## Congratulations We CU Scholars!



## **Congratulations Julia!**

# Major: Elementary Education & Spanish

Following graduation, Julia will pursue a graduate degree in Education Policy at Teachers College, Columbia University New York.

Service hours with We CU: 301.5



"We CU has granted me many opportunities to collaborate with my community, share my experiences, and listen to the experiences of others. I will carry these skills with me for the rest of my life as I start my journey in education policy." - Julia Poel

## Congratulations Kennedy!

Major: Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Kennedy will be pursuing a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Chicago

Service hours with We CU: 274



"I will carry forward with me my passion for giving back to the community and making a difference in the world around me." - Kennedy Campbell

### **Congratulations Daniel!**

Major: Bioengineering

Daniel plans to attend medical school following graduation.

Service hours with We CU: 265.25



"The experiences have really demonstrated how unifying acts of service can be, especially amidst the diversity of perspectives and backgrounds in our community."

- Daniel Kaufman

## Congratulations Elizabeth!

PhD student in Education Policy, Organization & Leadership

Elizabeth hopes to work as a teaching professor and continue engaging with undergraduate students

Service hours with We CU: 206.5



"Volunteering with Books to Prisoners has reinforced how it important it is to find fulfillment outside of school and to help me feel like a member of the broader Urbana-Champaign community."

- Elizabeth Coder



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We CU Scholars contributed 13.25 service hours to HOYCE this year!



# H.O.Y.C.E.

"H.O.Y.C.E. stands for Helping Our Youth Change Everyday.... Nothing is more fulfilling than to see the smile on a child's face or a family member when we provide not only what they need but give them more than they ever expected."





We CU Scholars contributed 515 service hours to Sola Gratia Farm this year!



## Sola Gratia Farm

"For us, a positive community impact means breaking down barriers to fresh, healthy food access among our neighbors. Often, that means growing highquality, organic produce and working with partners to get it into people's hands, but it also means supporting community gardens, advocating for food systems change, and creating opportunities for agriculture and nutrition education."





We CU Scholars contributed 21.17 service hours to Education Justice Project this year!



## **Education Justice Project**

"One of the last groups that is considered socially acceptable to discriminate against are people who have come out of prison.... We address this by discouraging the incarceration of people and chipping away at the policies, practices, and mindsets that keep people with criminal records marginalized."





We CU Scholars contributed 143 service hours to Books to Prisoners this year!



#### **Books to Prisoners**

"In reading *Writing my Wrongs*, a memoir by Shaka Senghor, a formerly incarcerated man from Detroit, I was both heartened and heartbroken to hear about the impact that books had on him during his time in prison. As university students, I think we often take for granted the fact that we have access to just about any book we can imagine. Shaka described books as a wonderful gift to him during his time in prison, which has made me appreciate the work we do at B2P in sending books to incarcerated people in Illinois that much more."

- Elizabeth Coder





We CU Scholars contributed 62 service hours to Uniting Pride this year!



#### **Uniting Pride**

"Most of my work for Uniting Pride this semester was helping to promote and produce the organization's Queer Prom. Witnessing the large attendance of the event and the wide representation of racial, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds among attendees showed me how much of a need for this event there was and how that need stretches across demographics."

- Joseph Caruana

## Congratulations 2022 Humanities in Action Scholars!







## Congratulations 2023 Humanities in Action Cohort!



Cely Urbina Jessica Vargas Sydney Turner Sophie Campa Yousra Mahmoud

## Welcome Cely!

Major: Human Development and Family Studies, concentration in Child Health and well-being

Minor: Latina/o Studies

Cely is also a Human Development and Family Studies Ambassador and volunteers with the Champaign Unit 4 School District



### Welcome Yousra!

#### Majors: Sociology and English

Minor: Arabic

Yoursa is a Chancellor's Scholar, an intern at the Bruce Nesbitt African American Cultural Center, and VP of the Mariama Black Student Union



## Welcome Sophie!

Major: Speech and Hearing Sciences, Concentration in Speech-Language Pathology

Minor: Disability Studies

Sophie is an Applied Health Sciences James Scholar and an active member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association



## Welcome Sydney!

Major: Social Psychology and Communication

Minor: Gender and Women's Studies

Sydney is a James Scholar and an intern & peer educator with the Women's Resource Center



### Welcome back Jessica!

Major: Political Science

Involved with Latino Student Association and Prospanica

Jessica is passionate about Criminal Justice and Social Justice

Fun Fact: Jessica was part of the Humanities in Action 2022 Cohort!

