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The Michigan Nutrition and Dietetics Institute (MNDI) is proud to announce the 2020 Scholarship recipients.

This year, eight dietetic students and interns have been awarded $1,500 scholarships totaling $12,000.

The MNDI Trustees commend these students and interns for their hard work, leadership, and dedication to the field of nutrition and dietetics and would also like to express sincere gratitude to each person who donated to the scholarship fund in ongoing support of student education and excellence.
Riley Compagner received her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from Michigan State University and will be starting her Dietetic Internship with Michigan Medicine. In addition to working as a diet aide with Bronson Lakeview Hospital and as a teaching assistant for the MSU Nutrition and Human Development course, Riley served for several years as the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Liaison with the MSU Food and Nutrition Association.
Pablo Torres-Aguilar

Pablo Torres-Aguilar is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Nutritional Science at Purdue University and is completing his Dietetic Internship at Beaumont Health. With extensive clinical research experience, Pablo seeks to merge nutrition research with clinical practice. His long-term goal is to become a research professor in nutrition. Pablo has also volunteered his time as a nutrition and food consultant for nonprofits in at least four different countries.
Madeline Workman graduated from Western Michigan University with her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and plans to begin her Masters and Distance Dietetic Internship at Auburn University. While volunteering with Ascension Burgess, Madeline demonstrated her capacity for project management and teamwork by developing two nutrition programs from the ground up, Ensuring Nutrition and Mission Meals. In addition to serving as the treasurer of the WMU Student Dietetics Association, Madeline has spent countless hours serving her community through roles that unite her interests in sports nutrition and sustainable agriculture.
Aria Grabowski

Aria Grabowski received her Master of Public Health in Nutritional Sciences and will be completing her Dietetic Internship with the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Aria served as the co-chair of Student Advocates for Nutrition and the nutritional sciences chair for the Public Health Student Assembly. She gained experience in the field of nutrition working as a research assistant on at least three different projects and has spent hundreds of hours volunteering her time to support a variety of community nutrition initiatives, including the UM student-run free clinic and the Michigan Prison Doula Initiative.
Hunter Harrison-Wojcik

Hunter Harrison-Wojcik is continuing her education in dietetics by pursuing her Masters of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics from Central Michigan University. Hunter is simultaneously working full-time as a clinical dietitian at the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility where she is considered a valuable asset to the clinical and food service teams and strives to improve practices for the facility’s residents. She aspires to be a clinical nutrition manager and eventually start her own private practice.
Betsy Ford received her Master of Public Health in Nutritional Sciences and will be completing her Dietetic Internship with the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Previously a Peace Corps volunteer working on school health and nutrition initiatives in Guatemala, Betsy secured a summer internship with the CHASS Center in Detroit as a bilingual nutrition coordinator, a position to which she brought confidence, leadership, and enthusiasm. She is planning to begin her career providing nutrition care to geriatric patients.
Alison Cooney is pursuing her Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics through the Grand Valley State University Coordinated Program. Alison has worked as an assistant chef with IKUS designing and teaching healthy living and gardening classes, and she has gone above and beyond while teaching cooking classes with the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan. Having served as the President and founder of the Grand Valley State Pre-Dietetics Club and President of the Clinical Dietetics Student Association, Alison has demonstrated significant leadership and passion for the profession.
Ava Daly

Ava Daly received her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics from Western Michigan University and will be pursuing her Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition and Dietetic Internship at Case Western Reserve University. Ava was selected for this scholarship in particular because of her demonstrated leadership as President and Secretary of the WMU Student Dietetic Association and her active pursuit of numerous opportunities, such as attending the Nutrition and Dietetics Advocacy Summit, to further her skills as a future leader in the field of dietetics.
Learn more about MNDI Scholarships and how you can provide support by visiting the MNDI Scholarship page.