

# JORDAN HOUSTON ('22)

*Majors: Classical Studies, Communication  
Minor: Writing Minor*

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*What are your plans for after graduation?*

I will be attending Princeton University as a Pre-Doctoral Fellow in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Classics.

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

I have many wonderful memories from my time within Wake Forest's Classics department. Even so, Professor Hines' course "Ancient World, Modern Crises," Professor Gellar-Goad's Latin Prose Composition course, and, of course, my Honors thesis work with Professor Warren are experiences that I will treasure for a long time.

*What will you miss most?*

The people, the people, the people! Whether it be the amazing faculty and staff or the many incredible students within the department, Wake Forest's Classics department is blessed with a truly extraordinary collection of individuals--individuals whose company, support, and conversation I will miss dearly.



# RENATE MA ('22)

*Majors: CHM with concentration in Medicinal Chem and Drug, Classical Studies*

*What are your plans for after graduation?*

I will be attending Wake Forest School of Medicine as a MD candidate in the class of 2026 starting in July of 2022.

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

It's really difficult for me to pin down the happiest memory because classics has been bringing me happiness every semester of my career as a Wake undergraduate. I would say that my freshman year seminar beware the Ides, beware the hemlock helped me the most because it helped me find community as a new college student and the experience made Wake feel like my home away from home.

*What will you miss most?*

The professor and friends I have made in the Classics department throughout my four years! I will forever cherish the support and love I've gotten from all my professors from the Classics department and my peers. Thank you all for helping me mature and realize my potential.



# BAM PURCELL ('22)

*Major: Classical Studies*

*Minor: Latin*

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## *What are your plans for after graduation?*

- I will be working as a Wake Forest Fellow in the Office of the Dean of the College.

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

- When reflecting back on happiest memories, I think of times when a reading speaks to me or when there's a really lively class discussion. The class sometimes laughed over the irony of an author's poem or felt very passionately about a character's actions in a play. These times of connections with my classmates made me feel connected to the Wake community.

## *What will you miss most?*

- I will miss seeing my classmates regularly, learning from amazing professors, and having time dedicated to contemplating life's big themes. There is something wonderful about reading an ancient text and then being able to apply it to my own life and modern society. It was also a joy to hear different things my classmates got from it and learn from their insights. For example, reading one of Horace's poems could result in so many different interpretations that are oftentimes about relatable topics such as love or living a good life.



# CALEB SAWYER ('22)

*Major: Physics, Mathematical Statistics*

*Minor: Latin*

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## *What are your plans for after graduation?*

At the end of this summer I am headed to Tampa for my PhD in Applied Physics with a concentration in medical physics at the University of South Florida. This will let me go on hopefully to work as a professor and clinical worker in a radiation oncology program.

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

I enjoyed all of my time in the Classics department. I had a lot of fun translating with Dr. Oksanish and Dr. Gellar-Goad, but I think my favorite thing had to be taking FYS with Dr. Gellar-Goad. I had tons of fun learning about classics, and I made many strong friendships that I had through my entire experience and still have now.

## *What will you miss most?*

I am going to miss the wonderful professors in the department a lot. I could always walk in at the start of class and ask a completely random question about antiquity and they all would always have a response. It was an awesome experience, and I will miss it a lot.



# JORDAN FERREE ('22)

*Major: Politics & International Affairs*

*Minor: Psychology, Classical Studies*

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## *What are your plans for after graduation?*

- After graduating from Wake Forest University, I will begin working as a consulting analyst for Deloitte's Government and Public Services sector based in the Washington D.C. office.

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

- My happiest memory during my time with the classics department was sitting in class with Dr. Schafer and discussing the cultural importance of the olive to the ancient classical world. During this conversation, I learned that it takes some slow-growing trees 65 to 80 years to reach stable yields of olives. This is why olive trees were so important because to plant an olive tree meant to invest in the future and for those that will be around when you are no longer. To me, this analogy embodied the spirit of Pro Humanitate, and Dr. Schafer further explained, that just as it was in ancient times, we must all have the patience and kindness of an olive grower as well as the endurance and promise of an olive tree.

## *What will you miss most?*

- I will miss the ability to connect with text and culture in the way that my professors in the classics department facilitated. I appreciated being able to come to the realization that so much of the classical literature, history, and culture is directly impactful to the modern world and that these stories can teach us so much about humanity and topics that transcend the gaps in time from the ancient to modern worlds.



# KATIE WOOTEN ('22)

*Major: English*

*Minors: Secondary Education, Classical Studies*

## *What are your plans for after graduation?*

I will be pursuing an MA in English Literature right here at Wake Forest while working as a graduate assistant in the university's Writing Center!

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

I don't know that it's possible to pick a singular memory with a plurality of such amazing professors! I loved scanning poetry with castanets in Dr. Blair's LAT153, taking deep dives into Catullus' and Virgil's corpuses in Latin Poetry and Age of Augustus with Dr. Schaefer (who acted as a very convincing goat in the latter course), and being able to discuss Horace and his works in person when everything else was virtual and impersonal with Dr. Oksanish. The professors here are the reason I minored in Classics and I am so thankful to all of them and their commitments to their scholarship and students.

## *What will you miss most?*

I will really miss the sense of community found in the Tribble A300 rooms! There's something about struggling over a particularly challenging passage of prose or arguing about what Horace means here, anyway, that really bonds the class together. Classics people are really, really good people, and I'll miss being able to count myself among them on a daily basis.



# MADISON MORGAN ('22)

*Major: Business and Enterprise Management*  
*Minors: Classical Studies and Sociology*

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*What are your plans for after graduation?*

My plans for after graduation are to be a Marketing Strategist in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

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

My happiest memory from the department is my best friend and I giving our professors fun, Latin/Classics-themed gifts at the end of the semester (pre-Covid).

*What will you miss most?*

The part of my time that I will miss the most is getting to learn from the amazing faculty.



# SARAH ALZAMORA ('22)

*Major: Mathematical Business*

*Minor: Classical Studies*

*What are your plans for after graduation?*

After graduation I am moving to New York City to work for BNP Paribas as a Risk Analyst.

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

My happiest memory from the Classics department was my study abroad trip to Greece with THM in the summer of 2019.

*What will you miss most?*

I will miss the involvement and community among the department the most.



# ANDREW MAUNEY ('22)

*Major: Philosophy*  
*Minor: Classical Studies*

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## *What are your plans for after graduation?*

After graduation I will be working at a local church in Winston-Salem as a Youth Fellow, spending time with middle and high school students.

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

One of my happiest memories in the Classics Department was when I completed translating the Gospel of John my senior year. I, as well as another classmate, had worked hard throughout the semester with Dr. Pendergraft, and finishing the translation of the book was a huge accomplishment.

## *What will you miss most?*

What I will miss most about the Classics Department is the awesome relationships I have formed with professors. In the Classics Department, I have not only been pushed to grow academically by my professors, but I have also been supported and encouraged by them. I will miss the stories, jokes, and meaningful conversations that have highlighted my time at Wake Forest.



# WILL ROGERS ('22)

*Majors: Finance, Classical Studies*

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*What are your plans for after graduation?*

After graduation, I am working for MUFG Securities Americas Inc. in New York City as a Capital Markets Analyst.

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

It is difficult to identify my favorite memory from studying Classics. There have been so many great moments! Still, if I had to choose one, it would be writing my final close reading essay for Professor Oksanish's Survey of Latin Literature course, where I was introduced to Horace.

*What will you miss most?*

I will miss my professors, classmates, and spirited class discussions the most. I look forward to visiting campus soon!

