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We are pleased to introduce and congratulate the 2018-2019 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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### **CHRISTIANA AKPILIMA-ATIBIL**

In honor of my first-born son, Charles Apolikawen Atibil, who passed away in Ghana in October 2017 as a result of poor medical services and failure to follow health policies and procedures, I plan to start a civil society organization to address the deplorable state of healthcare in Ghana's rural areas. It will be the first in Ghana to tackle healthcare provision inequalities. My vision is a Ghana where every person in urban and rural areas has effective access to quality health care.



### **THAD STEPHEN AUSTIN**

I will be working at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. As the Senior Director of Divinity Programs for United Methodist Engagement and Lifelong Learning, I will interface with the Duke Endowment and execute their strategic vision for religious philanthropy at Duke University's Divinity School.



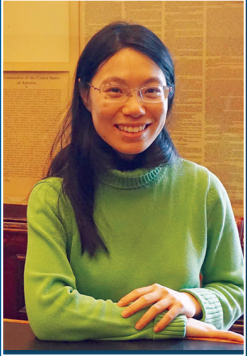
### **MARINA TAN HARPER**

I will continue in my current role at University of California, Davis as Senior Director of International Development in the alumni and development division of the university. Since 2016, I have traveled to Asia and Europe regularly and worked with international constituents - namely alumni, current parents, and friends of UC Davis for advancement of UC Davis outside of the US.



### **SUZANN LUPTON**

I will continue to serve as Assistant Dean of the O'Neill School of Public Affairs at IUPUI.



### **XIAOYUN WANG**

I plan to be an assistant professor at a Chinese university and contribute to the theory and practice of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector.



### **COURTNEY BAUGH**

After graduation, I will join CCS Fundraising, a fundraising consulting firm, as an Associate Director. Based out of the Chicago office, I will work directly with clients across the Central U.S. to assist with campaign management.



### **ERIKA BRYANT**

In conjunction with my master's degree from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, I am completing my law degree from the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. I plan to develop and grow the newly formed non-profit R.A.C.E (Rollins Association for Culture and Education) led by my friend and colleague Stephen Rollins. In addition, I hope to open my own law firm.



### **SARAH CASTOR**

This program has effectively bridged three areas of my professional life—multinational philanthropy, local initiatives promoting diversity and inclusion, and my future ambitions surrounding social justice and interfaith initiatives. I hope to be an instrumental part of the community as both a connector, educator, and innovator in developing effective philanthropic work that brings lasting and positive change.



### **ERIN MARIE CROWTHER**

Following graduation, I hope to work in development for a nonprofit wildlife or environmental conservation agency. I am passionate about connecting people with the wild things and places that make our planet a beautiful place. My education at the school has prepared me with the academic knowledge and tangible skills required to bring about real, positive change for the sustainability of our world.



### **ALEXIS DAVENPORT**

I will continue to leverage my education and experiences as a McKinney Fellow to advance social progress and uplift strategic environmental pursuits that navigate the complexities of humanity and our place in the natural world. I hope to cross paths with an organization that embraces innovative and untraditional methods — either through grant making or programming — to stimulate impactful change for now and future generations.



### **DENISE DEEN**

There are several areas that I am interested in working in to gain experience: leadership development, fundraising, community outreach, volunteer coordination, youth philanthropy, international philanthropy, and advocacy.



### **JESSIKA DEVINE**

I plan to continue my work in development for The Salvation Army, serving the needs, interests, and concerns of our friends and donors. This program has provided me with the skills to better serve today's philanthropist and broadened my perspective on the crucial role our philanthropic activities play in society. I'm elated to put this acquired knowledge to use to better serve the sector.





### **ELEANOR (NORA) DIETZ-KILEN**

After graduation, I plan on staying in the Indianapolis area. Through my education and experiences provided by the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, I have learned that I greatly enjoy work that ties to education and/or healthcare. I intend to find an organization in which I can contribute my skills and knowledge gained over the years, where I have the opportunity to learn and grow.



### **CLAIRE FOURNIER**

This past year, I have lived and studied abroad in Singapore, following my spouse for his career. At the current time, we are returning back to the United States and I am interviewing for senior development roles in our hometown of Orlando, Florida.



### **FARAH GERBER**

After graduation, I am looking forward to starting my new position as Development Officer for the Island Institute in Maine. I feel honored to work within an organization focused on creating sustainable solutions within the environmental sector.



### **JAYCEE BLAIR GREENBLATT**

Upon completing the master's program, I accepted a position with the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles. My education at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy has been extremely significant in preparing me for this opportunity. Working with the best in the field, I have gained a great wealth of knowledge and developed meaningful professional connections. I am very grateful for all of the support I have received from the dedicated staff and faculty.



### **MAXWELL HAGAN**

I will be working for the Indiana University School of Medicine as the Senior Budget Manager. I look forward to continuing my service as the Vice Chair of the West Deanery Unified Catholic School Board in Indianapolis.



### **CASSANDRA HOWARD**

My plan after graduation is to continue work as a non-profit consultant through Howard Strategies, LLC. In this capacity, I assist non-profit organizations with their development and communications strategies. I also offer training programs for nonprofit fundraisers.



### **MANAL ISSA**

I plan to work as a practitioner, a consultant, and a philanthropy advisor in the Middle East. Organizations operating in a Muslim context need institutionalized, professional fundraising operations that will motivate private giving to institutions. I will work directly with institutions, assisting in establishing and developing their fundraising operations through training and collecting stories about giving that highlight various identities.



### **KYLIE L. KASPAR**

I have accepted the position of Donor Relations Manager at the Indianapolis Art Center. I am also involved in the Indianapolis music community, working to promote various events as a micro-influencer and social media consultant. Additionally, I am the Chief Relationship Officer for a startup music co-working space, which will launch in the fall at the Circle City Industrial Complex.





### **KAYLA KOLKA**

Upon graduation, I hope to continue the work that began in my graduate assistantship by pursuing an opportunity with a corporate foundation.



### **WILLIAM LAVIN**

I'm continuing to launch a revamped international nonprofit and will also continue my work in higher education development.



### **CALEB LEVELL**

After graduation, I will continue serving in my role at the American Cancer Society as director for the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. I look forward to applying my experiences and lessons learned from the philanthropic studies program, both as a professional and as a volunteer, within the field of cancer prevention and control.



### **JOSÉ LUSENDE**

First, I would like to put in practice all the knowledge, insights and perspectives I acquired from this prestigious program. Second, I plan to continue researching some topics of personal interest (Black philanthropy, civil society in developing countries...) with hopes to author a few articles in specialized publications. Last, but certainly not least, I will consider enrolling in a doctoral program with aspirations to teach and prepare future practitioners in the field.



### **UZMA MIRZA**

I plan to continue my social entrepreneurship work, writing and working with architectural/engineering green practice and nonprofit foundation for the built-environment, the environment, women and the arts. I intend to complete my current mosque design project soon to be taken into construction.



### **JULIE MOOREHEAD**

I will be continuing my role as Executive Director for TCC Gives. I plan to further grow our More Than a Phone program that helps survivors of domestic violence. I will assist IU Health philanthropic efforts through my position on the AAHC Philanthropy Council, and am looking forward to serving Learning to Give as a new board member. I also plan to work more with TCC and hopefully other for-profit companies to find the value of giving back to their local communities.



### **ADAM MORGAN**

After graduation I plan to continue my work with the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, who works to continue its support of leadership and character development opportunities and to help reduce the cost of higher education. I'll also keep working with Delaware nonprofits who are working on new ways that will allow young professionals to have an increased impact in their community. And of course I will spend more time with my wife, Jaime, and our children, Jackson and Avery.



### **ANASTESIA OKAOME**

I plan to continue my studies in the PhD program at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.



### **MADELINE RICHARD**

After graduation, I will continue working at the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI as Assistant Director of Development. I'm so grateful for the wonderful education that I received at both the O'Neill School and the Lilly School during my graduate career, for the amazing mentors I've had along the way, and for my family who put up with me going to school for 20 years straight.



### **HANNAH SAEGER KARNEI**

I will be the inaugural fellow for The Patterson Foundation in Sarasota, Florida. The one year fellowship provides the opportunity to learn and work within an innovative private foundation with the goal of providing exceptional leadership development opportunities.



### **STACIA SWANSON**

I serve as the Senior Director of Development for the Graduate Schools & Seminary at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California. Cal Lutheran's mission is to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation, and committed to service and justice. I have been married to Krister for 26 years and we have three sons.



### **MADELAINE TAYLOR**

I am currently the Volunteer Coordinator at the Victims Assistance Center in Watertown, New York, and the wife of an active-duty military officer stationed at Fort Drum. Given the required frequent moves, I am interested in establishing a sustained relationship with a professional organization, and I would even consider working remotely in order to build longevity within an organization, which would allow me to continue to be of service in spite of regular relocation.



### **LINSEY THOMPSON**

I am searching for employment in an Indianapolis nonprofit, hopefully focused on women's issues or animal welfare.



### **DEBORAH THORNBURGH**

I plan to continue to serve as Director of Development at The Orchard School.



### **CASSANDRA TICE**

After graduation I will continue my work as a Grants Officer for the IU Health Foundation. I will apply the knowledge I've gained from my time at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy to seek and secure external funding from private foundations, government grants, and corporate partnerships.



### **COLTON LEWIS WITHERS**

I plan to continue my work in philanthropy as the Associate Director of Purdue Musical Organizations and on the board of the Indianapolis Men's Chorus. I am thankful for the wonderful faculty and staff at the Lilly School who have shown infinite grace as I have juggled this intensive program and a full-time career. All the love to husband, Ben, and our family and friends.



### **JEFF BARBEE**

I plan to continue studying the relationship between arts support and cognitive, economic, and social outcomes.



### **DONNA CLARK**

Upon receiving my Graduate Certificate, I plan to pursue the MA in Philanthropic Studies while living and working in the Central Indiana area.



### **LINDI CONOVER-THOMPSON**

I'll be moving into the PhD program after completing the Graduate Certificate. During this fun and funky journey, I'll continue to build my business, EPCollaboration, where I help communities improve their corner of the world.



### **MARILYN GOELLNER**

I am currently the Vice President of University Advancement at Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania.





**VICTORIA L. KING**

My post graduate plans are to continue my work in the nonprofit sector along the Gulf Coast.



**PHYLLIS A. KINSEY**

I will pursue the M.A., with hopes to work full-time in the sector in 2020. I plan to combine my extensive business experience with a passion for writing and traveling to serve in different segments of the nonprofit sector. I am an advocate for developing women leaders in the workplace and interested in harnessing the energy and interests of all generations.



**PETER J. ROETH**

I will continue my professional role as Associate Director of the Global Living-Learning Community at Indiana University Bloomington. I am also in the final stages of coursework to earn an Ed.D. from the Higher Education and Student Affairs program at IU.



**CASEY RUSCHMAN**

I plan to stay in my current position at Duke Energy. I manage our low-income residential programs in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, and help customers who struggle to pay their electric bill lower their costs by installing energy efficient measures. I also plan on staying very involved in the Greater Cincinnati community through volunteerism. Obtaining the graduate certificate will greatly impact my personal life and professional career. The knowledge and experience I have acquired is immeasurable.





### **KAREN SANBURN**

I plan to move into the Master's Degree in Philanthropic Studies while maintaining full time employment with the Indiana University School of Medicine.



### **SOPHIE C. STEWART**

I will earn a Master's in Higher Education and Student Affairs from IU, as well as the certificate in philanthropic studies. I intend to enter the student affairs field to work with college students in a leadership development, orientation, and transition program. This knowledge is complemented by an understanding of how traditions of giving and receiving can positively affect the world around us, an understanding I hope to be a tenant of my future interactions with students.



### **JESSICA WICKMAN**

While working for Accion International in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I plan to continue my studies at IUPUI as a student in the Master's Degree in Philanthropic Studies.



### **GRANT WESLEY BOONE**

After graduation, I look forward to growing and expanding my nonprofit organization Gear Going Global!



### **ASHLEY ELSEY**

I will be taking my philanthropic studies experience to the workforce in program development and community engagement for nonprofits that serve social change.



### **KELSEY HARRINGTON**

Following graduation, I will begin serving as Program Associate for the George and Frances Ball Foundation in Muncie, IN, which allows me to utilize both my BS in Business and BA in Philanthropic Studies. I am eager to begin my professional career, and to work with grantees who represent new and emerging community organizations in Muncie's nonprofit sphere.



### **JONATHON HAWKINS**

My current plans are to work for Uber Technologies immediately following graduation and to pursue a master's in the near future.



### **NATALIE LASKOWSKI**

My path towards a career in philanthropy began as a desire to help those less fortunate and improve the world. My journey has blossomed into a passion to make my philanthropic desires a reality. Using education and networking opportunities, I learned to be a leader of leaders and turn a daydream into reality. I will be continuing my career as the Development Coordinator at the National FFA Foundation in Indianapolis and contribute my talents to agriculture education.



### **MORGAN OUTCALT**

I plan to work for a nonprofit in the Indianapolis area.



### **CLAIRE RALSTON**

Upon completion of my Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies, I plan to pursue a career in development for a local nonprofit organization. I will combine my passion for youth empowerment, my love for the community of Indianapolis, and the skills I learned in the classroom to raise funds and spread awareness. I also plan on returning to the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy to begin work on my Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies in January 2020.



### **JOSETTÉ ROBINSON**

I plan to develop a career within the philanthropic sector. I have secured a position as a Community Leadership Officer at the Central Indiana Community Foundation. Additionally, I plan to attend graduate school to earn dual Masters degrees in Philanthropic Studies and Public Affairs.



### **LACY ROSS**

I am graduating with a BA in Philanthropic Studies and a minor in Event Management. I hope to pursue a career in Indianapolis focusing on improving the community and continuing my family's work with our organization called Maddie Smiles.



### **KATHERINE WAGGONER**

Upon graduating, I plan to continue pursuing my goal of improving the criminal justice system through research and advocacy. I look forward to embarking on a new adventure as I begin working on a Master of Science in Criminal Justice in the fall.



### **ELIZABETH WILLIAMS**

I plan to earn the MA in Philanthropic Studies. Additionally, I will continue to work as a Plat Collective realtor and run my small photography business. I am passionate about my hometown of Indianapolis and excited about the ways it is developing and changing. I hope to work in the community development sector – specifically in issues around education or housing.

**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ALSO 2018-19 GRADUATES:**

**M.A.**

KATIE HUNT  
BRIELLE NALENCE  
EMILY TRINKLE

**B.A.**

EMILEE JENNINGS  
LAURA SHAFFER

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

SILIVA BULFONE  
TERRI L. CAMPBELL  
ANDREW DINGER  
REBECCA HALL  
BRIELLE NALENCE  
GABRIEL PACHTER  
CYNTHIA REESE  
SARAH TOBIAS

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**Amir Pasic**

*Eugene R. Tempel Dean*

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