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Message from the Director

Dear Kathwari Honors Students,

Congratulations on reaching the end of another academic year! Just this week in HON 400 Capstone, we have started seeing evidence of the amazing work you've done this semester, this year, and since you first arrived on campus.

It's a pleasure to see your coursework, your research, your interests, and your personalities culminating in these projects, but also in your campus service, your community service, and your deep inquiry into the questions that will face us and drive the direction of our country and the world in the next few years.

Thank you for your hard work, for your inspiration, and for representing WCSU and the Kathwari Honors Program in the best possible light.

Dr. Clements

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Honors Success Stories

KATHWARI HONORS STUDENTS MAIA QUIRK AND MATTHEW MALONEY ATTEND GAME FORUM



Two Kathwari Honors Program seniors, Maia Quirk and Matthew Maloney, attended the Global Asset Management Education (GAME) Forum in New York City with Finance and Honors Faculty Dr. Lin on April 3-4, 2025. More than 160 schools had finance students participate.

Read more about what our students learned here:

<https://www.wcsu.edu/honors/2025/04/17/kathwari-honors-students-maia-quirk-and-matthew-maloney-attend-game-forum/>

KATHWARI HONORS STUDENTS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MARKETING CONFERENCE

From April 2nd to the 7th, Kathwari Honors students Noah Berg, Julia Meadows, and Jacob Carlson with other members of the Western Marketing Association were in New Orleans to participate in the American Marketing Associations' International Collegiate Conference.

At this conference, students were able to attend workshops and participate in competitions with other chapters. Based on their case report, they scored in the top 5 small chapters out of 236.



Alumni Spotlight

KATHWARI HONORS ALUMNA JENNIFER BASSETT CONTINUES ON AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Kathwari Honors alumna Jennifer Bassett, who graduated in 2024, is pursuing a Master of International Affairs at Columbia University. Her talented teachers, empathetic mentor Professor Schofield, and supportive Honors Community helped her overcome her barriers to academic achievement. Now, she's doing her part to create a more just and secure world.

Read more about Jennifer's journey to Columbia here:

<https://www.wcsu.edu/honors/2025/04/24/kathwari-honors-alumna-jennifer-basset-continues-on-at-columbia-university/>



Congratulations Kathwari Honors Graduates!

James Accetura – Music Education (K-12)

Sophie Belkin – Musical Theatre

Kaylee Bridges – Criminal Justice

Ryan Ceballo – Finance

Sarah Cipriano – Elementary Education IDM

Julie Cooke – Music Education (K-12)

Abigail Copeland – Biology

James Deichler – Psychology

James DeNatale – Music, Audio, & Music Production

Vince Simon Diesta – Accounting

Victoria D'Orazio – Marketing

Ashlynn Ehrhard – Nursing

Darline Fleurimond – Management Information
Systems

Sorreea Gagnebin – Management

Julianne Gaudio – Nursing

Caleb Harris – Music, Audio, & Music Production

Suzana Imetovski – Biology

Kellie Jackson – Art

Maria Leite – Nursing

Joshua Linero – Criminal Justice

Samantha Maillet – Nursing

Matthew Maloney – Finance

Brianna Malvino – Public Health

Amy Mandelbaum – Musical Theatre

Becky Men – Finance

Cassandra Mitsos – Social Work

Matthew Munzner – Music, Jazz

Nicholas Nalbatian – Contract Major &
Economics

Kyla Norton – Nursing

Kenneth Okoroafor Jr. – Criminal Justice

Nicole Peralta – Criminal Justice

Nicholas Peschier – Psychology

Maia Quirk – Finance & Economics

Diana Rebelo – Nursing

Jaclyn Roscigno – Nursing

Noah Scecina-White – Music, Audio, & Music
Production

Nakita Singh – Political Science

Riya Soni – Nursing

Laura Sosa – Art

Carriana Sperry – Music Education (K-12)

Cole Strang – Biology

Luke Theriault – Meteorology

Trinity Torres – Elementary Education IDM

Moises Tsuzuki – Music Education (K-12)

Kaitlyn Valente – Nursing

Madison Vanderploeg – Criminal Justice

Alyssa Virtue – Elementary Education IDM

Olivia Watkins – Music Education (K-12)

Cory Woolley – Music Education (K-12)

Madison Zicchinelli – Professional Writing



Congratulations Associate Kathwari Honors Graduates!

Jennifer Bassett – Political Science
Alanna Cajigas – Theatre Arts
Julia Farah – Marketing
Sarah Fayad – English
Timothy Froessel – Professional Writing
Melissa Leon – Nursing
Brian Lombardo – Psychology
Sarah Marsh – Digital Interactive Media Arts
Christina Mitsos – Psychology
Hailey Morales – Economics
Gracee Needham – Psychology
Sofia Pacheco – Nursing
Reginarose Ryan – Nursing
Cynthia Salinas – Criminal Justice
Bailey Schumacher – Theatre Arts
Makayla Terrillion – Interdisciplinary Studies
Vitoria Vieira – Anthropology/Sociology

CONGRATULATIONS

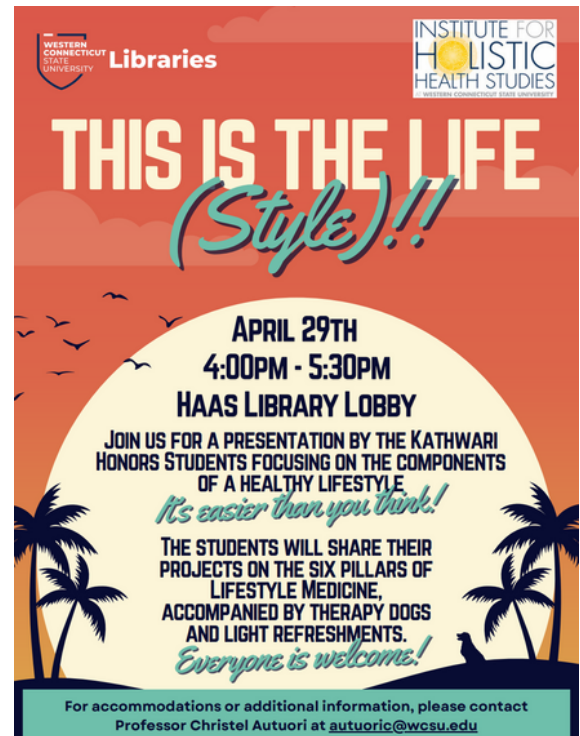


Course Spotlight

KATHWARI HONORS STUDENTS TALK HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AT UPCOMING PRESENTATION

Come to the Haas Library on Tuesday April 29 from 4 - 5:30 pm for a presentation by the Kathwari Honors Students in HON 498 Positive Health & Stress Management about focusing on the components of a healthy lifestyle—it is easier than you think!

The students will share their projects on the six pillars of Lifestyle Medicine, accompanied by therapy dogs and light refreshments. Everyone is welcome! For additional information, please contact Professor Christel Autuori at autuoric@wcsu.edu



April Snapshot



KATHWARI HONORS SPRING SEMINAR SERIES CONCLUDES



On March 31 at 7:00 PM in the President's Reception Room, National Book Award-winning poet Martín Espada read from his new book of poems, *Jailbreak of Sparrows*. Students stayed after the reading to ask Espada questions and to get their books signed. Espada's words were an excellent way to end the Kathwari Spring Seminar's first semester of events! Thank you to everyone who attended.



April Snapshot

HONORS FIELD DAY

On April 14, Kathwari Honors Students gathered for Field Day, where they enjoyed a beautiful day outside, lounged on blankets, ate lunch together, and tried their hands at the tie-dye station.



KATHWARI HONORS BREAKFAST AT ACCEPTED STUDENTS DAY

On April 12, the Kathwari Honors Program helped welcome students accepted to WestConn and the Kathwari Honors Program. Accepted students and their families enjoyed breakfast while connecting with current Kathwari Honors students. Dr. Clements and Caitlin presented the highlights of the program to students and their families then ended the morning with an Honors Community Panel where Dr. Jesica Schofield, Chair of the Honors Council and Honors Professor, honors students Nakita Singh (Political Science), Maia Quirk (Finance & Economics), and Bryan Reimertz (Theatre Arts) discussed their experiences in the Honors Program and took questions from the audience.



Kathwari Honors Global Summer Scholars

SUMMER 2025 HONORS GLOBAL SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the Kathwari Honors Students whose global summer travel plans will be sponsored by the generous funding from the Kathwari Honors Program!



KYLIN MCMAHON

Music Performance

Malaga, Andalusia, Spain

SPA 226: Global Immersion

CAYDEN NADOLNY-PALLATTO

Visual Arts

Malaga, Andalusia, Spain

SPA 226: Global Immersion

RICHARD SALONIA

Anthropology/Sociology

Malaga, Andalusia, Spain

SPA 226: Global Immersion



YIANNA KARIOTIS

Media Arts

London, England

ISEP University of
Roehampton



SARAH SEO

Music Education

San Jose, Costa Rica

ISEP Sustainability &
Community Service Learning



MIREYA TRELLES

Musical Theatre

Barcelona, Spain

ISEP Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Congratulations also to the 19 Kathwari Honors Students who are heading to Paris for a week in May with the HON 498 Americans in Paris class with Dr. Gagnon and Dr. Lindenauer!



SHARE YOUR STORIES



Have you, an Honors student you know, or an Honors professor you've studied with recently accomplished something super cool, finished a project, won an award, been awarded a scholarship or fellowship, presented something, been elected to a leadership position, been accepted to a graduate program, landed an internship, completed volunteer work, got a new job, have a cool hobby, have a special life story, or anything else you'd like to share? We want to hear about it and share Honors Community members stories and accomplishments in our newsletters, Instagram and campus wide :)

Our Honors community is full of superstars! We want to share how proud we are!

SHARE YOUR STORY HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/ZH5R9RJDTV](https://forms.office.com/R/ZH5R9RJDTV)