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# WEEKLY WESTOVER

A LOOK AT OUR SCHOLARS

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Hiatt is a double major in Political Science and Philosophy, with a minor in Creative Writing. He has earned a 3.76 GPA, and is a member of the Westover Honors College as well as a Bonner Leader. Through Bonner, Hiatt has volunteered for two years at the Brook Hill Farms Equine Therapy Center working with at-risk and disabled youth. Hiatt has also spent two years as head editor of the Prism, and has himself been the recipient of numerous campus, local, and national writing awards. Hiatt stood out to the committee for all these accomplishments, as well as for his deeply held love for knowledge and his dedication to becoming broadly educated. His thirst for learning has also led him across the world, to study abroad in Prague, Budapest, and Vienna, as well as in Greece, where he participated in a poetry workshop. Even outside of scholarly pursuits, Hiatt pushes himself to embark on new and challenging journeys, such as a trip he took with friends this summer—they drove across the country, then through Canada to Alaska, and then on their way back through Canada the group drove the Dempster Highway, a 1,200 mile round-trip gravel road to the Arctic Ocean. Hiatt's recommendation letter celebrates that "he is not willing to just get by with the intellectual talents he has been blessed with, but works hard to meet his own lofty goals and expectations, and is constantly broadening those goals and expectations as he grows intellectually." The recommendation goes on to say—and the committee agrees—that Hiatt is "tremendously impressive," and "has such potential based on the combination of his academic ability, leadership traits, curiosity, work ethic, and enthusiasm for new life experiences."

Wrenn Cleary, an Environmental Science major, is a member of the Westover Honors College and the Student Government Association. She also works on the staff of the Outdoor Leadership Program and volunteers off campus with Lynchburg Grows, all while playing club soccer. After an internship studying water quality in Costa Rica, Wrenn sought out a full-semester study abroad in Spain, immersing herself so fully in the language and the culture that she chose to stay on for the summer after her courses ended.



Caitlin Dorsch is a Criminology major with minors in History, Health Promotion, and Sociology; she has earned an impressive 3.97 GPA while playing varsity soccer and studying in the Westover Honors College. She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the National Service Fraternity, and she also serves as a representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Caitlin remembers studying abroad in Uganda and Kenya, and working with faculty from the University of Lynchburg and Washington State University to prepare a manuscript for publication which addresses regulating police interviews of children.



Cassie Robertson is a Biomedical Science major with a minor in Music Performance. Through the Westover Honors College, Cassie has earned an impressive 3.97 GPA. She states that her involvement in the Chamber Choir, Wind Symphony and Orchestra, and an Opera Workshop has “made me well rounded and provides an alternative outlet for passion.” Cassie also spends her time performing research, helping in the cadaver lab, and volunteering in the pharmacy and Emergency Department. Cassie has been awarded multiple academic scholarships, but she indicates her greatest achievement in music was winning the Annual Concerto/Aria competition in 2017.

Nicole Freewalt is majoring in both Biology and Spanish, with a minor in Studio Arts. Nicole is a member of multiple honor societies here at the University, including the Westover Fellows, Biology, International Foreign Languages, Leadership, and Freshman Honor Societies. She is president of the rock-climbing club, a member of the Environmental Sustainability Society and a contributing member of the Ethics Bowl team. Being fluent in Spanish proved to be advantageous during Nicole’s internship in Costa Rica with the Latin American Sea Turtle Association.



Juan Borga has majors in Business Administration and Economics and a minor in Accounting. Juan spent the fall semester of his Junior year studying at Queen Mary University of London. Here at the University, Juan is a member of the Westover Honors College and a Portfolio Manager with the Student Investment Fund; he plays varsity tennis and has also played flute in the Wind Symphony. In the larger community, Juan has helped to teach saving and budgeting to families at Perrymont Elementary School, and has taken internships every summer, most recently with PepsiCo.