

Janel Atlas is majoring in English and lives with her husband in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She is working on a departmental honors project on Barbara Kingsolver's essays and fiction, focusing on how the author addresses justice and war issues. Janel is involved with Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honors society and with presenting with a local "I'm Worth Waiting For" outreach. She is also an English department diplomat. Eventually, Janel would like to pursue a Ph.D. in English Literature and teach at the college level.

Shannon Barkley is currently studying at Messiah's Philadelphia Campus, where she volunteers at a clinic in the northeast Philadelphia that focuses on the Latino population. Shannon is majoring in biology and minoring in Spanish and completed her senior honors project last spring, which explores the current global health crisis and the benefits that a Christian ethical perspective brings to the field of international health. She will be completing her undergraduate education in Quito, Ecuador in the spring. After graduating, Shannon hopes to attend medical school and obtain an MD with a possible Master of Public Health degree.

Melissa Bell is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. While at Messiah, she has pursued a major in Politics and founded a model United Nations club, which will be representing Senegal at a conference in November. Melissa is a tutor at the Writing Center and is working on a departmental honors paper on British multiculturalism under the Blair government. She has applied to several graduate school programs for International Relations in Great Britain.

Megan Benedict is majoring in Biology. She is a peer group leader for first year students, a member of both the college honors program and the Sigma Zeta national math and science honor society, and a participant in the Medical Awareness Club. Megan is working on a project with Dr. Lawrence Mylin, assistant professor of biology, researching the connections between immortalized cancer cells and the immune system. She is currently employed by Holy Spirit Hospital as an ER technician. After graduating in the spring, Megan will be attending graduate school to become a physician assistant and hopes eventually to practice medicine in an underserved area. She is from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Melody Boyd is from Salisbury Center, New York and is double majoring in Sociology and Communication. She is interning at the Pennsylvania Coalition against Rape and is a teaching assistant for Principles of Sociology, taught by Dr. John Eby. In conjunction with this course, Melody is working on a departmental honors project exploring the scholarship of teaching and learning, using some of Dr. Boyer's ideas and placing them in the disciplinary context of sociology. She is also the Publications director for Dokimoi Ergatai and a member of the college Honors Program. After graduating in May, Melody plans to attend graduate school and hopes someday to teach Sociology at the college level.

Cyndi Brewer is majoring in Nursing and is from Nashua, New Hampshire. She spent the summer in Zambia collecting ethnographic data on pregnant women for her departmental honors project, which she recently presented at the International Nursing Honor Society Convention in Toronto, Canada. Cyndi hopes to work as a Labor and Delivery nurse in a metropolitan area next year, as well as begin her graduate studies to pursue Women's Health and Midwifery. Eventually Cyndi would like to live and work in Latin America.

Jessica Cross is studying Psychology and working toward a minor in Counseling. She works at the Agapé Center for Service and Learning on campus and has been involved in volunteer work with women's and children's shelters in the area. Jessica will graduate in

December and plans to work with Project Forward Leap, a program dedicated to helping disadvantaged inner-city middle school students succeed in school. After working in her field, Jessica hopes to do graduate work in Psychology. She is from Watsontown, PA.

Jenny Dodson is majoring in both Spanish and English, with a minor in Teaching English as a Second Language. She studied abroad during her junior year at the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in Barcelona, Spain. Jenny is a member of the national English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, the year book (Clarion), the Swinging Bridge, and the Minnemingo Review, Messiah's literary magazine. Jenny also tutors in the Writing Center, a place where students can refine their papers. A resident of West Grove, PA, Jenny hopes to teach English here in the U.S. or abroad after graduating in the spring. Her goals for the future include attending graduate school and teaching at the college level.

Megan Dourte is from Manheim, PA and is majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in both Math and Middle School Teaching. She is a member of the college honors program and is currently working on a senior honors project with the education department to develop a resource file of co-curricular educational opportunities. As well, Megan is designing a brochure and presentation for Open House information sessions involving prospective students. Megan is the editor-in-chief of the college's year book, The Clarion, for the second year in a row. Her future plans include teaching middle school math and completing her secondary math certification by December 2004.

Ashley Fifer, who is from Bel Air, Maryland, is majoring in Spanish Education, with a minor in Teaching English as a Second Language. She is involved in La Alianza Latina, an alliance for people interested in Latin issues and activities and she is the director of Service Trips in the Agapé Center for Service and Learning. She is also helping to plan the fifth anniversary celebration of the Center and will be one of the speakers during the event in spring 2004. In the spring, Ashley will be participating in a service trip to El Salvador that will include six other Messiah students and several benefactors of the college. After she graduates, Ashley plans to attend graduate school right away or teach English in South/Central America for a few years before pursuing further studies.

Jill Fortna is from Ephrata, PA. She is majoring in Early Childhood Education and Christian Ministries, and is currently student-teaching third grade in a Harrisburg elementary school. Jill plans to work with Dr. Don Murk, associate professor of early childhood education and Boyer Fellow of the Boyer Center, in the spring on education-related research, and hopes to teach and minister to youth in an urban context after she graduates. Jill is an Apartment Life Coordinator at Messiah's new Harrisburg Initiative.

Matt Johnson is originally from Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. He is majoring in Church Music and pursuing a Bible minor. Matt recently completed a departmental honors project on music and hymnody in the United Methodist Church, which will be submitted for publication. He has served the college community as student body chaplain for the last year and a half. After graduation, Matt will be getting married and pursuing a Master's in Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary with the goal of ordination in the United Methodist Church.

Kari Lubansky is majoring in Marketing and will graduate in December 2003. She will be getting married in January and plans to work before going back to school for graduate study in Marketing. Kari is from Flemington, New Jersey and would like one day to teach Marketing at the college level.

Sarah Mackin is majoring in History, with a minor in Anthropology. She is currently working on a historiography of American women's history project and plans to research and write on the history of Messiah's Philadelphia Campus as it relates to Dr. Boyer's ideas on higher education. Sarah works at the Boyer Center with Dr. Cynthia Wells-Lilly, Boyer Fellow, and is a history department diplomat. She is also involved with the curriculum committee and Friends of Murray Library. Sarah is from Eagle Bridge, New York and plans to serve with a non-profit outreach group for a few years before pursuing graduate studies.

Jessica Martinson, from Greensboro, North Carolina, is studying Elementary Education. She will be student teaching during the spring semester. Jessica's post-graduation plans include teaching for a few years before attaining national board certification and pursuing graduate study.

Amy Murray is majoring in Health and Physical Education and is captain of the women's basketball team. She will be student teaching in the spring and hopes to teach and coach in her native Frederick County, Maryland. Eventually Amy would like to pursue graduate study.

Deanna Ng is from Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. She is majoring in Spanish Education, with a Communication minor. Deanna is director of Elder Ministries with the Outreach Team in the Agapé Center for Service and Learning and is a member of both the varsity tennis and softball teams and recently won the Mid-Atlantic Conference singles championship. She is also the secretary for the International Student organization on campus and is a diplomat for the Modern Languages department. Next semester, Deanna will be student teaching at Carlisle High School and after graduation, she hopes to go right into teaching or perhaps participate in a graduate studies program in Spain.

Emily Rainville is majoring in English and minoring in French. She spent last year studying in France at the Brethren Colleges Abroad program in Nancy. Emily is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honors society and the college Honors Program. She is also involved in a mentoring program offered through the English department for first year students. After graduation, Emily would like to take a year off and then go to graduate school to study teaching English as a second language or comparative literature. Emily is from North Clarendon, Vermont. Eventually, she would like to teach English as a second language in a pre-college program or literature at the college level.

Kelly Jo Sensenig hails from Denver, Pennsylvania. She is pursuing a Nursing degree and is currently working on a research project on the motivators and barriers for college students seeking help for mental health problems. After graduation, Kelly hopes to work as an RN at Lancaster General Hospital and at some point pursue further education. She is getting married in August.

Elizabeth Stice is majoring in Humanities with a concentration in history and a minor in Politics. She writes for the Swinging Bridge, is an editor for the Minnemingo Review (Messiah's literary magazine), and tutors at the Writing Center. Elizabeth is from Southern Pines, North Carolina. After graduating she would like to have a successful career and a balanced life.

Matt Thomas is from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. He is studying Music Education and working on an ethnographic study of music in Sikalongo, Zambia for departmental honors. Matt will be performing a senior recital in percussion in mid-November. He is involved in recreational sports and a number of music ensembles, including Wind Ensemble, Jazz One Ensemble, Messiah College Singers, and Chapel Ensemble. After graduating Matt would like to teach, study world music, travel, participate in a triathlon, and pursue further studies.

Jocelyn Turner is originally from Natick, Massachusetts, majoring in Studio Art and English. She is currently putting together her senior show for the spring, and is involved in Art League and Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honors society. This is her second year tutoring in the writing center; she also does freelance photography and design. After graduation, Jocelyn will marry in June, move to Baltimore with her husband, and embrace whatever the future may hold."

Cheryl Weening is double majoring in Biology Education and French. She is the president of the local chapter of the Sigma Zeta national honor society for math and science. She hopes to teach both subjects in an underserved area after graduating and someday would like to pursue further education. Cheryl is from Bradford, Ontario.

Julia Young is from Stormville, New York. Julia is involved weekly with Abba's Place Kids Club, the college Host Program, Racial Reconciliation Group, and World Christian Fellowship. She is currently working on a project on Basic School Character Education and Literacy with Dr. Don Murk, associate professor of early childhood education and Boyer Fellow in the Boyer Center. Julia is majoring in Elementary Education, with a concentration in Early Childhood Education and plans to teach for a year after graduation and then attend graduate school.