



# Graduation Celebration!

## Class of 2022

# University of Vermont

**Health & Society Commencement**  
**May 22, 2022**

**Honoring Health & Society**  
**Majors & Minors**

**Congratulations on your  
hard work and  
dedication!**

## **Congratulations from your Health & Society professors and advisors!**

Kenneth Allen • Michael Ashooh • Maria Mercedes Avila • Noah Barclay-Derman • Kevin Beard • Karen Benway • Farryl Bertmann • Lynn Blevins • Deborah Blom • Vicki Brennan • Charlie Briggs • Mary Burke • Peter Callas • Kathy Fox • Bernice Garnett • Anthony Gierzynski • Jennifer Gunderman-King • Jean Harvey • Deborah Hinchey • Amy Hughes-Lansing • Kirsten Isgro • Dale Jaffe • Allan Kellehear • Daniel Krymkowski • Teresa Mares • Jennifer Lai • Shamila Lekka • Marilyn Lucas • Winnie Looby • Rycki Maltby • Jacob Martin • Alan Maynard • Katherine Merrill • Bindu Panikkar • Elizabeth Pope • Alessandra Rellini • Jeanne Shea • Grace Spadoro • Jonah Steinberg • Jennifer Strickler • Christine Vatovec • Srinivas Venugopal • Jaqueline Weinstock • Elizabeth Winterbauer • Rosemary Wosky • And more!

# Thank you, Professor Jaffe!



Professor Dale Jaffe is retiring! He joined the University of Vermont in 2005. He taught in the College of Arts and Sciences, focusing on sociology, health care, aging, policy, and research methods. Dr. Jaffe was a key founding member of the Health and Society Program, mentoring many cohorts of students, serving as Acting Director of the program, and designing and teaching HSOC courses including Healthcare in America.

*Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!  
Happy retirement! We will miss you!*

# HSOC Awards

## Health & Society Department Honors:

*Awarded to top students with an HSOC major GPA of at least 3.75 and an overall GPA of at least 3.5.*

- Quinn Beaulac
- Miriam Berkson
- Sarah Geissler
- Kamryn Jones
- Bridgit Lavelle
- Ellery Mahlum
- Stella Shiffman
- Rachel Wiener

## Health & Society Outstanding Senior Award:

*Granted to graduating seniors in Health and Society who demonstrate extraordinary academic achievements in the major as evidenced by their GPA, challenging coursework in the major, and significant participation and leadership in activities related to the intersection between society and health.*

- Quinn Beaulac
- Kamryn Jones
- Ellery Mahlum
- Rachel Wiener

# Phi Beta Kappa Honors Recipients

## HSOC majors:

Ellery Mahlum and Stella Shiffman

## HSOC minors:

Hannah Buscher and Lauren Eisel

*Phi Beta Kappa is a highly selective honors society for undergraduate students who have demonstrated high academic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. Members include 17 U.S. Presidents, 42 Supreme Court Justices, and more than 150 Nobel Laureates.*

# Health & Society Majors



# Quinn Beaulac

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minors:** Emergency Medical Services and  
Studio Art

**Future Hopes/Plans:** My plan is to move to Austin, Texas and create a career that incorporates my love for art and passion for healthcare. I plan to pursue the Masters of Arts in Design focused on Health at UT!



# Katherine Beikirch

**Major: Health and Society**

**Minor: Biology**

**Future Hopes/Plans: I plan to participate in a pharmacy program and pursue a career as a pediatric clinical pharmacist. I am currently seeking internship opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry.**



# Miriam Berkson

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minor:** Psychological Sciences

**Future Hopes/Plans:** As I enter into the work field, I hope to find my place as a Public Health associate for either the private or public sector. My primary interests are nutritional health, women's health, and behavioral health. I am so excited to see what the future holds for all of us HSOC graduates!



# Abigail Chapman

**Major: Health and Society**

**Minor: Behavior Change Health Studies**



# Caroline Courcey

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minor:** Nutrition & Food Sciences

**Future Hopes/Plans:** Traveling! I plan to explore Europe and the U.S for the next few months and settle down wherever I see fits best. I definitely intend on going into the health sphere - whether that is doing marketing/communications for a health tech startup, healthcare admin, or working with community health centers - the Health & Society program has instilled a deep passion for public health and overall wellness in my personal and professional life. I am leaning into this period of uncertainty with excitement and gratitude.



# G Coyle

**Pronouns:** They/them

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minor:** Anthropology

**Future Hopes/Plans:** I am planning on receiving my MPH, and hopefully then working somewhere in the realm of public health!





# Sarah Geissler

**Majors:** Health & Society and Studio Art

**Minor:** Psychological Science

**Future Hopes/Plans:** After graduation, I will work with Dragonheart Vermont, an organization whose mission is to empower and support women throughout their battles with breast cancer. I hope to use my degrees to lessen the burden on those fighting chronic illnesses, as well as to bring the topic of grief and loss into the public health conversation.



# Kam Jones

**Major: Health & Society**

**Minor: English**

**Future Hopes/Plans:** I am a Writer and Sociologist, interested in nonfiction prose and ethnographic, qualitative research concerning the health of "deviant" subcultures. I plan to study and improve the health of the communities I live in, implementing sustainable, inclusive, and locally-driven interventions, accounting for and responding to systemic injustices. I will continue to write creatively, publish, and express myself. My hopes lie with the people. Life comes from within us, not at us.





# Bridget Lavelle

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minors:** Law & Society and Global Studies

**Future Hopes/Plans:** I plan to continue working at UVMHC through the spring and then move to work in Boston, MA for a nonprofit organization.



# Ellery Mahlum

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Majors:** Health & Society and  
Psychological Sciences

**Future Hopes/Plans:** Work getting patient care hours in Minneapolis and eventually attend PA school or a PA/MPH dual degree program!



# Natalie Mudgett-Fox

Major: Health and Society

Major: Psychological Science



# Sophia Nicastro

**Pronouns:** she/her/hers

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minors:** Human Development & Family Services and Psychological Sciences

**Future Hopes/Plans:** Aspiring a career in Public Health and planning to get an MPH. Has plans to travel this summer after graduation before continuing studies and starting work experience.



# Evelyn O'Hara-Short

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Nickname:** Evi

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minor:** Anthropology with a Global Health Focus

**Future Hopes/Plans:** To pursue a career in global public health with a focus on women's health issues!



# Alina Parker

**Major:** Health and Society

**Minors:** Statistics and Theater



# Kayla Purinton

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minor:** Psychological Science

**Future Hopes/Plans:** I am planning to gain work experience relevant to my degree to further explore my passions, travel, and begin graduate school for an MPH within the next few years.





# Savannah Salitsky

**Major: Health and Society**

**Minors: Dance and Spanish**

**Future Hopes/Plans:** After graduating in December, I have been traveling in Spain, France, Ireland and Scotland as a working volunteer. I plan to move to Portland, ME in the fall to begin my career in public health as a Patient Service Representative for Greater Portland Health, an organization that serves the health needs of the homeless population in Maine. I am excited to use the valuable knowledge I've developed in the Health & Society major in this position.





# Stella Shiffman

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Majors:** Health & Society and Psychology

**Minor:** Spanish

**Future Hopes/Plans:** After graduation, I'll be working as a care and service coordinator for seniors in Vermont. In the future, I hope to pursue a Master of Social Work.



# Mia Taylor

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**Major:** Health & Society

**Minor:** Sociology

**Future Hopes/Plans:** After graduation, I am moving to Boston, MA and will be attending Boston University in the fall to obtain my Masters in Public Health for Epidemiology and Biostatistics! I am hoping to participate in research while obtaining my masters degree and gain experience working in a health care or hospital setting in the city.



# Kevin Vidrio

**Major: Health and Society**

**Minor: Nutrition and Food Sciences**



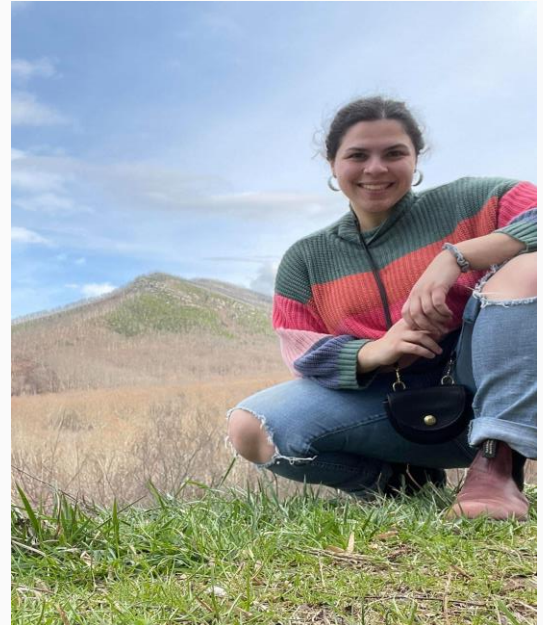
# Rachel Weiner

**Pronouns:** She/her

**Majors:** Health & Society and Economics

**Minor:** Public Policy Analysis

**Future Hopes/Plans:** After graduating in December, I went on a month-long road-trip across the US by myself while I tried to figure out my next steps. I accepted a job with Project Hive Pet Company as a Marketing and Operations Coordinator and have since moved to Minneapolis! I intend to work there for the foreseeable future and eventually go back to school to learn more!



# Health & Society Minors

- Rachel Best
- Kennedy Birdsey
- Annabella Blackman
- Lena Burns
- Hannah Buscher
- Elizabeth Duffy
- Tess Gadoury
- Emily Gaeta
- Zachary Hart
- Sarah Mansfield
- Ryan Newcomer
- Erin O'Donnell
- Lilly Wilkinson
- Emma Wyllie



# HSOC



***Congratulations to our  
graduates!***



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# Keeping In Touch

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