

GRAY RUCKER ('23)

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

What are your plans for after graduation?

After graduation, I will be attending Duke University in the fall to pursue a Master of Public Policy.

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

My happiest moment from the department was when I was finally able to read Homer's Iliad and Odyssey in Ancient Greek with Dr. Mars. Like many others, these stories are what first got me into the world of classical antiquity as a child, so it was an incredible and full-circle experience to finally have the chance to translate it from the original Greek!

My favorite memory studying Classics as a whole has to be my time studying abroad at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome (the Centro) in the spring of 2023. I made lifelong friends and was able to delve into Latin and ancient history, culture, art, and architecture in the most fascinating and engaging way imaginable.

What will you miss most?

I'm going to miss the professors at Wake's Classics Department most of all. When I entered Tribble Hall as a freshman to complete my language requirement, I never would have expected to spend the rest of my college education there. It was the engaging, enthralling, caring, and challenging professors that made this department feel like a home. Dr. Mars, Gellar-Goad, Warren, Sloan, Oksanish, Blair, and Hines, thank you so much for making my time here so unforgettable.



MAC MALLOY ('23)

*Major: Classical Languages Greek
Minors: Politics & Intl Affairs, Journalism*

What are your plans for after graduation?

I will be a Press Assistant on Capitol Hill.

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

My happiest memory from the department has to be helping THM translate some Plautus for Roman Comedy class. For the second half of the course, THM split us into small groups for translating, and we collaborated with our partners to compose an accurate, yet hilarious translation of our assigned segment of Plautus. This assignment allowed us to get to know our classmates better while tapping into our creativity.

What will you miss most?

Simply put, I will miss reading the material. While I will definitely be brushing up on my Latin and Greek, reading favorites such as the Iliad or some of Catullus' poems, it will not be the same as reading it at a high level with the caliber of classmates and professors that Wake's Classics Department boasts. Go Deacs!

