

KAREN GUSMER ('19)

*Major: Classical Languages: Latin
Minor: Writing*

What are your plans for after graduation?

Attending Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in the summer, with the hope of becoming an intelligence officer

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

Attending the Eta Sigma Phi conventions, and even having the opportunity to present a paper at the 2019 convention. It was incredible opportunity to meet new people, listen to some very interesting student and faculty presentations, and learn about the various activities that other chapters were promoting on their campuses.

What will you miss most?

Amazing professors who always pushed me intellectually but who also truly cared about me as more than just a number in their grade book. And, of course, forming a small but mighty Hit the Bricks team!



IAN BUCKLEY ('19)

Major: Classical Studies

Minor: Creative Writing

What are your plans for after graduation?

In October I am moving to Costa Rica to teach English for a year. After that, I am planning to work for the UN in Economic Sustainability.

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

Dr. Lather's Murder Mystery in Antiquity. It was the day after Halloween and Dr. Lather decided to bless our sleep-deprived classroom with an activity revolving around the mutilation of the herms in Athens prior to the Sicilian Expedition. The energy of the exercise kept us engaged, astute, and awake on such a trying morning.

What will you miss most?

Walking through the Classics Department hallway bothering any professor unfortunate enough to have left their door open.



KATHERINE PHILLIPS ('19)

Major: Classical Studies

What are your plans for after graduation?

My plans are to work as a medical scribe for 1 year while I apply to medical school, and then hopefully I will be starting medical school next year. I scribe for three Wake Forest Baptist doctors in the ophthalmology, dermatology, and neurosurgery clinics.

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

One of my happiest memories from the Classics department was an activity that I did in Dr. Lather's Age of Pericles class. She organized a murder mystery type activity for the class where each student had a particular historical character to act as while trying to figure out who had committed a crime. It was a lot of fun and made the whole lesson very interesting and memorable.

What will you miss most?

What I will miss the most from the Classics department is the professors. I was able to take classes with many of the different professors in the department and all of them were amazing. What I will miss most about Wake Forest is being a member of the women's club ultimate Frisbee team. I love the sport and enjoyed playing with my teammates for four years and will miss being a part of that group.



COLE TEANDER ('19)

Major: Physics

Minor: Latin

What are your plans for after graduation?

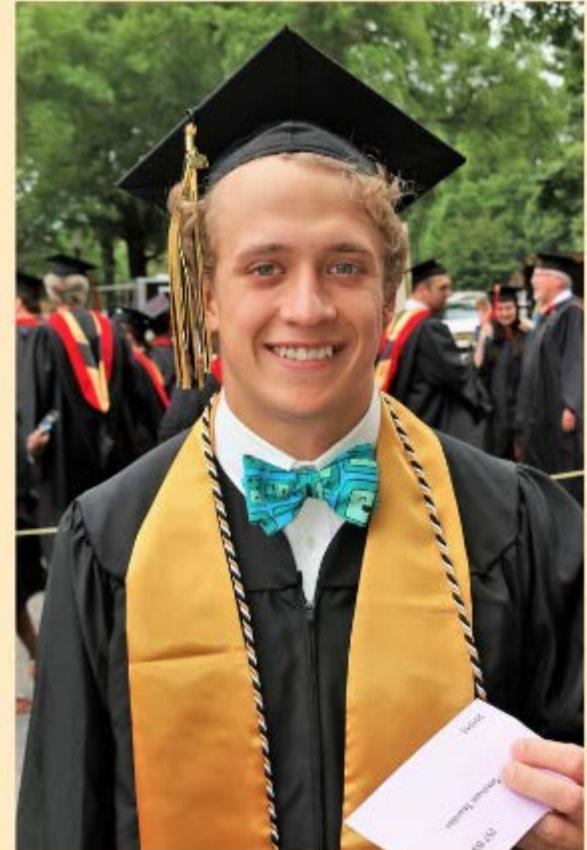
I will be attending North Carolina State University for the PhD program in Physics with a focus in Nuclear Physics. I hope to become a professor someday and to research clean energy.

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

One of my happiest memories was when I finally realized that I had made the transition from the bumbling Latin reader who needed many hours and many dictionaries to work his way through Virgil into someone who could read and write Latin skillfully. Fortunately, hard work does pay off!

What will you miss most?

I will miss two things the most: first, the immediate reward that studying Classics gives you. Every time I learn something within Classics, I gain a greater sense of what humanity was and where it came from which gives you insight into the immutable qualities that still make us human today, which is amazing. Secondly, I will miss the people surrounding Classics. I have had many interesting classes under different but all engaging teaching styles from very passionate professors; it was impossible not to spark a love for Classics within the department!



JOSEPH DAVIS ('19)

Major: History

Minor: Classical Studies, Politics & Intl Affairs

What are your plans for after graduation?

I am taking a year off before going to law school and will be working in Government Affairs in Washington D.C. for the full year.

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

My happiest memories came from studying abroad in Athens, Greece, and traveling to all the places that I had studied in the Classics department. The most notable of which were the Palace of Knossos in Crete, Thessaloniki in Northern Greece, and Sparta in the Peloponnese. Of course, I also spent half my stay on the Acropolis in Athens while I could.

What will you miss most?

Overall, I will miss the entire body of teachers in the department. From my first class with Professor Oksanish on the The Iliad to my final class with Dr. Lather regarding The Age of Pericles, I found myself learning more than I thought possible from the teachers who shared the same passion as I did.



PARKER LUSTIG ('19)

Major: Finance

Minor: Latin

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will be working as a Financial Consultant for Protiviti in Charlotte, North Carolina.

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

Having taken several Latin and Classics courses, I'm fascinated by the history of ancient cultures and societies. During a trip to Rome this summer, I visited some major landmarks such as the Pantheon and the Sistine Chapel. While walking through these structures, it made me realize that the knowledge that I gained from the Classics department truly goes beyond the classroom and that my education is ongoing.

What will you miss most?

I will certainly miss the tight-knit community that the Classics department fostered throughout the campus. Engaging in small classroom discussions with my peers really sparked my interest in completing the Latin minor. I'll also miss the amazing Classics department faculty. They were always available to answer last-minute questions in addition to keeping an interest in my overall well-being.



WILLIAM MORGAN ('19)

Major: History

Minor: Politics & Intl Affairs, Latin, Creative Writing

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will (hopefully) be teaching History or Latin at a local high school while I research, write, and apply to graduate school in History.

What is your happiest memory from the department and studying classics?

My happiest memory is of driving to the Eta Sigma Phi (Classics Honor Society) National Convention in Carlisle, Pennsylvania with two friends, one of whom remarked while I was doing Latin homework, "I am going to tell Dr. Oksanish how long it took you to scan that."

What will you miss most?

I will miss most the small, intelligent, and humane circle of students, professors, and staff that made class, office hours, and spontaneous conversations in the hallway or department so intellectually rigorous yet personally rewarding. I have never known such a decent and honorable group of learners, teachers, and friends.

