the next generation of professionals, scholars and philanthropists, in these pages.

Read about our graduates' plans and aspirations to lead with purpose, and in turn improve philanthropy to improve the world. There are over 1.6 million nonprofit organizations in the U.S. alone, and they need well-prepared leaders and staff to continue making an impact on millions of lives across the globe. Because Lilly Family School of Philanthropy students are exceptionally prepared to meet the demands of today's philanthropic environment, our graduates are sought-after professionals who work throughout the United States and around the world. Our graduates work in leadership, management, and direct service positions in functional areas such as fundraising, grantmaking, and program management. Their work influences religion, education, social services, health, arts and culture, animals and the environment, developing countries and many other worthwhile causes.

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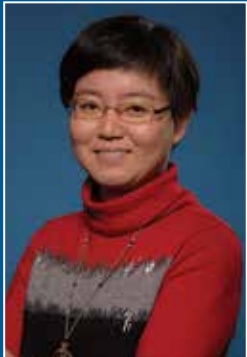
EVA ALDRICH

Upon graduation, I will continue to serve as president and CEO of CFRE International, which administers the only accredited certification for fundraising professionals, the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential. Achieving a Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy has broadened my understanding of philanthropy and deepened my commitment to the field.



RUTH HANSEN

After completing my coursework at IUPUI, I started as an academic staff member at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's College of Business and Economics, where I am collaborating on the launch of a program in nonprofit management. After graduation, I will join the department of management as an assistant professor. I look forward to continuing to build our programs and partnerships in southeastern Wisconsin and to continuing my research.



XIAONAN KOU

The doctoral education at the school has nurtured my intellectual curiosity and interest in the nonprofit sector. It enabled, and will continue to advance, my exploration of the world of philanthropy through learning, research, practice, and service. My primary research interests are individual prosocial behavior, empathy, and cross-border philanthropy. I am also passionate about improving the access to quality education for disadvantaged children.



YANNAN LI

Building on my research experience in the doctoral program and the research department of the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, I plan to begin my career as a consultant or researcher for nonprofit clients. I am particularly interested in the use of information and communication technologies in the nonprofit sector.



JI MA

Upon receiving my Ph.D., I'll be an assistant professor in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at University of Texas at Austin. My research and teaching interests focus on the nonprofit sector and data science. Particularly, I try to understand why and how social relation matters in our social and economic behavior.



FADY QADDOURA

After graduation, I plan to continue my career as the controller and CFO of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County. Given my educational background, I aspire to work for public/nonprofit or for-profit corporations in the fields of public administration/philanthropy, public policy, technology, finance, health care, or academia. I am passionate about serving, leading, teaching, researching, and making the world a more just and loving place for everyone.



YUAN TIAN

I'm seeking research/teaching opportunities in the U.S. or abroad to contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic and philanthropic communities through research, teaching, and service. I will continue conducting rigorous interdisciplinary research nationally and internationally related to philanthropy, nonprofit leadership and management, nonprofit accountability, prosocial decision-making and behavior, social influence as well as social entrepreneurship.



KIM WILLIAMS-PULFER

I will contribute to the field through research and teaching as well as supporting civil society efforts in the Caribbean. I recently defended my dissertation entitled, "*Get Involved: Stories of the Caribbean Postcolonial Black Middle Class and the Development of Civil Society.*" My research interests include civil society development in the Global South, cultural identity and philanthropy, and the relationship between arts practice and citizen participation.



KAYLA ALLEN-BROWN

After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in philanthropy in the Indianapolis or Cincinnati area. I am seeking a program coordinator position with an organization that values human rights and social justice issues such as mass incarceration, economic mobility, education, and protecting vulnerable communities. Eventually, I would like to earn a J.D./Ph.D. and establish my own non-governmental organization (NGO).



ALYSSA ANDERSON

I will be the manager of public affairs for Ascend Indiana, a workforce development initiative of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership that is working to connect high quality talent with outstanding Indiana employers.



SEDA ARZUMANYAN

After completing the program I am planning to continue my career in philanthropy. I have accepted a position with St. Vincent Hospital as Foundation Manager. I also have a passion for the Armenian cause and will continue serving as a chairwoman of the Armenian National Committee of Indiana.



CHRISTINE BALDWIN

After graduating, I plan to celebrate a life-long dream achieved and continue to work at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields forging donor relationships and engagement based on the theoretical anchors I encountered in the M.A. program. Thanks to the outstanding Lilly Family School of Philanthropy faculty and relevant research discoveries, I'm better equipped to fundraise and contribute more fully to advancing the nonprofit sector. I'm so grateful for this experience.



MAARTEN BOUT

The M.A. program is one of the best opportunities to come my way in life. The faculty, staff, my cohort, fellow students, board members, and especially other alumni have been and still are a tremendous support network, providing inspiration, feedback, and most importantly an example of excellence. All that I've learned and continue to learn I'll take to the next stages of my career, and first and foremost to my position as director of development for IU Maurer School of Law.



ZACHERY BOW

Currently, my plans are to pursue an opportunity regionally within the community development, regional foundation, or community foundation realms. Ultimately, my desire is to invest the better part of my time, talent, and treasure to the communities that have lovingly invested in me through the years.



ASHLEY BROOKS

Following graduation, I plan to explore opportunities with the United States Olympic Committee and related national governing bodies. My internship with the USA Swimming Foundation was a phenomenal opportunity that showed me the value of the Olympic Movement. With that said, I hope to stay within sports philanthropy and continue to grow personally and professionally.



NICHOLAS BURKS

After receiving my master's degree, I plan on continuing to explore opportunities for growth as a nonprofit professional. I currently serve as executive coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.



KINGA HORVATH

Upon graduation, I hope to enhance philanthropy in Central Europe through research and devoted service. I believe the international perspective that I gained during my time in the program has made me better prepared to strengthen the European philanthropic sector and to advocate for global philanthropy.



KATHERINE LEE

After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in arts management and development. My goal in life is to facilitate a strong philanthropic connection between community members and the visual arts.



XU LIU

I am so excited to pursue a career in the field of mental health education and philanthropy education. After graduation, I plan to accumulate some relevant experience in America before trying to address the mental health challenges faced by early adults and migration children in China.



CATHERINE MCLAUGHLIN

I landed my dream job at Simmons in Boston as their assistant vice president of capital gifts, working with a team of talented professionals. The education that I received has helped me meet my career goals and expanded my professional network. The faculty are leaders in their respective fields, and my classmates brought invaluable experiences into the coursework that expanded my understanding of philanthropy and how it is carried out across the globe.



MOHAMED MERZOUG

With hard work, determination, and family support, I fulfilled my dream of completing a graduate degree. The school provided a solid foundation of knowledge and understanding of the philanthropic sector, as well as the opportunity to work with two of the largest corporate foundations in the country. The program opened a myriad of opportunities for me, and I'll continue to be actively involved with the nonprofit community through service and volunteering.



AFSOON MOHSENI

With the education I received at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, I will join the international community of human rights defenders to contribute to the promotion of civic and political freedoms in Middle East and Africa.



EMILY NELSON

I am so grateful for the people I've met and the way my understanding of philanthropy has expanded at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. After graduation, I plan to work full-time at Complete College America, where I have served as a graduate assistant for the past year.



JOANNA NESS

Upon graduation, I am excited to return to northeast Indiana and begin working as communications director for Steuben County Community Foundation in Angola, Indiana. I look forward to applying the academic background and knowledge I've gained from my peers to serve local nonprofit organizations and philanthropic initiatives.



BETSY NIEDERMEYER

After graduation, I will remain the program officer at the Samaritan Foundation a family foundation located in Carmel, IN. While studying at the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy I have had the opportunity to apply what I have learned to my work at the Foundation. It has been a wonderful experience studying with other professionals in the nonprofit field as well as getting the opportunity to learn from professors who are leading experts in the field of philanthropy!



BREA REIMER-BAUM

The school has opened my eyes to the possibilities of making philanthropy a lifelong journey. I'm currently looking forward to a career in the corporate social responsibility realm or with a foundation, and teaching others about philanthropy, whether in my home community in northern Indiana or traveling abroad. I am grateful to my family and friends for their ongoing love and support as I begin my career in a sector with so much passion, drive, and love.



BRACKMAN ROWLAND

After graduating, I will continue my current role working full-time as a major and planned giving officer with WFYI in Indianapolis.



MICHELLE TURCHAN

I'm blessed to be a part of the staff at Riley Children's Foundation in Indianapolis, and I plan to continue in my current role as a Riley Society Gift Officer. I hope to dedicate my career to serving the field of philanthropy, helping to forward the effectiveness, righteousness, and efficiency of fundraising for the good of the causes that this sector works to serve. I am grateful to all those at the school who have influenced who I am as an individual and a professional.



MICHELLE BLACKFORD

Although I entered IU as an experienced development professional, the program gave me a much greater theoretical and historical perspective on philanthropy. Understanding our responsibility for the greater good now actively shapes my role as a donor relations officer at the Cleveland Foundation. After graduation, I am enjoying reinvesting my time and energy with family, travel, and my volunteer interests.



CONNOR HAKES

My education at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy has immeasurably broadened my understanding of the importance of philanthropic action in our world, and undoubtedly, will shape almost every aspect of my future. After receiving my graduate certificate, I will continue to serve as development assistant for the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Museum of Art.



LECTOR OBARA

After receiving my graduate certificate, I'm moving forward to the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's master's program. I would love to work with an organization in Kenya upon completion of my master's.



CAMILLE PEARSON WALZ

I plan to continue building upon my for-profit work in community relations along with board service while directing efforts to engage more formally in the work with foundations as a program officer. Thank you to the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy for their generosity and to the caring professionals that challenge each of us to do better for others.



YENIEL RIOS

Upon graduation, I aspire to continue expanding my knowledge and setting higher academic goals. I also plan to continue learning new skills and expanding my proficiency in another of my most satisfying passions: foreign languages. But, most importantly, I hope I can contribute to the work of any organization with a great mission and devotion to help others and improve their quality of life.



LENG VIZCAINO

Armed with a background in engineering, philanthropic studies has complemented my understanding of the role and potential of each of the three sectors. With my newly acquired skills in the nonprofit sector, I am planning to take a lead in the changes that can make our society to be better for all.



MARSHAWN WOLLEY

After graduating with my graduate certificate, I'm taking advantage of the opportunity to study black philanthropy in the school's master's program. I currently serve as the director of community engagement and strategic initiatives and a lecturer of public affairs for the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Indianapolis.



OLUYOMI AJAO

After graduation, I intend to work with an internationally based nonprofit that focuses on children services. I have the ability, the education, and the passion it takes to defend the rights of children and young people. I know how to engage children, and I know how to build the relationships.



TAYLOR CERTAIN

After graduation, I plan to help my best friend open a new business and gain experience in marketing and management, while I further explore my philanthropic interests through internships and volunteer work. Through networking and working in the philanthropic field, I hope to eventually find a career in marketing with a local nonprofit.



ALIVIA DUERLINGER

I hope to work for an organization that helps teenagers understand their worth, identity, and next steps in pursuing their dreams. My passion for youth development, community engagement and faith-based organizations help to define my career goals as I enter into the professional workforce. I look forward to continuing to put my trust in God while investing my time into new opportunities and creative vessels of positive change in the Indianapolis community!



ELLIOT DUNBAR

I plan to pursue a master's degree in philanthropic studies and continue to be engaged with local causes and communities. I hope to expand my knowledge of the nonprofit sector to find new ways of approaching complex issues in society, and I plan to explore options related to my passions in the field of philanthropy.



ALEXANDRIA FRAZIER

I am an aspiring entrepreneur. Through the philanthropic studies program, I have been inspired to conduct my future business not to just be profitable but to inspire those without to live a life worth living. I am passionate about building those around me through growth and development. I want to promote a lifestyle not a brand. I want successful people to want to help others. I want to change the game in philanthropy in my own way.



JASTYNE JACKSON-BURNETT

Since I am also focusing on events management and interior design, I would like to incorporate all those ideas into my future career. Ideally I'd work on special events for a nonprofit or design homes for people experiencing poverty or homelessness.



LIESEL JAEGER

After graduation, I will be pursuing a master's degree in philanthropic studies here at the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. I am eager to continue my education and enhance my understanding of this field. After completing my master's degree, I am open to moving elsewhere to follow my philanthropic interests and passions.



EMILY JONES

During my time at the school, I've found that my passion for people outshines all others. I've always aimed to make the world "a little less dark," and now I have the avenue to do just that! I plan to pursue an M.A. in philanthropic studies and then work in a social justice advocacy role, eventually becoming a leader in a transformative nonprofit organization which above all values inherent human dignity.



VICTORIA MUSSER

I am so excited to use my philanthropic studies degree and my event management certificate to better the community. My reason for choosing this degree was always about human interaction and the understanding that we as humans have the power to make our situations better and brighter. I hope to stay in the Indianapolis area working in a nonprofit in the areas of arts, environment, or youth empowerment.



TAYLOR PARKER

I plan to apply my education in the field of celebrity philanthropy, primarily through my ongoing work with Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation. Eventually, I would like to work as a philanthropic consultant for artists (musicians, actors, etc.) to help them maximize their social and financial capital in order to have the greatest overall philanthropic impact.



KAYLA PLUMMER

After graduation I plan on working on my personal mission to uplift the African American community through the Center for Leadership Development where I will be working after graduation. I also plan on obtaining a master's degree in urban education and working hard to combat social issues in education while being the change I want to see in the world.



EMILY RETTIG

After earning my B.A. degree, I will be working with the campus ministry Campus Outreach which is a global organization.



HOLLY ROSE

Upon graduating I will be going straight into the nonprofit workforce. My interests lie in fundraising, specifically dealing with the medical field or children. In a few years I would like to come back to the IU Lilly School of Philanthropy for graduate school.



ROSIE TARLTON

Upon completion of my Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies, I plan to pursue a career in fundraising for a nonprofit organization. I will utilize the skills and knowledge that I have gained in the classroom and in the community as a student in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy to raise funds and awareness. I am also interested in potentially returning to IUPUI to obtain the fund raising management certificate from The Fund Raising School.



ANDREW THOMAS

I grew up with a dream to travel and a desire to make a positive change in the world. I went to college to find my direction. I discovered that I'm interested in the field of sustainable philanthropy with the goal to improve communities around the globe. During my college career, I had the opportunity to develop skills in event planning, leadership, and fundraising. I plan to travel and work for a nonprofit that allows me the opportunity to make my passion a profession.



ERIN WUERTZ

After graduation, I plan to continue my position at Coburn Place Safe Haven in Indianapolis as a full-time mentor. After gaining job experience I would like to return to complete my master's in philanthropic studies with the hopes to one day open my own transitional housing for victims of domestic violence. I am seeking additional opportunities to utilize my certificate in events management such as assisting with fundraisers.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ALSO 2017-18 GRADUATES:

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CHRISTIANA AKPILIMA-ATIBIL

B.A.

**CHRISTOPHER KAMISH
RACHEL MILLIGAN**

M.A.

**ELIZABETH HALFF
ASHLEY FUROIS
THOMAS HIATT**

B.A. MINOR

**JULIANNE BOYLE
VE-LYSSA LANG
ALANDRA STARKS
LAUREN WARD
COLLIN WILSON**

“ Our strength is our talent: our founders, our outstanding faculty, experts and thought leaders, and especially our students who will take the research and wisdom created here and apply it to improve the world. Throughout their careers, they can call upon the rich perspectives we nurtured to inform their ultimate contributions to our economic, social, and civic commonwealth. ”

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