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HONORS AND THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH



On February 20th, scholars heard from alumni about how their honors education has shaped their personal and career paths. Alumni included: David Bateson, Nancy Lueke, Dr. Carrie Noran Jaeger, Jeremy Olson, and Trent Jaeger. Later that night, scholars hopped on over to the Create[space] for a Welcome Back Paint & Sip.

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Pizza with Urban Art Mapping

With Dr. Paul Lorah (Geography,)
Dr. Heather Shirey (Art History,)
and Dr. Todd Lawrence (English.)

Cards and Candy

Hosted by our Social Chairs!



Welcome Back Paint and Sip

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SCHOLAR NAMED FULBRIGHT SEMIFINALIST



University of St. Thomas senior Ellie Patronas is a semifinalist for the 2024 Fulbright U.S. Student Program. She hopes to use the Fulbright opportunity to fulfill her dream of studying urban art in Greece.

Fulbright is an international, cultural, and educational exchange program that gives students the opportunity to achieve academic goals, while

also allowing them to learn more about other cultures by its work to increase mutual understanding between the people of U.S. and people of other countries.

Patronas, a business law and compliance major with minors in American culture & difference and art history, gained a fascination for cultural and political street art after joining Urban Art Mapping during her sophomore year.

If selected, Patronas will conduct her research in Athens by examining the socio-political landscape of refugeeism, learning about the history of graffiti culture, collaborating with various art and volunteer initiatives, documenting street art and murals related to refugees, and creating a final research paper to present her findings.

Patronas believes the results of her research can be beneficial in its use to inform urban planners, government officials, and citizens about how street art can bring a sense of inclusion and community. She would work with the initiative Refugee Week Greece, scholars from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in the Department of Global Health and Disaster Medicine to learn from a diverse group of perspectives, while immersing herself in the community of Athens.

If you want to learn about applying for Fulbright and other national and international scholarships, come to the “Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants” event on April 2nd at 4 p.m. in the ASC Hearth Room.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR THE SUSAN S. MORRISON SCHOOL OF NURSING

Majkya Metcalf



The Susan S. Morrison School of Nursing completed another “first” on February 6th, when members of the inaugural BSN class participated in their first skills lab. This was the first time that the nursing program has used the space on the top floor of the Summit Classroom building for its BSN students. During lab, nursing students learn skills, such as vital signs and full-body assessments, that will enable them to be successful upon starting off-site clinicals in the Fall. The inaugural BSN class is set to graduate in 2026.

WHILE ABROAD: LONDON

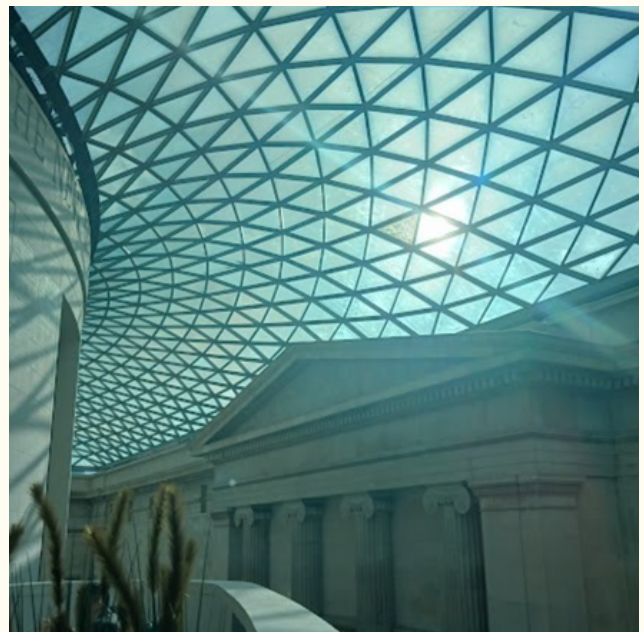
Grace Franceschi



Hello everyone! I'm Grace Franceschi! I am studying abroad in London to study business and communication as a part of Opus College's London Business Semester. I have been here since January 30th and have been exploring what London and what my courses have to offer!

Some highlights from orientation week have been seeing the Tower Bridge (top,) Imperial War Museum (bottom left,) and the British Museum (bottom right.)

The Imperial War Museum is a grand building that used to be a hospital, and it holds artifacts and exhibits exploring the World Wars and violence. It was quite remarkable because it prompted a lot of reflection on what sacrifices have been made so that people can have a brighter future.





WHILE ABROAD: SCOTLAND

Samantha Romero

I am currently studying abroad at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. A few weekends ago, I had the opportunity to take my first trip into the Scottish Highlands! It was cloudy and misty on the day we went, which exemplifies most of the weather here. This kind of weather is so common the Scottish even have their own word for it: dreich.

I have included pictures of the Glenfinnan Viaduct and the Three Sisters of Glencoe which are some of the most beautiful places I have ever been. The Glenfinnan Viaduct is best known for being a filming location for the Hogwarts Express which was surreal to see in real life after years of loving Harry Potter.



WHILE ABROAD: LONDON

Abigail Hutchinson

I am currently studying abroad with the London Business Semester. Here is a photo of me in Chinatown celebrating the Lunar New Year. This was a celebration I had never experienced before. We tried some amazing food, watched a variety of Chinese performances such as singers and dancers, and saw many dragons and other parade figures. It was a beautiful day with the sun out and a wonderful experience all around.



Lilee Surdell

This is a photo of me at Stonehenge! As part of the London Business program, we got to take a day trip to Salisbury and see this world wonder along with the Magna Carta. It rocked!

JOURNEY OF A JUNIOR

Jack Arnason

Amid the bustling campus life, strides a junior bold,
As the semester's dawn unfolds, ambition takes hold.
Where familiar faces meet newfound dreams untold,
Knowledge flourishes, aspirations like fountains of gold.

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