The Class of 2014
Department of Economics
Beloit College

It is with great pleasure that the Department of Economics of Beloit College salutes its graduating class of 2014. We have watched this outstanding group of students develop their abilities during their time at Beloit College. We predict that these collegiate achievements will be matched by success in careers, graduate school and community leadership. We wish our new alumni all the success in the world as we look forward to a long continuing relationship with them.

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Professors Jeff Adams, Bob Elder, Laura Grube, Arielle John, Warren Palmer, Diep Phan, Marta Podemska-Mikluch
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Christopher Bunkers (Cum Laude, Oak Park, Illinois), a major in Business Economics, has accepted a teaching position at Shanghai High School International Division. A beneficiary of a thorough liberal arts education, Christopher enjoyed exploring English, science, psychology, philosophy, art and music courses before declaring a major in the economics department. An avid drummer, he played with the Beloit College Jazz Ensemble and no less than six student-led groups. He also enjoyed taking music history, theory, and composition classes, the latter of which lead to two senior-year collaborations with students in Beloit’s dance department. His interest in the intersection of art and business led him to a work-study position at Gallery ABBA and a recent internship at Comma Music Chicago. During the second semester of his junior year, Christopher studied abroad in Kampala, Uganda. He conducted research on irrigation and agriculture, rural access to communications technologies, and the urban music industry, all in the context of development. His experience abroad inspired him to pursue opportunities to live and work internationally. Christopher would like to thank his professors and advisors, especially those in the economics department, for their guidance and support over the past four years.

Claire Bush

Tyler Butke (Delavan, Wisconsin) is a Business Economics major. A few of the many reasons why Tyler came to Beloit were to get a liberal arts education, study business, and play basketball for the Buccaneers. During the spring semester of this year, he worked as an intern with the Capital Wealth Advisory Group a branch of Ameriprise Financial out of Madison, Wisconsin. This internship will be turning into a full-time position this summer. In the future, Tyler hopes to either become a financial advisor or use his basketball and business background to help land a job in professional sports.

Christopher Cadavid (Quito, Ecuador) is an Economics major with a minor in Mathematics. He will be participating this summer in the Pre-MBA Global Leadership Program at Yale School of Management, learning both business and leadership skills in order to become a potent agent of change in his community. Afterwards, he will be seeking an entry-level position in the financial services industry and will be working towards getting his CFP Certification. Christopher’s passion for the finance industry led him to intern with PRODUBANCO, the third largest bank in Ecuador during the summer of 2012, where he performed strategy work for the bank’s automotive business. Furthermore, he had the opportunity to work as a Business Development Intern for the Rogers Park Business Alliance, an organization seeking to improve the business and community climate in one of the most highly diverse neighborhoods in Chicago. This year, Christopher had the chance to gain further professional experience as a Financial Analyst Intern in the Asset Management Department of Hendricks Commercial Properties, a real estate development company in Beloit, Wisconsin. Other memorable experiences during his Beloit College years include representing Austria, Gabon, and Turkey at the Delegate Conferences for MUN Club, collecting over 20 used cell phones for the Hope Phones campaign, and raising over $5,000 for the Beloit College Phonathon. Christopher is especially indebted to the faculty in the Economics Department, his mentors, family, and friends for all the help and support.
Qiujun (Jim) Cai, a major in Business Economics, is willing to participate in some charity activities and summer time internships after graduation. He has recently interviewed with Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China. Good graduate study opportunity and experiences collecting process are both highlighted and preferred. He takes it as a great honor to become one of the Beloit Connectors that allows him to contribute at least something to his beloved Beloit College immediately. He plans to introduce and advertise Beloit College to his high school in this summer vacation to let more people see and understand the advantages of attending one of the top liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Mitchell Carlson will graduate with a Business Economics major. His post-graduate plans have him entering into the finance and investment field. He is currently interviewing with a number of firms in the Milwaukee and Chicago area. Last summer, he interned with New England Financial in Milwaukee researching and recommending different investment vehicles. He received the 2013 Jed Rhoads Internship Award for juniors for the internship at New England Financial. In addition to his classwork he was a member of the Beloit College basketball team. He was academic All-Conference for three years. During his tenure the team was recognized for its academic excellence by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. During the summers, he ran the Lake Country Lutheran High School Varsity Girls Basketball program, working with the girls to improve their individual skills, and also coaching them in the summer leagues and tournaments. Mitch would like to thank all of the Economics Department professors for all their guidance over the past four years.

Kyle Carrier (Edgerton, Wisconsin) is an Economics & Management major. Kyle’s post-graduate plans are to hopefully land a job with a company in the financial field. Kyle currently has an interview with Keyence in Milwaukee, but hopes to eventually find a job as a financial analyst. Kyle completed an internship as a Realtor at Best Realty of Edgerton in his hometown. During the summer of his junior year, he also completed special projects in Real Estate Finance and Managerial Economics to supplement his degree in Economics & Management and his background in finance. Simultaneously, Kyle also started up his own real estate investing company. Kyle purchased a home, completed renovations and converted the property to a rental property. During his time at Beloit, Kyle was a Porter Scholar and was named to the Dean’s List multiple times. He was also a part of the final year of the golf team at Beloit College. If he can’t find a job in a field that he is interested in, Kyle either plans to obtain his certification and licensing to start up his own financial advising business or go to graduate school.

Economics Department Faculty

Back Row: Prof. Warren Palmer, Prof. Marta Podemska-Miikluch, Prof. Laura Grube, Prof. Jeff Adams  Front Row: Prof. Bob Elder, Prof. Arielle John, Prof. Diep Phan
Si Chen (Zhengzhou, China) double majors in Economics and Mathematics. She plans to pursue a M.S. degree in Statistics after gaining work experience and she is seeking a postgraduate career in the field of insurance. As TA, Tutor, and member of the Student Congress, she was active in serving the college community. Last summer, she worked at China Life Insurance Company as a marketing assistant. She also had an analyst internship at Bank of East Asia during the summer after her sophomore year. She would like to show sincere gratitude to the entire department for providing multicultural and interdisciplinary education, supports, opportunities and encouragement.

Mackenzie Endress (*Summa Cum Laude*, Beloit, Wisconsin), a double major in Economics and Mathematics, will be attending Northwestern University this fall to pursue his PhD in Economics. This summer, he will be working as a research assistant at the University of Chicago’s Becker Friedman Institute and as an instructor, teaching macroeconomics and microeconomics, at Wuhan University in China. Mackenzie spent his junior year abroad at the London School of Economics, where he took part in LSE GROUPS, completing an intensive undergraduate group research project. On campus, Mackenzie has been active in several organizations, serving as social science editor for the Beloit Undergraduate Research Journal, managing analyst for Belmark Associates, and Hypophetes (academic officer) for the Kappa Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He has also been a teaching assistant for courses in Quantitative Methods of Economics and Environmental Modeling, as well as a tutor for Help Yourself, Upward Bound, and Student Support Services. Mackenzie is a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, hoping to obtain a position as a tenure track professor and be actively involved in microeconomic theory research after receiving his PhD.

Elom Quarm Goka (Accra, Ghana), a double major in Economics and Mathematics, plans on returning home to pursue a career in Actuarial Science. Elom interned with Stanbic Bank Ghana during the summer of 2012 and has tutored for the Academic Pathways Ministry of the New Zion Baptist Church for two years.

Zhi Huang (*Magna Cum Laude*, Wuhan, China), a major in Economics and a minor in Mathematics, hopes that he can establish his own art business in the mainstream art world. Zhi worked for Christie’s as a marketing intern for his last semester in ACM Chicago Program. Christie’s has offered Zhi a full-time employment interview opportunity after his graduation. According to his current supervisors, the Marketing Manager, and the Senior Vice President for Central Region, Zhi has a very high chance to stay and be successful at Christie’s. Besides, Zhi is preparing for multiple interviews from some major galleries and auction houses in New York and Chicago. Zhi has also been accepted into the Master’s in Art Business program at Sotheby’s Institute of Art – New York. But he firmly believes that one day he will have his own art business and open his galleries in the mainstream art world. Zhi is no stranger to entrepreneurship, he is a co-founder of Timtelio.com, a Chicago based online platform that connects people with institutions that affect their lives, and Timtelio.com is beta testing with some Alderman Offices in Chicago and the team is planning to expand its business in New York this summer. Zhi appreciates his education at Beloit College and the Econ Department, “I know a lot of people talk about ‘liberal arts in practice’, but I can really feel development of my path on ‘liberal arts in practice’ through my experience at Beloit. I appreciate Beloit College and the Econ Department teaching me the ability to “think”. I believe this ability helps me standout from others, helps me make life decisions, helps me understand this world better, and it will continuously help me
in the future.” Zhi is extremely grateful for all the professors who helped him.

Chulyoung Kim (Seoul, Korea), a major in Business Economics, hopes to return to Seoul, Korea where he will join a solar power panel business. After his two years of military service in Korea, as an intern at ‘Hankyoreh Economic Research Institute’ he conducted consulting to the Industrial Bank of Korea for their first sustainability report publication. He also researched European automobile companies’ Chinese market entering strategy while he was an intern at Hyundai Motors in Beijing, China. He was on the Dean’s List all semesters and a teaching assistant for several economics classes for two years. He said he will come back to the United States for his MBA degree: in a few years “I will be back.”

Xenofon Ioannis Kontouris (Athens, Greece) pursued a major in both Economics & Management and Political Science. Upon graduation, he plans to move to New York City to pursue a career in small business development, investment management and sales. Alternative plans include a management position in commodities trading company Amalthea Ltd. back in Athens, Greece. While at Beloit College, Xenofon was involved as the Treasurer, Recruitment Chairmen and Alumni Liaison of the Kappa Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, as well as the Founding Board Director and Communications Coordinator of the Beloit Student Council. While he was a senior, he worked under the VP of Finance and Planning as a student assistant on developing a long term financial plan for the College. His most interesting off campus experiences include an internship with New York City real estate development company, S2 Group LLC, and in the sales department of global industrial tech company, Raycap Inc. Additionally, Xenofon par took in the ACM Chicago Semester entrepreneurship program, where he lived in Chicago for a semester and worked at the International Trade Center of the Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago, a small business development center and incubator. During the program, Xenofon became a founding member of localized data collection firm, TimTelio, alongside fellow Beloit economics department alumnus, Zhi Huang. Xenofon looks forward to graduation and the challenges of post-Beloit life.

Zoë Lengjak (Magna Cum Laude, Beloit, Wisconsin) a major in Business Economics and minor in French will be attending Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland for a 12-month Masters program in International Management. Zoë worked at Fairbanks Morse Engine for over a year and a half and coupled with her experience abroad, gained at EDF/GDF in France, and her internship last summer with Vision Beloit, believes she would best thrive in an international setting. Her most recent experience as a substitute teacher for the School District of Beloit and adapting to the process of managing children of all ages, has affirmed that this specific Trinity program is the best fit for her professional career. Having been on the Dean’s List throughout her undergraduate career and a member of Belmark Associates, Kappa Delta, Rho Lambda, Phi Sigma Iota, the Duffy Partnerships, and Rotaract Club her gained experiences at Beloit College are extensive and unique. Zoë’s most notable experiences involve Belmark Associates and its alumni, the entire Economic Department, CELEB, and Brian Morello. Zoë couldn’t imagine her undergraduate career or life without economics, the Beloit College liberal arts environment, its students, and especially professors. She would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone for having been extremely supportive and always eager to help!

Sean Little (Lombard, Illinois) is a major in Economics and Creative Writing. His future plans include starting a literary magazine in Chicago. He is currently interviewing with Groupon, HSBC, and various communications firms. He received the Outstanding Individual award, the Joe Kobylka Spirit Award, and the prize for
excellence in Journalism in his senior year at Beloit College.

Patrick McKnight (Garden Prairie, Illinois), a major in Business Administration, will be working as a research analyst with the Trust and Investment Group at Alpine Bank in Rockford after graduation. At Beloit, Patrick spent time working for the What Is Social Excellence foundation, worked as a Resident Assistant, hosted students for the admissions office as a Gold Key host, and also held active roles in the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Patrick also started a business, Pat’s Pies, and was recognized as the John E. Hughes Entrepreneur of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year at Beloit. He was also fortunate to be able to spend the fall semester of his senior year studying in Chicago, where he interned with The Marco Consulting Group and engaged in the entrepreneurial spirit of the city through classes and visits to businesses. Patrick was a four year member of the Beloit College baseball team and also had the opportunity to spend a semester interning at Fairbanks Morse through the Duffy Community Partnerships Program. Patrick has plans to move back home after graduation, where he hopes to be able to continue to operate Pat’s Pies as he starts his career with Alpine Bank.

Lingzhi Meng (Zhengzhou, China) will be graduating with a double major in Economics and Mathematics. After graduation, she plans to go back home and start to work in HSBC where she served as an intern in her sophomore year summer. She also wishes to pursue higher education after one year working experience. In Beloit College, she made the Dean's List and kept a very good academic record. She really enjoyed being a Sanger Scholar last summer and strongly suggests students should seize the internship or research opportunities that Beloit College offers. She would like to thank all the professors in the Economics department, especially her advisor, Bob Elder.

Trudy Pham comes from Buon Ma Thuot, a vibrant city famous for its coffee products in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. She is an Economics major with a minor in Mathematics. Immediately upon graduation, Trudy will continue to pursue her Master of Finance degree at MIT Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her medium-term goals are to break into the Asset Management field and to become a CFA Charterholder (Chartered Financial Analyst). During her four years at Beloit, Trudy was recognized by both the College and the Department of Economics for her academic excellence and service toward the mission of the department. Some of her awards include the Albert R. Topps Award for an outstanding Economics senior, the Elaine & Les McAllister Award for an outstanding Economics junior, the Jeff Adams Alumni Award for summer 2013 internship, the 1st Prize Bushnell Mathematics Competition, Beloit College’s Dean List, and nomination to the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. In addition to several internships in investment, accounting, and real-estate, Trudy served as a Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Accounting, and Quantitative Methods for Economics and Management, a private Tutor for Economics, Mathematics, and Astronomy courses, and most recently a Senior Manager of market research and consulting group Belmark Associates. None of her achievements would have been possible without the generosity of professors and staff in the Economics department, and Trudy would especially like to express her deepest gratitude to Professor Jeff Adams for his insights, advice and encouragement as her Career Mentor, and Professor Warren Palmer for putting up with her in the last three years in his role as Trudy’s Academic Adviser.

Alejandro Quevedo (San Salvador, El Salvador) is an Economics & Management major looking to spend the year right after
graduation completing his Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the United States. His goal in a few years is to complete an MBA in the United States or Canada. During his time in Beloit he studied abroad in France for two semesters, an experience that allowed French to join Spanish and English in his list of languages he is fluent in. During the six semesters he was on campus, he made the Dean’s list in every one of while also being involved with International Club (vice president), Intramural Soccer, Mortar Board National Honor Society and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE). He believes that his broad liberal arts education has helped him discover his talents and the things he enjoys doing the most; a discovery that will aid him in his ultimate goal of leading a successful and happy life.

**Hayden Simonis** is a senior from Janesville, Wisconsin and has majored in Business Economics. His plans after graduation include continuing in the network marketing field and creating an income that allows him to be financially free as he moves from the southern part of Wisconsin to the mountains of Colorado for the summer. Some possibilities for the future are to return to school and become a paramedic, enlist with the military for a position of service to be able to assist the community, or secure a position as a football coach. While at Beloit, Hayden has received honors including 2nd Team All Midwest Conference and All Midwest Conference Honorable Mention for football and the Eaton Scholarship for academics. He also holds the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Hayden is a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and competed on the swim team for a brief time while attending Beloit. A highlight of his Beloit College career was the opportunity to network with Beloit College alumni through the Economics Department to see how valuable the skills he has learned at Beloit College are to life post-graduation.

**Arthur Staub** (Shorewood, Wisconsin) is graduating with majors in Business Economics and Spanish, as well as a minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Arthur’s time at Beloit has allowed him to pursue his two passions of economics and Spanish language and culture, finding common ground in the area study of Latin America and the Caribbean. His experience is highlighted by a semester abroad at the University of San Francisco in Quito, Ecuador (USFQ) during the Fall of 2012. This summer he will build upon his knowledge of economics and Latin American culture as he pursues an international internship with an agency of the Belize government, BELTRAIDE, in Belmopan, Belize. During his time at the offices of BELTRAIDE, he will be working to further the agency’s vision of export development and private-sector growth, drafting funding proposals to be presented to international institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank. This opportunity is made possible through grant funding he received as a Fellow to the Weissberg Program in Human Rights.

**Phong Tran** (Hanoi, Vietnam), a double major in International Relations and International Political Economics with a minor in Japanese. He hopes that his post-graduate life will be filled with excitement and adventures, like making the world a slightly better place, changing people’s life, writing a book, scaling the Everest, travelling the world, and the chance to work in the fields of economics, politics and business. He is currently interviewing with Unilever. As an undergraduate, Phong has studied abroad in Belgium and Japan; interned with Rocket Internet E-Commerce Venture Capital, Beloit College Admission Office, and Beloit Office of International Education. He was the President of International Club, Vice President of Model United Nations Club, and Coordinator of Beloit College Intramural Soccer for 2 years. Phong also received honors from the Department of Political
Science for his senior thesis. “I want to pay forward what I have received from Beloit.”

**Corinne (Marilu) Wiesner** (Arlington, Virginia) is a double major in Dance and Economics. She will be working as the program director at The Castle 501 Prospect Street and apprenticing to be an auto mechanic! Marilu hopes to one day live somewhere interesting and will likely end up going back to school. Since coming to Beloit, she’s been a receptionist at a dance studio, become a piano teacher, dance teacher, farm worker, director of many shows (dance and more), community organizer, and gone on seven music tours with her band, one of which was a month long tour in Europe.

**Zishun Yan** (Chengdu, Sichuan, China), a major in Economics and minor in German, hopes that his post-graduate plans return him to his hometown, Chengdu, China, where he will spend around a year to deal with some cardiac problems and have an internship. He is currently interviewing with The Royal Bank of Scotland, and as an internship last year, he spent a summer working in Agricultural Bank of China. In addition, he spent three semesters on Dean’s List. Considering his experience in Beloit College as a great study aboard time, Zishun wants also to go to graduate school in the future and get a master degree of Finance. He also plans to spend a year studying in Germany.