It is with great pleasure that the Department of Economics of Beloit College salutes its graduating class of 2013. 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, Jerry Gustafson, Josh Hall, Arielle John, Warren Palmer, Diep Phan, Marta Podemska-Mikluch
Departmental Awards

Albert Topps Award
Adrian Perez

The Wall Street Journal Award
Phil Ramsbottom

Thomas N. Mathers Award
Karla Figueroa
Zhilong Ge

Lewis Severson Prize
Isaac Bamgbose

2013 Elaine & Les McAllister Award for Juniors
Brooke Cooperstein
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Isaac Bamgbose
Karla Figueroa
Adrian Perez
Philip Ramsbottom

Jed Rhoads Internship Award for Juniors
Mitchell Carlson

Belmark Alumni Internship Award
Zoe Lengjak

Warden Family Endowed Internship Award
David Cadavid

The Per and Sven Dobler Prize
Chulyoung Kim

Jeff Adams Alumni Award
Trudy Pham
Weston Anderson

Raksha Ashlaysha (Madison, Wisconsin) pursued majors in Economics and Management, and Molecular Cellular, and Integrative Biology. She plans to return to Madison, Wisconsin and pursue a career in Biotechnology. Currently her post grad plans include taking classes at UW-Madison and visiting India. She is very passionate about the Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta sorority where she served as the Chapter President and Vice President-Operations. Additional leadership roles included: a Student Representative for Academic Senate, Coordinator for the WBCR International Students Radio Show, Teaching Assistant for the Economics Department, and Orientation Leader for new students. In addition, she enjoyed playing on the Beloit College Women's Tennis Team. Namaste.

Isaac Bamgbose (Magna Cum Laude, Chicago, Illinois), a major in Economics and Management, will be joining Hendricks Commercial Properties (HCP) as a Financial Analyst in Beloit, Wisconsin upon graduation. During his time as a Beloiter, Isaac has kept busy by involving himself in a number of different co-curricular activities. Of most recent, Isaac has served as a Resident Assistant (RA), Senior Manager of market research/consulting venture Belmark Associates, and student representative on the Economics Department Search Committee. As a RA, he has served as a mediator, peer counselor, crises strategist, and resource to many of his peers. As a student manager, he has led a team of four associates through the full research and consulting process for eight consulting projects that ranged from mutual fund analysis to product testing for a big brewery. Serving on the Economics Department Search Committee, he worked with department faculty to ensure that the high standards and values that students in the department hold of teaching and research are kept while searching for the right professorial candidate to join the department. In the not so distant past, Isaac performed research as a scholar for the office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning; performed energy efficiency audits as a Sustainability Research Fellow; and led a team of 25+ orientation leaders through new student days. He has accomplished the above all while also leading campus organization Intervarsity Christian Fellowship as president, Treasurer of Black Students United, and Academic Senator for the student body. To say the least, it is clear that while at Beloit, Isaac has taken full advantage of a broad spectrum of activities and strived to embody the liberal arts. Isaac is excited and looks forward to what life will bring him next; he is sure that he one day will be – sooner rather than later – running the show as an entrepreneur in owning his own business.

Menglu Chang

Emillea Cohen (Aurora, Illinois) will graduate with a double major in Economics and Management and Psychology. While at Beloit, she was a member of the Koch Student Research Colloquium and was published in the Dialogue E-Journal at the "D. A. Tsenov" Academy of Economics, The Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies, and New Perspectives on Political Economy. Additionally, she had the honor of helping to organize the Miller Upton Forum her junior and senior year, as well as work in the Economics Department as a departmental assistant, course assistant, and lab aide. She would like to thank Professor Josh Hall,
Professor Emily Chamlee-Wright, and Jennifer Kodl, whose encouragement and kindness led her to declare a major in Economics during her junior year. She is extremely grateful to the entire faculty for their incredible insight and guidance, and for broadening her ideas on both economics and life. Looking forward, Emiliea is looking for a job which allows her to further utilize everything she has learned at Beloit and hopes to eventually move to Colorado.

Brooke Cooperstein (Cold Spring Harbor, New York) is graduating in winter of 2013 with a Business Administration major. She has grown immensely during her four years at Beloit due to the support of friends and teachers to whom she is extremely grateful. She is especially indebted to Professor Diep Phan, who was instrumental in Brooke’s choice of economics as a major and whose continued mentorship has been formative for Brooke. A highlight of Brooke’s college experience was her induction to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. Another highlight was winning the Dobler Prize in Economics, which allowed her to work at a corporate law firm in what turned out to be an enriching experience. While Brooke is not sure what path she will ultimately choose, she hopes Excel and economic analysis will figure prominently in her future.

Sam-George Eduah (Cum Laude, Accra, Ghana), a major in Economics and Management, hopes that his post-graduate plans return him back home to Accra where he spent his summers interning with Sahara Group So Energy and Petroleum Warehouse Storage Facilities, as well as contributing to the resurrection of ‘Active Minds’ children outreach program. He is currently interviewing with the Corporate Finance unit, Fidelity Bank Ghana. As an intern last fall, Sam-George thoroughly researched with distinguished government personnel and wrote business as well as developmental strategies in some newspaper publishers and forums in his home nation Ghana. This led to another brief internship in Transocean Petroleum still back in Ghana, where he was trained in preparing daily report order forms, data management and engaged in customer acquisition and persuasion to expand current market share of business in the oil industry, which was a great success. In addition to spending seven semesters on the Dean’s List and fully representing the ideals of the Moore Scholar he is, Sam-George dedicated most of his time in Beloit to tutoring middle school children in both Mathematics and Creative Writing through the Baptist Church. His love for soccer kept him working as the Team Manager for the Beloit Soccer team all four years, and he served as a motivational speaker to all individual on the team. As a brother in the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Sam-George was an active contributor to the recruitment process, philanthropy drives and brotherhood events. He also volunteered for Habitat to Humanity for three years both in Beloit and back home during academic breaks. “This experience was by far the most thought provoking period in my life. I have met so many enlightening and positive individuals whose sole aim was to bless and add to the lives of the unfortunate, and this really touched me. I was able to acknowledge the true value of teamwork, witness true ‘joy’ and even more understand life’s meaning to us which I unraveled into one saying; ‘It’s not about living to live life dirt rich and materialistic, it’s about living life richly and conscious of the world around us’.”

Karla Figueroa (Memphis, Tennessee) is a double major in Economics and Management and International Relations, and a minor in Chinese. She will be spending her summer traveling anywhere that offers superb running trails and craft beer, and will move to New York City in the fall to begin work as a consultant under IBM’s Strategy and Transformation division. As a Kemper Scholar, Karla interned with the Rogers Park Business Alliance in the summer 2011, an organization dedicated to improving the business climate of Rogers Park, one of the
most diverse neighborhoods in the United States. During her third year, Karla was fortunate enough to study abroad in Jinan, China. Most recently, she interned with IBM as an SEO intern, where she contributed to her group’s 3Q12 quarter close reports. This year, Karla served as the director of the What is Social Excellence (WISE) Foundation, run out of CELEB, Beloit’s own entrepreneurship incubator. Other memorable opportunities include dedicating 300 hours of community service in a year to more than six non-profits as an AmeriCorps Fellow, and traveling to Mumbai, India, to work with Atma, a consulting firm dedicated to the development of educational non-for-profits in the area. Karla will miss her time at Beloit College, and would like to extend her deepest thanks to the Economics Department faculty for their dedication to her development. Karla is especially indebted to Warren Palmer, her advisor these last four years, Jerry Gustafson and Brian Morello, her WISE mentors, and Bob Elder, the Chalkboard King.

**Kelsey Frisbie** (*Magna Cum Laude*, Bloomington, Indiana), a double major in Economics and Management and English Literature, eventually intends to live in Chicago and work in the field of Market Research. For the immediate future, she will be searching for employment that rides the fine line between futureless and soul-sucking while enduring the soup-like humidity of southern Indiana. During her time at Beloit, Kelsey was a member of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, Rho Lambda (an all-sorority honors society), and an active member of Beloit Student Congress, where her involvement culminated in the Treasurer position for one very turbulent semester. She also held the Beloit College’s Presidential and Scholars Scholarships and was on the Dean’s List for seven semesters. She has worked at Beloit College Theater since her freshman year and was the Front of House Manager there her senior year. Kelsey would like to thank the support, guidance, and compassion of her professors and mentors, notably of her former History advisor Beatrice McKenzie, whose academic and personal advice has helped her through many challenges during her years at Beloit. Off-campus, she has worked as a legal courier for Bunger & Robertson Law Firm for two years and was an intern for the Indiana University Press: Journals Division. “I have interacted with and gotten to know so many people with such different perspectives during my four years at Beloit. I have really enjoyed discovering hidden diversity of the Beloit student population and increasing my appreciation of the unique viewpoints of every individual.”

**Mira (Xinyi) Gao** (*Magna Cum Laude*, Chengdu, China) graduates with a BA in Economics from Beloit College and is expecting an offer from China Construction Bank. During her time at Beloit College, Mira discovered her passion for Spanish language and culture and will be continuing learning Spanish. In addition to spending all seven semesters on the Dean's List, Mira was also invited to Phi Beta Kappa Society. Mira (Xinyi) wants to say thanks to the entire Econ Department and all the professors for inspiring her and providing her with the high quality education experience. She also wants to thank Diep Phan, her advisor, for giving her academic advice. She is especially grateful to Professor Jeff Adams for his generous help in providing internship opportunities.

**Zhilong Ge** (Ningbo, China) is an Economics major with a minor in Mathematics. He is now planning to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics at George Mason University, the alma mater of several Beloit econ faculty members and where he will continue his study in Austrian economics and political economy. During his three years at Beloit, Zhilong obtained a valuable summer internship at a consulting firm, was awarded the Warden Family Endowed Internship Award by the department, and was accepted to become a Mercatus Fellow upon his matriculation at George Mason University. He is forever indebted to the nourishment from
the Econ faculties and the help from college staff and classmates.

**Christopher Halcsik** (Oneida, Wisconsin) is an Economics and Management and Environmental Geology double major. Chris chose to double major in economics and environmental geology because of his interest in sustainable natural resource management. As such, his senior thesis for economics was a qualitative study of natural resource endowment and its role in economic growth under varying degrees of economic freedom. Because of his desire to work in natural resource management, one career path Chris is considering working towards is with the Department of the Interior’s Office of Minerals Evaluation, which is responsible for conducting mineral assessments and market analyses to estimate mineral contributions to land value. Chris is currently considering graduate programs in management realm for mineral economics, energy economics, petroleum economics, and nonprofit management. Chris is also considering graduate programs in geosciences for geomorphology, and hydrogeology and water resource management. At Beloit College, Chris was academic all-conference one of the two years he played football, made the Dean’s list spring of 2012 and fall of 2012, and worked for the Human Resource Department preparing tax returns for international students. He spent a part of the summer of 2012 in Colorado at the University of Colorado at Boulder Mountain Research Station, where he performed field research for his geology thesis as a participant in the 2012 Keck Geology Consortium. Chris is currently interviewing for a paid internship in Rocky Mountain National Park as a geologic interpreter for the summer and fall of 2013.

**Grant Henricksen** (Grayslake, Illinois), a major in Economics and Management, will return home after graduation to pursue a career in the fitness industry. While at Beloit, Grant enjoyed his time as a student-athlete and was a three year member of Beloit College basketball team as well as a four year member of the baseball team. His time on the baseball team included a Midwest Conference North Division Championship in 2011.

**Dillon Hess** (Southlake, Texas) is a double major in Economics and Management, and Computer Science at Beloit College. After taking classes at Beloit with Professors Jerry Gustafson and Brian Morello, Dillon has gained a huge interest in Entrepreneurship. He has spent time creating multiple web applications for a few of his websites that have gained a small amount of internet traffic. During his senior year at Beloit, Dillon served in leadership positions as Captain on the football team and President of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Dillon looks forward to the entrepreneurial endeavors that God will lead him to as he heads into life after college.

**Economics Department Faculty**

![Photo by Emillea Cohen](Photo by Emillea Cohen)

Front Row: Prof. Diep Phan, Prof. Jeff Adams, Prof. Arielle John, Prof. Bob Elder Back Row: Prof. Warren Palmer, Prof. Marta Podemsk-Mikluch, Prof. Josh Hall, Prof. Jerry Gustafson

**Taylor Jones** (Summa Cum Laude, Milton, Wisconsin), a major in Economics and Management, has accepted a position as Marketing Representative with privately-owned marketing company Rockford Events post-graduation. In her time at Beloit College, Taylor participated in Varsity Tennis, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, held the position of Teaching Assistant for Sociology 100, tutored at Rock County Christian School,
and mentored 5th grade girls at Merrill Elementary School. She also completed three internships with organizations in the community including Paddle and Trail, Friends of Riverfront and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Rock County. Taylor spent the spring semester of 2012 in Sydney, Australia, where she studied at Macquarie University and was able to participate in the university's Global Leadership Program. In addition to spending seven semesters on the Dean's List, Taylor has been elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, an academic honor society.

**Mathew Kahl:** A senior from Verona, Wisconsin, came to Beloit with the thought of starting his own business. He was a year round athlete participating in Football in the Fall and Track and Field in the Winter and Spring. His participation in these activities taught him strong work ethic and skills as a leader. His skills as a leader were noticed and he was appointed the track captain for the Spring of 2013, and he will be coming back for a ninth semester to take on his role as the Football captain for the Fall of 2013. His drive for entrepreneurship helped him buy a business with his partner Matthew Floyd which they still hold to this day. They now own the bike rental business on campus called Beloit Rentals. He is going through a lot of interviews for an internship this summer and hopes to get a well-paying job to earn start up for his own business after his ninth semester.

**Shujie Kang** (Tianjin, China) will be graduating with a double major in Economics and Mathematics. After graduation, she plans to study in a financial mathematics program in University of Chicago and wishes to pursue higher education after that. In Beloit College, she made the Dean's List seven times, and received the Ferwerda Merit Scholarship from the Department of Mathematics. She would like to thank all the professors and friends who helped her along the way to graduation.

**Grecia Lira** (Round Lake Beach, Illinois) is graduating with a double major in Economics and Management and International Relations. She is pursuing career opportunities that bring together her two main interests which are Finance and Nonprofit Management. She plans to live in the greater Chicago area but hopes to travel abroad in the near future. During her time at Beloit, she was involved in the International Club as the Public Relations officer and was the Volunteer Coordinator for Stateline Literacy Council Beloit- Inc. as a Duffy Community Partnerships student. She is a recipient of the Charles Winter Wood Scholarship and a Schuler Scholar. “My time in Beloit has been of learning a wide range of skills and putting them into practice, achieving personal growth and valuable insights, and building long-lasting relationships.”

**Teng (Ted) Liu** (Deyang, China) will graduate with a double major in Economics and Management and Anthropology. Starting this fall, he will be pursuing graduate study on a full scholarship at the School of International Service at American University. There he will earn a master's degree in international economics. He hopes to pursue a career related to international trade policies at a think tank or international organization. He has spent a semester and summer studying trade issues in Washington D.C., where he also interned with Arum Group, a political consulting firm. While there, he participated in the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics at the World Bank. In addition, he was a summer intern with the National Immigrant Justice Center, a legal service provider in Chicago. He is actively involved on campus as a member of the Beloit Programming Board, a student representative of the Committee on International Education, and a Senior Intern and tour guide of the Admissions Office. At Beloit, he was a recipient of various awards such as the Asian Studies Grant, the Bacon Super-Vision Fund, the Napier Family Endowed Scholarship, and the AREA Scholarship for Arabic study. An honoree of
Emika Nakamura (Okayama, Japan) is a Business Economics major. She originally came to America to spend a year at Martin Luther High School in Greendale, Wisconsin. Never satisfied, she diligently continued her studies, moving on to Kansai Gakkokugo University (KGU) in Japan. She came to Beloit College by way of a highly competitive 2-year study abroad program. After graduation, she will return to Japan where she will complete a second bachelor’s degree at KGU before starting the rigorous job hunting process that all graduates face in Japan. She hopes to work for a multi-national corporation with ties to Japan and America.

Adrian Perez (Summa Cum Laude, Guayaquil, Ecuador) is a double major in Philosophy and International Political Economy. He is currently planning to follow a career in law as an attorney back in his hometown in Guayaquil, Ecuador. He will be studying law in Madrid, Spain. Adrian has been on the Dean’s List ever since his first semester in college. As a sophomore, he was invited to participate in the Economics Senior Seminar making him the youngest student to ever pass that class. With the help of his advisors, Adrian has successfully published three of his papers on economic theory and is currently working to publish a fourth. Besides his academic achievements, Adrian has also been extremely active in the campus Martial Arts Club especially by teaching Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu as well as successfully participating in various tournaments and presentations.

Anthony Racine (Denver, Colorado) is an Economics major and Political Science minor. He hopes to land a job with one of three firms he is currently interviewing with – a market research firm in Portland, ME; a management consulting firm in Chicago, IL; and a digital marketing firm in Denver, CO.

For the past year, Anthony has been a member of Belmark Associates, Beloit College’s student-managed market research firm. Additionally, last summer he was awarded the Emil Kreider Award to work for a Chicago based start-up private equity firm called Inoca Capital Partners. He also spent a semester in Chicago as a student in the ACM Business program. There, he had the opportunity to meet pioneering entrepreneurs in the Chicago community and work as an intern for the Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago - the world’s largest business incubator. He hopes to build off of these great experiences in a first job. During his time at Beloit College, Anthony played four years of varsity soccer, was the 2012 season co-captain, and spent three semesters on the Dean’s List. He is extremely grateful for his opportunity to attend Beloit, which was aided by two scholarships: the Eaton Scholarship and Ellen Pepe Koch Endowed Scholarship. As a graduating senior, he would like to thank the great professors and staff who made Beloit such a great experience.

Khwaja Mahmudur Rahman (Magna Cum Laude, Dhaka, Bangladesh) is graduating with a major in Economics and Management. He hopes to go back home and work for his brother’s company, obtaining a MBA degree in the near future. His lifelong ambition is to help the poor people in his country through economic and social reforms. During his time in Beloit, Mahmud was on the Dean’s List all four years. He is a recipient of the World Affairs Scholarship (awarded annually to only three incoming freshmen), the Feder-Kreider Scholarship and a member and treasurer of Mortarboard, a National Senior Honors Society. In the summer of 2010, he worked as a Financial Operations Intern in Citibank N.A in Bangladesh. He was involved in Tau Kappa Epsilon, serving as Academic & Financial chair for a semester. In addition, he was a Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Macroeconomics, Vice President of
International club and worked as a volunteer in Stateline Literacy Council. He also spent a semester studying abroad in Tilburg University in Netherlands and a semester working with Beloit Chamber of Commerce as part of the Duffy Community Partnerships Program. Mahmud would like to thank his family, especially his parents, and also the Herreid family for their continuous support without which it wouldn’t have been possible to attain a prestigious liberal arts education. He is extremely grateful for the support he received from the Econ Department, OIE, his professors and his friends who have made his college experience a unique one.

**Phil Ramsbottom** *(Magna Cum Laude, Indianapolis, Indiana), a major in Economics and Management with minors in Political Science and Environmental Studies, plans to pursue entry-level positions in boutique consulting firms or the finance and business development arms of a web-based tech startup post-graduation. He is currently interviewing with Epic Systems and Standard and Poor’s. Interspersed between his on-campus involvement, such as being a member of Programming Board, serving as the advertising director for The Round Table, working as an analyst with Belmark Associates, TA’ing for Quantitative Methods and spearheading the campaign for an on-campus car-sharing program, Phil has been fortunate enough to have four, incredibly educational professional experience. He interned with the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce his sophomore year, with Ziegler-Lotsoff Capital Management and INOCA Capital partners while studying in Chicago his junior year, and with Artio Global Investors while in New York for the 2012 summer. He is incredibly appreciative for the efforts of the Economics Department and its professors in helping him to secure some of these professional experiences and in serving as a guiding light throughout his tenure at Beloit. As a product of these efforts, he is thrilled to graduate with at least two new points of knowledge under his belt: that there is no such thing as a “free” lunch and that interest rates and bond prices hold an inverse relationship.

**Marc Robinson** *(Magna Cum Laude, Kingston, Jamaica), a major in Economics and Management and four year Beloit College varsity soccer athlete, hopes that his post-graduate plan is to leave the Midwest and be in a climate closer to the one he is used to from Jamaica. Marc has served as a Resident Assistant for his senior year and has worked several jobs at Beloit College, during semesters, summers and winter breaks. Marc has provided a lot of his services to the College and he hopes that his experiences through these working opportunities will help him in the future. Marc was an active member of the Habitat for Humanity club and has put substantial effort into projects within the community of Beloit. He also went to New York with the club to volunteer during spring break of 2011. Marc hopes to pursue a Master’s degree in Sport Management/Marketing in the near future and continue to have a career path along the lines of sports. Marc has performed well as a varsity athlete and has been awarded with All-North region honors and has been recognized twice with the All-MWC First team honors and All-Wisconsin State team. Marc has been named the Best Freshman Player, Most Valuable Player and also won the Golden boot award for the Beloit College team. Marc captained the soccer team in the 2012 season and led the team to the conference tournament semi-final. For the 2012 season, Marc led the team in scoring, with 14 goals and seven assists for 35 points. The goals and points are the third-most in a season in Buccaneer history. He was second in the Conference in both goals and points and tied for second in game-winners. For his career he had the fourth-most goals and tied for fifth in points. Marc was the 2013 recipient of the *Pat Dawson Scholar-Athlete Award*, which is awarded to the senior male who best exemplifies the qualities of an athlete, scholar and leader. Marc also received *The Blanket Award*, which is the
highest honor an active Beloit College senior can receive and is one of the criteria for election to the Beloit College Athletic Hall of Honor. “I have had a great experience here at Beloit College, mainly because I have been around throughout summer holidays and winter breaks. You learn a lot more about the College when you are around and working for the College during these breaks. Also, being a RA was an excellent opportunity for me to be more involved in students’ lives and become a student leader on the campus, which has been a fulfilling experience. I give God thanks for the opportunity to attend and complete college and also for all the accolades that I have received over these four years.”

Annabelle Ruan (Sichuan, China) is graduating with a major in Economics and Management. Inspired by the liberal arts education at Beloit College, Annabelle has enjoyed her 4-year life as a musician in addition to academic study. She participated actively in numerous music performances, which include percussion ensemble, masterwork chorus, college orchestra and student concerts. She is also thankful to the faculty in the Music Department for offering her a chance to have her personal senior recital as a pianist and violinst prior to graduation. Besides spending the four years on the Dean’s List, Annabelle was also involved in various work-study positions on campus. She spent the spring semester of her junior year in Washington, D.C. for the off-campus study program, studying Global Business and Economics at American University. While in D.C., she was fortunate enough to get an internship opportunity with Bank of America, through which she gained valuable professional work experience. She wants to thank the faculty in the Econ Department for their support and guidance throughout her college life. She is extremely grateful to her academic advisor, Warren Palmer, for being her mentor from the moment she stepped into her FYI class on the first day of school.

Myles Schneider (Janesville, Wisconsin) is graduating with a major in Economics and Management and a minor in Political Science.

“Wow—it’s hard to believe that these four years went so fast. In the beginning I never even dreamed of being an Econ Major, but after my first principles class with Josh I knew what I wanted to do. These past four years I’ve seen my knowledge of the financial sector and the business world grow to the point I’d like to go into banking or even management of an institution. Although I may not have participated in a finance internship like other students, my summer job since high school always kept me busy. While at my summer job I have learned valuable attributes that I’m confident will help me in the coming years. It also has given me the drive to maybe one day open my own business where I can give future students the same opportunities my boss has given me. I’m still not sure where the future will bring me but I hope it will be fun just as my four years here has been.

I’ve been very privileged to be able to participate in several activities while at Beloit, the main one being Track and Field. In that time I’ve met many new people including the woman I plan on spending the rest of my life with. It has been great finishing top eight in many of my events and I hope to continue on with my passion far into the future. My coaches (Bliese, Marsh and Eckburg) have helped mold me into the individual I want to be, hardworking, determined and purpose driven. In addition to track, I spent one year as a member of the Beloit Student Athletic Advisory committee where I was able to help raise awareness for sexual assault and raise money for The Sexual Assault Recovery Program of Rock County. I would like to send out thanks to each and every one of my professors for all the help they’ve given me: Josh Hall, Jeff Adams, Bob Elder, Diep Phan, Warren Palmer and Nimish Adhia who I hope will get this message as well. When I visit in the future it will seem surreal not having Josh (or Jeff in a few years) around, but I am comforted in knowing they are moving on to bigger things and I wish them the best of luck.
in their endeavors. I couldn’t have asked for a better group of professors and classmates and for that I say thank you Econ Department, you have changed me for the better.”

Ulysses D. Smith Jr. (St. Louis, Missouri) is a major in Business Administration. His plans are to obtain an MBA within the next five years and potentially a Ph.D. either in some economic/education related field. He is still applying for jobs at the current moment and was recently denied a position with Teach for America, but still seeking job opportunities with non-profit organizations & profit organizations that are related to finance, education and education reform. For the future, he hopes to “of course obtain a higher degree, give back to my community, help those who have helped me and show the way for future minorities to be successful.” The summer of his junior year going into his senior year, he worked two internships as well as did research for the McNair Scholar’s Program. One of the internships was with the St. Louis Blues National Hockey League Team serving as an intern in their sponsorship department. The second internship was with a research & development company, Spartech Corporation, where he organized their plastic product’s formulations on an online data tool performing a life cycle assessment for all assigned products. The purpose of doing this was to show companies the effect their plastic products put on the environment, thus having the formulations readily available they could then use the online tool to come up with different forms of the product, say a thinner container for Twizzlers, that would be less harmful on the environment and could sit on the shelf longer. With the help of Professor George Williams and his dear wife Shirley, Ulysses was lucky to start a tutoring program through New Zion Baptist Church. He volunteered his tutoring services to the church for a total of 4 years which equaled up to about 250 plus hours. He earned honors, awards and scholarships including the Charles Winterwood Scholar, Dean’s List for over four semesters, McNair Scholar. He also has an award created in his honor called the “Ulysses Smith Academic Pathway Ministry Award.” Other activities at Beloit were being involved in Tau Kappa Epsilon which he joined the second semester of his freshmen year. He also served as a Scout Leader for Boy Scouts of America for three years.

Richard Steffensmeier

Raymond Thomas (Houston, Texas), a major in Economics and Management, plans to spend the next year preparing for graduate school. He is currently applying for accounting positions to gain experience in the field. Over the past two summers leading up to his senior year, Raymond conducted research in programs such as the McNair Scholar Program at Beloit College, and the Summer Research Opportunity program at Michigan State. He has also interned for a non-profit in Houston where he was awarded with honors for presenting. In addition to being recognized on the Dean’s List multiple semesters, Raymond also became the first African-American president of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Sigma Chi and 4 year letter winner for the Bucs Football program. “Your experiences outside of the classroom are as important as what you learn in the classroom when determining success after Beloit College.”

Michael Thompson (Cary, North Carolina) is graduating with degrees in Economics and Management and Philosophy. He will be pursuing a Master’s degree in Economics at American University in Washington, D.C. with an intended track in financial economic policy. In addition to his graduate studies, Michael intends to work in economic policy and has begun interviewing for jobs in this field. He hopes to have a career in Washington, D.C. As a transfer student, Michael is highly appreciative of the diverse education he received at Beloit. He is especially grateful for the support and guidance of his professors.
Ye Xu

Lin Yang (Jinan, China), a triple major in Economics and Management, Psychology, and Mathematics, plans on starting a new adventure in Moscow, Russia at the Higher School of Economics after graduation. As an intern last summer, Lin researched on Chinese M&A failures. He has also worked as an intern at Deloitte and Oaktree Capital Group. In addition to spending five semesters on the Dean's List, Lin also joined Phi Kappa Beta, Psi Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Mortar Board National Honor Society and actively participated in the local community service projects.

Nestor Zavala, (Magna Cum Laude, Des Plaines, Illinois) major in Business Administration, hopes to start a career in management after Beloit. He is currently interviewing with Enterprise and U-line. Last summer, Nestor interned at Lake Shore Sport and Fitness. In this internship, he learned what it takes to run a fitness center with the hopes that one day he can enter the fitness industry as an owner. Nestor is currently working on his senior thesis for International Relations in which he hopes to obtain honors. The topic of his thesis is what factors affect the rise of multinationals. In the community, Nestor had the opportunity to tutor at Beloit's charter school, Eclipse. “At Eclipse, I was able to observe the struggles high school students face which made me value my education opportunities more.”