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Felisa Ojadi-Kedigui – International Program



Felisa is from Equatorial Guinea and grew up in Nigeria. Felisa has always loved working with children and was encouraged to enroll in the Early Childhood program. She is also invested in children's mental health and currently assists children as a residential counselor. In the future she wants to set up a foundation for ESL speakers and their families dealing with mental health issues and wants to pursue a master's to gain the skills and resources for her ultimate career goal of working with the United Nations.

Wicahpi Chaddlesone-Yankton – Bridge Program



Wicahpi was born and raised on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Wicahpi is in her senior year as a Political Science, International Affairs major with English and Integrated Communication minors. She visited campus for two weeks as a sophomore in high school through the Bridge Program. During this time, she fell in love with BSU. Wicahpi is a student leader as the president of the Indigenous Culture Allies Association and a member of the Student Government Association.

Thalles DeSouza – Political Science



Thalles is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the first in his family to attend college. He is majoring in Political Science, Marketing and Social Media and is the Vice President of Student Government and the founder of the Jesus Club. After arriving in the U.S. with his family, he excelled in his education, landing at Cape Cod Community College. Thalles believes that the main contributor to his success is his mother, a courageous woman who allowed him to gain an education.

Christian Augat – Human Resource Management



Christian is a junior from Barnstable, majoring in Human Resource Management. Christian is the President of Corsair eSports and has been instrumental in helping to build the new eSports teams and coordinate tournaments, marketing campaigns, and planning for future growth. As the first President of Corsair eSports, Christian has grown the organization from 50 to 144 people. Students are competitive in the top eSports games and are a tight-knit group with a strong sense of belonging.

Rebecca Cargile – Emergency Management



Rebecca is a senior at Mass Maritime studying Emergency Management. She is thankful for her family and friends who have helped her grow into leadership roles such as Squad Leader, the Executive Officer of her company, and the Vice President of the Student Government Association. Rebecca's education has made her confident in her abilities to explore opportunities to explore.



David Desousa – Commonwealth Honors Program



David will graduate this spring with an Associate's degree in Human and Social Services and plans to transfer to Bridgewater State to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. David credits his wife for pushing him to return to school. He is also grateful for the support and encouraging words of Professor Patrick Faiella, Elizabeth Marconi, and Dr. Tara Gully-Hightower. David made the dean's list all three semesters, has a GPA of 3.71, and is also a member of the Commonwealth Honors Program.

Adam Flores – Veteran's Center



Adam serves as the DEI and Disability Services Liaison for Student Veterans of America Bristol CC Chapter, Interim Student Senator, and Bristol CC Game Club President. After serving in the United States Air Force for 6 years, he began his higher education career in Nursing at a private college before switching to Computer science at Bristol CC. Adam has made the Dean's list and looks forward to more opportunities to better himself, his school, and his community.

Kendell French – Presidential Scholarship



Kendell instantly felt loved and welcomed at BSU. He used to watch planes take off and land from the ground, but at BSU he began to learn to fly them. Kendell believes he would not have been able to get his pilot's license and chase his dream of becoming a commercial pilot without support from the BSU community. He works in the Marketing and Communications Office and is a tutor for the Academic Achievement Center.

Nicole Cain – Media Communication



Nicole will graduate this fall with two certificates and an associate degree. After that, she will be moving on to earn a bachelor's degree. As a single parent of five, grandmother of 3, poet, radio personality, entrepreneur, a survivor of domestic violence, and a black woman, she will be the first in her family to graduate from a university. Nicole has taken the knowledge from her courses to start a business with her daughter called "Recovery in Poetry," providing community outreach, poetry slams, workshops, radio shows, podcasts, retail products, and more.

Zoi Burns – Political Science



Zoi is a sophomore from North Haven, Connecticut, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Data Analytics. She is a Commonwealth Honors Student with a 3.92 GPA. Zoi has achieved the Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society and is a 2022 Newman Civic Fellow. She chairs the student Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee and spearheaded a menstrual equity and diversity dialogues program. She also served as an orientation coordinator.

Madison Clogher – Emergency Management



Madison is an Emergency Management Major with a minor in Homeland Security and is expected to graduate in June 2023. The Academy offers a unique leadership development program for Madison that promotes mentorship at all levels. She is thankful for her amazing role models, without which she would not be where she is today.



Kay Lodge – Work-Study



Kay is a full-time student and a full-time mom who works part-time at the Massasoit food pantry and Choices Program. She is a Business major and will continue to obtain a Bachelor's Degree after her Associate's. Kay maintains a 3.4 GPA average and is motivated by her family to follow her dreams of opening her own Graphic Business. She is thankful to Massasoit for helping her gain self-confidence and persistence.



Hernali Cubano – Parenting Advancement Pathways



Hernali is from Venezuela and, in 2017, began learning English at Bristol CC. As a single mother, Hernali is thankful for the support of Bristol CC programs like Parenting Advancement Pathways, Leadership Academy, Student Success, and The Experiential Education Center. She now studies Computer Information Systems and, in Spring 2023, began an internship in IT. Hernali expects to finish her Associate's degree soon and transfer to UMassD to continue her education.

Carrie Provost – Presidential Scholarship



Carrie is double majoring in Criminal Justice and English with a minor in Indigenous studies. She is Vice-President of the Indigenous Culture and Allies Association and a justice fellow with the Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice. As an Indigenous student from the Lakota tribe in South Dakota, Carrie advocates for issues affecting the Indigenous community. Carrie believes one of the factors towards her success is mentor, Joyce Rain Anderson, who helped her receive a scholarship that allowed her to follow her education without worrying about debt.

Stephen Barusso – College Now



Stephen is a first-year student veteran and will be majoring in finance. He is a member of College Now with a 3.94 GPA and made the Chancellor's Honors list his first semester. Stephen is also a member of the Veteran Students Association. As a former marine, he spent a lot of time away and chose UMass Dartmouth for its proximity to home.

Kyle Robbins – Liberal Arts



After taking a year off from school during the pandemic and with the help of friends and family, Kyle enrolled at Cape Cod Community College. He plans on pursuing a degree in the Criminal Law field. Kyle is involved with on-campus organizations, including Student Government Association President, Debate Club President, and PTK member. Kyle credits the support of his professors at CCCC and friends and family for helping him reengage with higher education to achieve his dreams.

Emily Dudek – Emergency Management



Emily is studying Emergency Management and is thankful to Mass. Maritime for promoting professionalism and giving opportunities to grow before entering the workforce. She is grateful for the cadet leaders she looked up to while on and off campus who were role models of dedication and perseverance. Emily contributes her success at the Academy to those cadet leaders and hopes to inspire younger cadets to become leaders.



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Stephanie Vallee – Animation and Game Arts



Stephanie is a senior from Brockton. She is a Commonwealth Honors Student majoring in animation and game arts and minoring in illustration and graphic design with a 3.9 GPA. Stephanie is a graphic designer for New Student & Family Programs and an Orientation Leader. Stephanie is planning to go into a career related to graphic design.

Farjani Akter – Work Study



Farjani works at Charlton Memorial hospital as a nursing assistant because she loves to help and provide help to those in need. At Bristol Community College, she met many amazing counselors, including Christina LaCroix, who has helped her in many ways. After graduating from Bristol Community College, Farjani plans to attend a four-year college and major in public health.

Jillian Parrott – Dual Enrollment



Jillian is currently a Senior at Nauset High School and joined Cape Cod Community College as a Dual Enrollment student. She is the captain of both the Cross Country and Softball teams. Next year, Jillian will attend Mass Maritime Academy, which her brother and sister attended. She is working towards a major in Marine Engineering.

Madison Neas – Excel Program



After being severely injured in a car accident, Madison took a leave of absence from BSU, but she and her family are thankful to BSU for their support during her difficult journey. President Clark told her family, “Once a Bear, always a Bear,” and in 2022, Madison returned to BSU in the Excel Program. She has an education coach and a peer mentor who support her. Madison has persevered through many challenges in life with the help of her family, medical team, and everyone at BSU.

Jalan Francis – College Now



Jalan is a first-year College Now student with a 3.08 GPA from Boston. He believes in giving back to the community and is active in the America Reads tutoring program where he mentors young students in nearby communities.