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2020-2021 Emerging Leaders EL6

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The Ohio University Emerging Leaders are supported by the Robert D. Walter Center for Strategic Leadership
The Emerging Leaders (EL6) have taken the first steps in lifelong leadership journey!

Every year, I am amazed (and humbled) by the growth and development of our members throughout their year-long experience. Some leaders maximize their transformation while some find a level in which they are comfortable – which is all part of the experience. All of us have our own paths to, and definitions of, success and while the Emerging Leaders strives to provide experiential learning opportunities, it is critical that we celebrate our ability to achieve our individual goals throughout a year in which innovation, agility, and resilience have become a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergent Leaders rise through adversity, and I am confident that each one of our members will excel in their future endeavors.

As the Director of Emerging Leaders, I want to send a heartfelt thanks to all of our leaders, our peer mentors, executive board, alumni, and advisory board members who have dedicated their time to help mentor, coach, and share perspectives; the leadership of Ohio University’s College of Business; Tim Reynolds and the Robert D. Walter Center for Strategic Leadership; as well as my Assistant Director, Shawnee Meek. Thank you all for your dedication to our continued success!

Sincerely,
Dr. Andrew Pueschel
Director, Emerging Leaders

All I can say is...WE DID IT! This year has been challenging for students, faculty, staff, and people all over the world. Instead of being defeated by challenges, our Emerging Leaders faced them with strength. I am so proud of our students for applying their grit and positive mindset. Emerging Leaders students rallied by building relationships with each other through a Cup Pong cell phone tournament and NCAA March Madness tournament brackets. We engaged with over 25 alumni and executives, collected 123 pounds of food, and raised $1,445 for the Athens County Food Pantry, helped to reach over 6,500 individuals for the #LoveAthensKeepItLocal Instagram Contest, and donated bags of disinfecting wipes and other school supplies to Trimble Elementary School.

Andrew and I are so proud of leaders, peer mentors, and executive board. Thank you to all of our amazing alumni, executives, and donors for helping us elevate our program as we strive for a high-touch, transformational learning experience.

All the best,
Shawnee Meek
Assistant Director, Emerging Leaders
The Emerging Leaders are fortune enough to have the opportunity to customize our curriculum based on the engagements we have with OU alumni and executives throughout the year. The curriculum is enhanced to strengthen our members interpersonal skills and professional skill sets, while mentoring them to realize their maximum leadership potential. This year’s curriculum consisted of:

- Goal Setting, Core Values, and Big 5
- 21st Century Leader Work Force Skills
- Leading Through Diversity - Led by Winsome Chunnu (pictured below)
- Leadership Types
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People
- Grit & Growth Mindset
- Your Leadership Journey
- Emotional Intelligence
- Leadership and Positivity
- Well-Being and Energy Management
- Your Personal Brand
- Difficult Conversations
- Speak as Well as You Think (Public Speaking)
- Leaders to Leaders
- Original Application Review

Each semester, students are required to participate in one-on-one mentoring and coaching sessions with the directors and peer mentors. Each week, students write in their leadership growth journals to reflect on what they learned that week. Students must also participate in alumni and executive engagements and philanthropy events.

The Emerging Leaders engage in a variety of events throughout the year. These events have been designed by the Emerging Leaders faculty, peer mentors, and executive board. This year’s events included:

**Leaders to Leaders** - Led by our Assistant Director Shawnee Meek, this event encouraged our members to take their public speaking skills to the next level. EL members picked any topic they wanted (TED Talk style) and presented to the class in a theater setting. Audience members asked probing questions about the subjects cheering each other on along the way!

**ECO Challenge** - This team competition sponsored by Dan Squiller, challenges students from across campus to create and develop an ecological concept that benefits the Ohio University Campus. Emerging Leaders virtually attended the final event of the **ECO Challenge** as audience members and helped select the winning concept that will be implemented by Ohio University in 2022.

**Awards** - Emerging Leaders was the recipient of the **Selective Outstanding Student Organization** in the 2020-21 Student Awards in the College of Business. This award goes to an organization that has made a significant impact on Ohio University and the Athens community, provided innovative programming, excellent recruitment and development of members, and actively supports the mission of the College of Business.
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The opportunity to serve as president of such a great group and work alongside so many hardworking, motivated, and well-rounded individuals has been the highlight of my college career. Emerging Leaders has instilled in me a servant leadership mindset and has truly changed the way that I approach leadership. The advice and skills that I have gained from Andrew and Shawnee, the executive team, the alumni speakers, and more have been instrumental in my leadership journey. Now that my time in the role is ending, I am eager to take the personal and professional skills that I have learned throughout my time in Emerging Leaders and instill them into the rest of my college career and beyond. Each member of the executive board and our class contributed a unique skill set that has made Emerging Leaders an even stronger group throughout the course of the year, and I am so eager to see what the next class of Emerging Leaders is going to accomplish moving forward. My leadership growth journey is just beginning, and I am so very appreciative of the opportunity to be involved in Emerging Leaders.

Sincerely,
Anna Rausch
Samantha Patterson

Majors: Accounting, Business Analytics, Business Pre-Law
Post-Grad: Staff accountant at Cohen & Co (Cleveland, Ohio)

Emerging Leaders taught me to believe in myself, believe in my leadership abilities, and how to be comfortable with the uncomfortable. The program also had an enormous effect on my development as an individual. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to become a peer mentor for my second year. As a peer mentor, I was excited to be able to give back to the next group of students in the program and help them with their own leadership development. My favorite part is being able to make connections and watch not only my peer mentees, but all the members grow throughout the program.

Overall, EL is an amazing program and I definitely wouldn’t be where I am today without it, and I’m excited to see how the program evolves over the next few years.

Alicia Klohn

Majors: International Business and Marketing
Post-Grad: Sr. HRA at Amazon (Twinsburg, Ohio)

Over the last two years, Emerging Leaders has given me confidence and encouragement to become the leader I am now. I expanded my speaking abilities while creating my own leadership style. This was an experience that I have been able to carry into different areas of my academic, professional, and personal life. The most rewarding thing I have been a part of in EL is being a peer mentor and being able to guide EL6 in their leadership development. I have seen a change in the way the members speak and how confident they have become since the beginning of the experience. My entire journey with EL has been so gratifying, and I am thankful to have this be such a large part of my time in the College of Business. I am looking forward to taking the skills I learned from Emerging Leaders into my post-graduation life. I am forever thankful for everyone who has impacted my time at Ohio University, and I look forward to being a proud Bobcat alumni.

Serving as a peer mentor for the Emerging Leaders’ program is one of the most powerful engagements a Business Bobcat can do! Living your legacy through a shared experience continues to enhance your own growth and development. - Dr. Pueschel
Lacy Burke

Majors: Management Information Systems, Business Analytics, Business Economics
Post-Grad: University of Texas San Antonio MS in Data Analytics Program

Emerging Leaders has shaped me as a leader, a coach, and an individual. When I started in the program as a junior, I had no idea the impact this program would have on me. The curriculum, the mentors, and the members made it an indescribable experience. I’ve not only developed my leadership and executive skills but gained the confidence to use them. I had the incredible opportunity to serve as a VP of Recruitment where I was able to help build the EL6 class. Since becoming a Peer Mentor, I’ve been able to watch EL6 grow and develop as leaders. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with everyone and continue being a part of the EL family. I was honored to have the opportunity to give back to this organization, and I continue to keep doing so after graduating in May. I am thankful for the Directors, my Peer Mentors, and both the 5th and 6th classes of EL members. Thank you, Emerging Leaders, for making me who I am and always pushing me to be better.

Haley Demana

Majors: Management and Strategic Leadership and History
Post-Grad: Graduating 2022

The Emerging Leaders program has shaped me more than any other college experience I have had yet. Beginning the program my junior year helped push me to a new level in my professional development. I began to understand my role as a leader and what impact I could have in world. Getting the opportunity to be a peer mentor for the EL6 class has been such an honor. Watching other members grow and explore their passion for leadership and making a positive impact on the world has only increased my gratitude for Emerging Leaders. I am so thankful for all the friends, connections, and experiences I have gained through EL. Emerging Leaders is truly an incredible organization that cultivates amazing experiences and relationships.

Nate Vassalotti

Majors: Management
Post-Grad: JP Morgan Chase (Dallas, TX)

Emerging Leaders played a huge role in the leader and person I am today. Throughout class last year, we were constantly challenged to look deeper into leadership than just traits and situations. We focused on developing ourselves and using our own strengths to become the most authentic versions of ourselves. Also, being President of EL5 allowed me to immediately practice and apply what I had learned in class that week. As I transitioned into being a peer mentor for EL6, my favorite part has been the relationships I’ve built with my mentees. In our early meetings, we typically stuck to topics discussed in class, when now I have to occasionally get everyone back on track because we all get along so well. My post-graduation plans are to move to Dallas and begin my career with JP Morgan Chase in their corporate analyst development program!
ALUMNI & EXECUTIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Overview
Attendance at executive engagements is required of all members of Emerging Leaders. The placement of EL in front of visiting OU alumni and/or executives can result in continued communications, interviews, and even internships. EL6 has had a variety of exciting executive engagements this year! The Emerging Leaders have been fortunate to hear from many talented professionals from across the business world. Thank you to all the alumni and executives who took time out of their busy schedules to engage with EL6. Also, thank you to Ally Paris (EL5) who initiated the idea to invite alumni to each class for short, meaningful engagements.

Ashley Mager
September 2nd, 2020
Ashley Mager (pictured below) is a Risk Management Associate at PNC and is finishing up her 5th rotation in the development program. She taught Emerging Leaders about the three lines of defense of Risk Management, Internal Auditing, Independent Risk Management, and Lines of Business and Support Areas. She also provided advice for job searching and internships. She emphasized how important networking is and to take advantage of every networking opportunity. She mentioned how she wished she would have advanced her technological skills more in college and how important it is to diversify yourself early because it will benefit your job search.

Lauren Krause
September 9th, 2020
Lauren Krause (pictured below and to the left) landed an internship her junior year at Cardinal Health which she turned into a full-time job post-graduation. She is in a three-year rotational program in the marketing department. She began on the apparel team then moved into working with the vendors on the pharmaceutical side. Lauren emphasized that she would not be where she was today if it were not for the networking skills Emerging Leaders taught her. She said how important it is to be professional and welcome curiosity.

Gianna Mannarino
September 16th, 2020
Gianna Mannarino (pictured above and to the right) graduated Ohio University in May, where she was balancing classes and two internships. She was an AI Marketing Intern for Marketing Artificial Intelligence Institute and a Digital Marketing Intern at Citrus Social. She talked about how critical Emerging Leaders was in teaching her accountability to be driven and motivated to stay busy and be successful. She has developed amazing networking skills and taught us how important LinkedIn is and to keep it updated with everything professional to help land potential job opportunities.
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**Alyssa McCoy**  
**September 23rd, 2020**

Alyssa McCoy (pictured left), a former President of Emerging Leaders, is in the Human Resources Development Program at Owens Corning. She talked about how Emerging Leaders helped her build her confidence, especially in a professional sense. She developed her leadership skills and has been able to carry forth these skills in her position today. She also emphasized the importance of not being afraid to put yourself out there.

**Mackenzie Debnar**  
**September 30th, 2020**

Mackenzie Debnar is a Senior Marketing Analyst at the J.M Smucker Company. She began working as a Marketing Analyst with a Smucker company partner, Dunkin Coffee. She then was promoted to her current position where she is working with K-Cups with an external company. Her advice was to practice public speaking as much as possible. She advised building a routine that involves all aspects of your life including work and play. Emerging Leaders learned that leadership post graduation is controlling your destiny, taking personal accountability, and taking on the bigger challenges.

**Matthew Brady**  
**October 14th, 2020**

Matthew Brady is currently working at INSIGHT2PROFIT as a Business Analyst. He walked us through the four phases his consulting company goes through: Discovery, Modeling, Implementation, and Measurement. He found his job through attending a career fair and advised to set yourself apart by showing your personality, be coachable, and make sure that you have some of the same core values as the company you are applying for. He said post-graduation he realized that the skills he developed that have helped him now were problem-solving, professional communication, and networking.

**Taylor Cremeans**  
**October 7th, 2020**

Taylor Cremeans, (pictured right) another former Emerging Leaders President, currently works at Infoverity as a Senior Consultant. He shared that he is currently working in a team and carries a lot of responsibility because every team member plays a vital role. He pointed out how important it was for those interviewing to highlight any sales knowledge, their adaptability in high pressure situations, and come prepared with any software and project experience they have. Taylor’s advice is to utilize all the resources an organization has to offer while in college.

**Mackenzie Kremer**  
**October 21st, 2020**

Mac Kremer is working as a Large Law Pricing professional at LexisNexis and emphasized that he got that position by creating connections and reaching out to their current employees. Whenever applying for a job, he advised understanding the company culture and be able to relate to the tone of the interview. He also said to make your resume stands out by adjusting the action words to match the job and talk through a previous project you have worked on and relate it to the current job. He finished by saying, “The Emergent Leadership doesn’t stop when you leave the classroom, it is forever!”
Rachel Gardella  
**October 28th, 2020**

Rachel Gardella (pictured above) is currently a Digital Platform and Engineering IT Development Program Associate at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. She received this position after interning with them in the Global Vender Management department which was a different role than her major. Emerging Leaders was able to make a major impact on her confidence, public speaking skills, and her growth mindset. Her advice was to seek out a mentor and then become a mentor yourself and take advantage of leadership opportunities to boost your skills and confidence.

Barret Jackson  
**January 20th, 2021**

Barret Jackson (pictured below and to the right) is currently working as a Pricing Analyst at INSIGHT2PROFIT, and he landed this job after graduation and the position had secured was postponed due to COVID-19. He wanted to connect with more people in his company and his boss told him to request 15-minute meetings with different employees five times a week. This has helped him meet over 90 people, and he always asks them for advice to ensure he is performing at a high-level. His advice was to push yourself to have the grit to work hard and succeed for yourself.

Christopher Laux  
**January 27th, 2021**

Chris Laux is currently an Enterprise Account Executive with Dell and covers four of the largest companies in Columbus, one being Cardinal Health. He mentioned not getting caught up with a big company name and go where you fit in and you are happy because it will affect your job performance. He says Ohio University set him apart because the social scene has made it easy for him to create relationships very easily in his sales position. To this day, he highlights Emerging Leaders as being the best part of his college career because of the network he created.

Nicolette Lacich  
**November 4th, 2020**

Nicolette Lacich is currently working as a Solution Sales Professional at Microsoft where she covers the Federal Health industry and is working with the CDC and FDA. After college she had another job but could not see herself working their long term and begun networking with Microsoft employees. She talked about how important it is to have values that align with the company you want to work with in order to be happy. Her advice was to be fearless, put your ideas out there, take initiative to stand out, and increase your network to gain as much knowledge and connections as you can.
MyHa’la Herrold
March 1st, 2021

MyHa’la Herrold, lead actress in the HBO series ‘Industry’, engaged with our members during her session on the Industry of Inclusion. Myha’la (pictured above) spoke on her experiences of finding her way in the acting industry as a black woman and shared advice for our students. She helped diversify our leader’s mindsets allowing them to consider not the importance of diversity and inclusion in the business world, but also how we can be more aware of it in our everyday lives and through media. Thank you Winsome Chunnu and Nate Merten (EL6) for moderating the extended session.

Lawrence Nwajei
February 3rd, 2021

Lawrence Nwajei (pictured left) is currently an Account Executive at Axiom in Chicago. Additionally, he co-created a D&I sales pipeline called Us In Technology for diverse college graduates interested in sales. He is passionate about developing others and inspired the group to get outside their comfort zone, build relationships, and capitalize on opportunities.

Dan Foster
February 10th, 2020

Dan Foster (pictured right) is currently working as a high-level recruiter for Alliance Solutions Group in Cleveland. The Speak as Well as You Think training through EL has been most beneficial to him because he is able to articulate what he knows to others, whether it be one-on-one, public speaking, or in meetings. He advises to establish good habits with time management in order to maintain success in your career.

Casey Shows
February 17th, 2021

Casey Shows (pictured top right) is working as an Account Manager in the Sales Department for Lower. She recommended starting your job search early as a senior and utilize the connections in college because OU has amazing connections with so many different companies. She also emphasized how important it is to ask questions because sometimes the opportunity to ask that question only comes once.

Jessica Gregory
February 24th, 2021

Jessica Gregory (picture left) is currently working as a Consultant for Infoverity. COVID-19 has not had much of a negative effect on her job because a lot of their partners and clients are overseas. During training she stated that it is important to ask questions because if not, employers assume you know what you are doing. She also emphasized the importance of reaching out to other company employees even if they work in a different department because you may need their advice later down the road.
Chris Hellman
April 7th, 2021

Chris Hellman (pictured below) is the retired former Global VP of the Coca-Cola Freestyle business. Chris shared his story with our members and offered advice for students looking to attain a leadership position in the future. He told members to be flexible in their career journey, detailing how taking a job he did not see as a long-term fit ultimately led him to attain great success with Coca-Cola.

Bill Lombardo
March 24th, 2021

Bill Lombardo (pictured below and to the left) is the creator of the CASA mindset program. Our leaders spent 2 weeks learning from Bill. He shared an inside look into his leadership development program that taught our leaders how to effectively utilize their own minds and lead others. One thing he emphasized is to work hard to qualify for the job and to not just chase a salary. It is important to not only benefit yourself but to benefit the company and those around you.

Kelly Weber
March 31st, 2021

Kelly Weber is founder and owner of The Wander Project (Wander), a woman-owned and environmentally conscious executive coaching and leadership development firm. She led a powerful executive engagement on mentorship with our Emerging Leaders. Our students were inspired by her advice to always be “courageously authentic”. Kelly encouraged our leaders to not only find a mentor who can help them find their potential, but to also seek out mentorship opportunities and help others grow. One student said, “She is everything I want to be.”

Mikaela Herrera
April 21st, 2021

Mikaela Herrera (pictured below) is currently working as an IT Project Analyst at Huntington National Bank. She helps manage the training program and is now editing a podcast with the IT department. Emerging Leaders gave her the confidence to have the opportunity to talk with the CEO of Huntington National Bank and ask him for advice. In order to make sure you are succeeding in the workplace, she recommends writing down everything you have accomplished to remind yourself that you are making a difference.
**Canned Food Drive**

Emerging Leaders and Select Leaders led a canned food drive for the Athens Local Food Pantry. Both of our organizations collected canned food and monetary donations during the month of October. Emerging Leaders and Select Leaders collected 123 pounds of food for the Pantry. This translates to 95 meals, which can feed families of 3-4 with 3 meals a day. The total monetary donations raised was $1,445, which will provide just over 4,000 meals.

**Supply Drive**

Emerging Leaders partnered with three other organizations for a supply drive benefiting Trimble Local Schools. EL, Select Leaders, Ohio Women In Business, & the Strategic Leadership Certificate group, collaborated for this the event. Altogether, the four organizations donated hundreds of supplies that will aid an underserved community. Some supplies donated include pencils, Kleenex’s, and glue sticks. These supplies will be used for the 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, Emerging Leaders was able to provide hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes that will be heavily needed due to COVID-19. Altogether this event brought four organizations at Ohio University together to benefit a local school in need.

**Strouds Litter Pickup**

The Strouds Litter Pickup event was held in March. EL members walked the trails of Strouds to pick up waste. This event lasted about two hours and served as an opportunity to get to know fellow EL members better and help the environment. Altogether, about two bags of trash were collected to help beautify our local state park.

**#LoveAthensKeepItLocal Instagram Contest**

Emerging Leaders faculty and students teamed up with Ohio Women in Business, Select Leaders, and the Southern Copperheads to plan and promote a social media contest that took place from Nov. 1 to Nov. 23, encouraging all OHIO students to post photos on Instagram supporting local Athens businesses and organizations, which reached approximately 6,500 individuals. The campaign positively impacted Athens, boosted the local economy, increased public awareness for local businesses and organizations, and helped strengthen the relationship between OHIO and Athens.
Launch of EL Advisory Board

Now more than ever, Business Bobcats need mentorship, guidance, and inspiration from those who have paved the way for their leadership journey. We asked a dedicated group of our EL alumni to help us maximize the leadership potential of our undergraduate members by inviting them to be a part of our advisory board.

Our Advisory Board includes a diverse group of business leaders who are passionate about assisting the Emerging Leaders program in shaping and supplementing programs to help Emerging Leaders students maximize their development and be better equipped to pursue their dreams and make a positive difference in their communities.

Our inaugural meeting was held on March 29th. Our EL advisory board consists of members from EL1-EL7 including Jared Elmore, Nicolette Lacich, Jeremy Crookston, Rachel Gardella, Hunter Murdock, Dan Foster, Alyssa McCoy, Sam Patterson, Gianna Mannarino, student members, Amy Kokal, Marianna Soriano, and Anna Rausch, faculty members, Andrew Pueschel and Shawnee Meek, and emeritus member Tammy Reynolds.

The Advisory Board supports the professional growth and leadership potential of its members through the enhancement of curricular programming and activities, student internship and job placement, mentorship, and soft-skill development. Thank you so much to our EL Advisory Board for investing your time, skills, and resources!

Innovative Networking

With the travel restrictions in place, the social engagement student leads focused their efforts on internal networking. With an emphasis on engagement and unity, we hosted a Cup Pong iPhone game tournament with 32 participants. During each match, we encouraged communication between the participants to get to know other members better.

During the tournament, there was a significant increase in engagement amongst the group. As time went on, engagement with executive speakers increased creating a better experience during class. Questions were asked during these engagements which led to interesting insights about various careers.

Along with the tournament, we held a March Madness tournament bracket challenge where we had 13 participants. Following guidelines set forth by the CDC and university, we held three socials amongst the executive board which led to greater comradery from the executive board and filtered through the entire program.
Lacy Burke, the EL6 Lead Peer Mentor, was selected as the first recipient of the Todd and Teresa Calamita Leadership Scholarship based on her outstanding commitment to the organization, demonstration of leadership skills, and dependability. Moving forward, this scholarship will be given to the Emerging Leaders program’s lead peer mentor each year.

"The mantra of Emerging Leaders is invest in yourself; inspire others; impact the world," said Dr. Andrew Pueschel, the director of the Emerging Leaders program. "The Calamita family represents what Emerging Leaders is all about and the continued legacy of the Calamita Leadership Scholarship will encourage our current students and alumni to continue their own leadership journey while serving their organizations and communities to positively shape the world we live in." In creating a scholarship, the Calamitas wanted to support future leaders who are focused on learning skills that will help them better the world of business. They found that opportunity through the Emerging Leaders program.

"Leadership is a quality that can be learned and constantly improved upon throughout your lifetime. Too many leaders lead with left brain thinking and conversations," said Todd and Teresa Calamita, the scholarship donors. "The Emerging Leaders program is developing true leaders of tomorrow by training students on right brain thinking like utilizing empathy and emotional intelligence. We are thrilled to support such a worthwhile endeavor that fosters skills that are often absent in corporate America."

Shawnee Meek, the assistant director of the Emerging Leaders program, said one of the ways members are developing their leadership skills is through their philanthropic activities. Members work within the community each semester, dedicating their time and resources. In addition, peer mentors also meet with students in the program regularly to help them grow personally and professionally.

“Todd and Teresa Calamita truly embody the philanthropic spirit, and they demonstrate that giving doesn’t end in college. We feel blessed to have cultivated this relationship with the Calamitas,” Meek said. “We couldn’t be prouder of our first recipient, Lacy Burke. No leader is more deserving than her.”

Burke is studying management information systems, business analytics, and business economics, with minors in coaching education and economics. Her dedication to the Emerging Leaders program began her junior year when she served as vice president for recruitment, allowing her to build the next generation of leaders. She was then appointed to serve as the lead peer mentor, leading a cohort of five peer mentors and 40 leaders. As a lead peer mentor, she has had a positive impact on the curriculum and many professional development opportunities.

“I can confidently say, I am a completely different version of myself because of the Emerging Leaders program — a more authentic, confident, and outgoing version,” Burke said. “The personal and professional growth from a single year with Emerging Leaders is astronomical. I had the honor of coming back to the program as lead peer mentor and in this position, I not only get to help the next class of Emerging Leaders, but I also get to use the skills I learned in the program in a different way.” Next, she will be continuing her education as a graduate student at the University of Texas San Antonio. After earning her master’s degree, she plans to work as a data analyst for the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), where she is currently interning.

“I am thoroughly honored to have been recognized for the Todd and Teresa Calamita Leadership Scholarship as the first recipient, and I know the positive impact this award will have on future lead peer mentors,” Burke said.
Welcome EL7

We are happy to announce our incoming class of Emerging Leaders for the 2021-2022 academic year. During the transition from in-person to virtual interaction, these leaders successfully navigated an in-depth interviewing process (application, letters of recommendation, references, and two stages of interviews) where they were selected for their passion for growth and leadership.

Ashlyn Ansel     Stephanie Guenther     Brendan Robbins
Emma Bauer       Grant Guetle          Mallorie Rohrbach
Ashley Bowler    Maggie Hall          Molly Ryan
Lukas Briggs     Zachary Hillard      Brandon Schaefer
Gina Capretta    Mackenzie Jennings   Matthew Slowey
Marissa Cerreto  Elias Kennedy        Emma Sluterbeck
Matthew Courtney Katie Kirkendall     Michael Stefan
Benjamin Dakters Leanne Klenke        Aidan Stewart
Ethan Drew       Sam Knox             Garrett Stocker
Emma Epstein     Makenna Koehl        David Tucci
Nick Franklin    Callie Kuehn         Grant Weltge
Anthony Gasbarro Conner Lubinski      Samuel Williams
Christina Geiger William Prichard     Jarod Zavodnik
Jack Graham      Ian Radwancky

Live Your Legacy

Inspired to help support current and future Emerging Leaders programming? Join your fellow Bobcats by Making A Gift to the Emerging Leaders Program Support Fund. Your gift is tax-deductible and will support our current EL Bobcats with their networking trips, leadership assessment tools, classroom resources such as books and journals, campus events, and much more. As higher education navigates variable budgets, these foundation funds will help make these extraordinary activities and events possible and will continue the legacy you helped create. Go Bobcats!
Thank You

Thank you for reading this year's Emerging Leaders’ Annual Newsletter. We'd like to thank the College of Business and all the alumni, executives, faculty, staff, and community members who engaged and invested in us this year. We'd also like to thank Dean Jackie Rees Ulmer, Hugh Sherman, Tim and Tammy Reynolds, Jay Lockard, Ryan O’Connor, Winsome Chunnu, Sly Mata, and EL Alumni for your continued support. Please keep in touch and reach out with any questions, comments, engagements, or opportunities!

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