

2020-21 OSURA Scholarship Recipient Info

Maja Engler is a University Honors College Junior from Sandy, Oregon. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science with majors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and minors in both Chemistry and Psychology. She has a career goal of working with NASA to research human bodies in suspended animation.

She has an excellent academic record and active involvement in research, as well as strong leadership and volunteer activities through OSU. She has been participating in undergraduate research for about a year. In this activity she is involved in research to extend the pre-transplantation lifetimes of human organs using insights from hibernating animals. In addition to being an officer in student organizations she has volunteered in lobbying efforts for Oregon's students and higher education, Oregon carbon issues and international service activities.

Maja feels her chosen professional area of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, through both her current research and her career goal area, has great potential for creating many contributions to society and particularly healthy aging.

Alaina Holm is a Senior from Manzanita, Oregon. She is majoring in Psychology, with a minor in Spanish and Chemistry. Her ultimate career goal is to become a psychiatrist. She is now only the second student to receive the OSURA scholarship twice.

Alaina's academic performance has been truly outstanding, from courses in music which was her original major to courses in psychology, her final major. She has been inducted into Psi Chi, the Psychology honorary, as well as both major cross-disciplinary honoraries, Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. She has been an undergraduate research assistant at the College of Pharmacy at OSU and at the Gene Therapy Institute at OHSU. Alaina also has volunteered in several capacities, from teaching piano at Nehalem Elementary School to serving on the OSU Student Health Advisory Board.

Alaina would like to serve the elderly both in their encounters with common problems such as depression and anxiety, and in their age-related problems such as dementia and other neurological issues.

Kyla Keller is a Junior from Oregon City. She is majoring in Management in the College of Business, with a minor in Health Management and Policy. Her eventual career goal is to be an administrator in a long-term care facility.

Kyla has a solid academic record. Additionally, she has been actively involved in her sorority, having served as chapter secretary, and on the nominating and standards

committees. She has work experience at the other end of the age spectrum, in early childhood development with the Oregon City School District.

Kyla hopes to bring to bear her business and management skills to maximize the well-being of residents in long-term care facilities.

Hayleigh Middleton is a University Honors College Sophomore from Florence. She is majoring in Marine Biology in the College of Science.

Her studies in Biology have offered her a unique opportunity not many students get in their college career, tracking Gray Whales and their feeding habits and behaviors off the Oregon Coast. What a way to learn Biology! Her recommendations show a development of managerial and organizational abilities that helped Hayleigh win high praise as a thoughtful leader.

Hayleigh has had a life-long interest in the health care field, from elementary school to an entire year in high school spent shadowing health care professionals. Her career goal is to pursue an MD degree, with a specialization in geriatrics.

Cheyenne Price is a Junior from Bend. She is a student at OSU-Cascades, majoring in Kinesiology, with a minor in Chemistry. Her career goal is to be part of a functional medicine team as a Physician Assistant.

Cheyenne has a superb academic record, and comes highly recommended. A professor cites her genuine concern of synthesizing course material and displaying quality course work. Another reference notes her enthusiasm for what she is studying and that she genuinely believes in food as a contributing cure to so many issues that ail people.

She aims to couple western medicine with mental health, dietary and nutritional interventions, particularly as applied to the aging population. Cheyenne believes her education and training will enable her to “focus on primary care and help others in the community age in a healthy way.”

Cole Theobald is a Junior from Corvallis majoring in Nutrition with an option in Dietetics, and is also minoring in Microbiology and Writing. He also has a Scientific, Technical and Professional Communication Certification.

Cole has amassed an excellent academic record. In addition, he has published an article and is a contributing editor to an on-line journal. He has served as a peer mentor and has shadowed professionals at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Cole's goal is to become a Registered Dietitian who works with individuals while communicating healthful, scientifically accurate nutrition messages to the general public.