

2022-2023

# Student Employee Appreciation Digital Yearbook

Student Employment Services  
Career Services  
SUNY Cortland



# SUNY Cortland celebrates student employees

The National Student Employment Association has designated April 9 to 15, 2023, the second full week in April, as National Student Employment Week.

Thank you to all students for the contributions you have made on campus this past year. Nominated honorees are noted in this digital yearbook, and following that, many students volunteered to be featured with spotlights. Congratulations to all!

# 2022-2023 student employee honorees

Brenden Ade  
Areeba Ahmed  
Virginia Alvisi  
Carla Anastasio  
Kimberly Arena  
Marissa Baugh  
Sarah Baylinson  
Brooke Bearss  
Rhiannon Beers  
Lauren Bonura  
Hannah Braccia  
Emma Brackett  
Logan Brown  
Marisa Brown  
DJ Caloia  
Deymiss Caraballo-Bobea  
Bryce Carroll  
Esra Ceker

Adia Clarke  
Lauren Cochran  
Jasmine Colucci  
Mackenzie Converse  
Roberto Coppola  
Audrey Cozine  
Thomas Curty  
Mark Darcy  
Korey Davis  
Katherine De Marinis  
Gianna DeCicco  
Amanda Demmerle  
Carly DeSimone  
Diya Digvijay Singh  
Olivia Doorley  
Ian Durso  
Jennifer Dwyer  
Emma Efung  
Sara Engelman

Bridgette Ernst  
Arianna Escobar  
James Escolastico  
Emily Espinel  
Haley Ferrara  
Isabella Ferreira  
Kevin Franco  
Francesca Frasco  
Parker Gaboury  
Emily Gallagher  
Sophia Genao  
Christine Gildea  
Alexandra Glatzer  
Nicolas Goldsmith  
Kayla Guillen  
Madison Hanford  
Kalyiah Haynes

# 2022-2023 student employee honorees (page 2)

Gretchen Hazard  
Erick Henestroza  
Brianna Hubiak  
Caitlin Hulbert  
Flo Hunte  
Jaicob Husband  
Dusty Izzo  
Fatoumata Jallow  
Tiana Jennings  
Tommy Jespersen  
Jasmine Jimenez  
Mackenzie Johanson  
CJ Johnson  
Aaliyah Johnson  
Emily Jones  
Adriana Kabat  
Regan Kaiser  
Kristian Kallesten  
Sigal Keren

Madison Krouse  
Olivia La Marca  
Julia Lane  
Olivia Langdon  
Azaria Laster  
Jason Lee  
Abigail Loiseau  
Bailey Lombardo  
Alvaro Lopez  
Laityn Maggio  
Julia Maher  
Reilly Mangano  
Emily Marino  
James Marino  
Hunter Martorella  
Madeleine Mason  
Neil Matott  
Kayla Melita  
JP Micheaux

Emily Miller  
Timur Mohamed  
Brooke Moll  
Olivia Muscatella  
Samantha Nania  
Amanda Neglia  
Hannah Nohai  
Katherine Orcutt  
Armani Ortiz  
Chrismeiry Ortiz  
Claire Papke  
Madelaine Patricia  
Hannah Pendell  
Ranffy Perez  
Autumn Pittman  
Morgan Proulx  
Kayla Pucci  
Sophia Pugsley  
Sofia Raffaele



# 2022-2023 student employee honorees (page 3)

Sofia Raffaele  
Andrew Reed  
Elizabeth Rice  
Madison Rice  
Chloe Rigney  
Hailey Rodriguez  
Anna Romani  
Marivin Romero  
Maddie Ruuge  
Kaitlyn Ryan  
Mark Rybka  
Joseph Santangelo  
Karee Say  
Kaitlynn Schneider  
Angel Schwartz  
Jacob Scibek  
Emily Seip  
Hope Shapiro  
Aaron Slabaugh

Christina Smith  
Jessica Smith  
Faith Spataro - Cavanagh  
Margaux Spinali  
Amanda Squillini  
Megan Stabile  
Sophie Steger  
Lauren Stewart  
Jacob Stitely  
Kelly Tait  
Grace Tampori  
Emily Thomas  
Katelyn Thompson  
Jaxet Torres  
Leila Torres  
Alexa Trotta  
Leah Tsambazis  
Charlotte Turner  
Adrian Urena

Alejandra Vasquez  
Emily Vayda  
Sophia Walker  
Mark Weidman  
Bridget Welch  
Makenna Williamson  
Callie Winn  
Emily Wolfe  
Hailee-Tinetta Yearwood  
Kyla Young  
Sophia Zheng  
Maria Zwink

# Thank you to our nominators!

- **Jesse Adams**, Campus Activities
- **Daniela Baban Hurrle**, International Programs Office
- **Michael Bersani**, Admissions
- **Jessica Bilek**, Admissions
- **Penny Bushaw**, Physical Education
- **Kaitlyn Clark**, Recreational Sports
- **Raven Clessa**, The Help Center
- **Peter Dawes**, The Help Center
- **Kayla DeCoste**, International Programs Office
- **Peter Ducey**, Biological Sciences
- **Monica Edwards Ryan**, Marketing Office
- **Stephanie Fritz**, The Child Care Center
- **Maryalice Griffin**, Communication and Media Studies
- **Allison Hall**, Economics
- **Scott Holdredge**, Performing Arts
- **Marilyn Jones**, Advisement and Transition
- **Ashley Keep**, Cortland Auxiliary Services
- **Katelyn Krempecki**, Residence Life and Housing
- **Michele Lella**, Arts and Sciences
- **Carolynn MacNay-Knight**, Cortland Auxiliary Services
- **Eve Mascoli**, Recreational Sports
- **Megan Mau**, The Learning Center
- **Esa Merson**, The Learning Center
- **Mary Kate Morris**, Campus Activities
- **Krista Natale**, The Help Center
- **Matt Nuesell**, Recreational Sports
- **Jeanine Rose**, The Learning Center
- **Deb Sanford**, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies
- **Ray Savoie**, The Learning Center
- **Katarina Silvestri**, Literacy
- **Wendy Sirvent**, Residence Life and Housing
- **Chris Snyder**, The Help Center
- **Jennifer Stiles**, Communication Disorders and Sciences
- **Maere Vunk**, The Learning Center
- **Sophia Weber**, Campus Technology Services
- **Kim Wieczorek**, Childhood/Early Childhood Education
- **Claude Willis**, Cortland Auxiliary Services
- **Jacob Wright**, Career Services
- **Brian Zoll**, The Help Center



# Student spotlight – Areeba Ahmed

## Senior, Biology major

Areeba was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Areeba is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Areeba said: “From my on-campus work experiences, I've learned to always show up grateful and happy because you never know how you'll impact the other person. The jobs I've worked on campus have made a great difference in my life and have truly showed me the meaning of teamwork and leadership!”





# Student spotlight – Brooke Bearss

## Junior, Early Childhood/Childhood Education major

Brooke was nominated by Stephanie Fritz in the Child Care Center.

“Brooke is a student who is on a great start to her professional teaching career. She is flexible and exhibits great teamwork during her time at the Child Care Center. “

On the experience Brooke said: "I learned that every day is a new opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life."



# Student spotlight – Hannah Braccia

## Junior, Speech and Hearing Science major

Hannah was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Hannah is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Hannah said: “Working on-campus has brought me out of my comfort zone and I have learned to be a role model for others. I have definitely become a stronger communicator while realizing that I have the potential to do anything I set my mind to!”





# Student spotlight – Logan Brown

## Senior, Sport Management major

Logan was nominated by Kaitlyn Clark and Matt Nuesell in Recreational Sports.

“Logan has been an official for 2 years now and is one of our best officials. He has officiated basketball, flag football, arena football, and even broomball. He does a great job at making calls so ensure the safety of the players and to ensure a smooth and controlled game. The staff loves working with Logan and he is a great person to be around. He is always professional and good at communicating with the other officials.”

On the experience Logan said: “My experience working on campus has helped me improve my leadership and communication skills and it has allowed me to develop important networks and relationships for my future.”



# Student spotlight – Deymiss Caraballo-Bobea

## Senior, Biology major

Deymiss was nominated by Mary Kate Morris in Campus Activities.

“Deymiss is a problem solver and team player. She always volunteers to take on the tasks that no one else wants to do. She is creative, enthusiastic, and a delight to have in the office.”

*“Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgments requires the severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity.”*

-Calvin Coolidge





# Student spotlight – Bryce Carroll

## Junior, Sport Management major

Bryce was nominated by Katelyn Krempecki from Residence Life and Housing.

“Bryce is not only one of the best RA's I know, but he is so compassionate and easy going it's easy to see why he is so good at his job. As a student athlete Bryce always makes time for all of the tasks that have been put upon him, and he completes them with a high regard to perfection. I am incredibly proud of his professionalism and teamwork, always making plans that he follows through with. Bryce is an amazing person to work with and I'm very lucky to have him on my staff.”

On the experience Bryce said: “My on-campus work experience has enhanced my skills in the areas of communication, critical thinking, equity and inclusion, and leadership.”





# Student spotlight – Esra Ceker

## Junior, Teaching English as a Second Language major

Esra was nominated by Daniela Baban Hurrle in the International Programs Office.

“Esra is an outstanding student and has great communication skills. Esra has always been very dedicated, professional, kind and extremely helpful, when an Orientation Leader was not available, Esra regularly stepped in to assist our office with various assignments. As an Orientation Leader, Esra had the ability to adjust quickly to demanding situations and was culturally sensitive throughout the process. Esra has made very important contributions to the International Programs Office and our Turkish Dual Diploma Program initiatives.”

On the experience Esra said: "Working on campus has taught me that stepping outside of your comfort zone allows you to grow as a person and achieve things you never thought possible. It can be frightening, but the benefits are worth it."



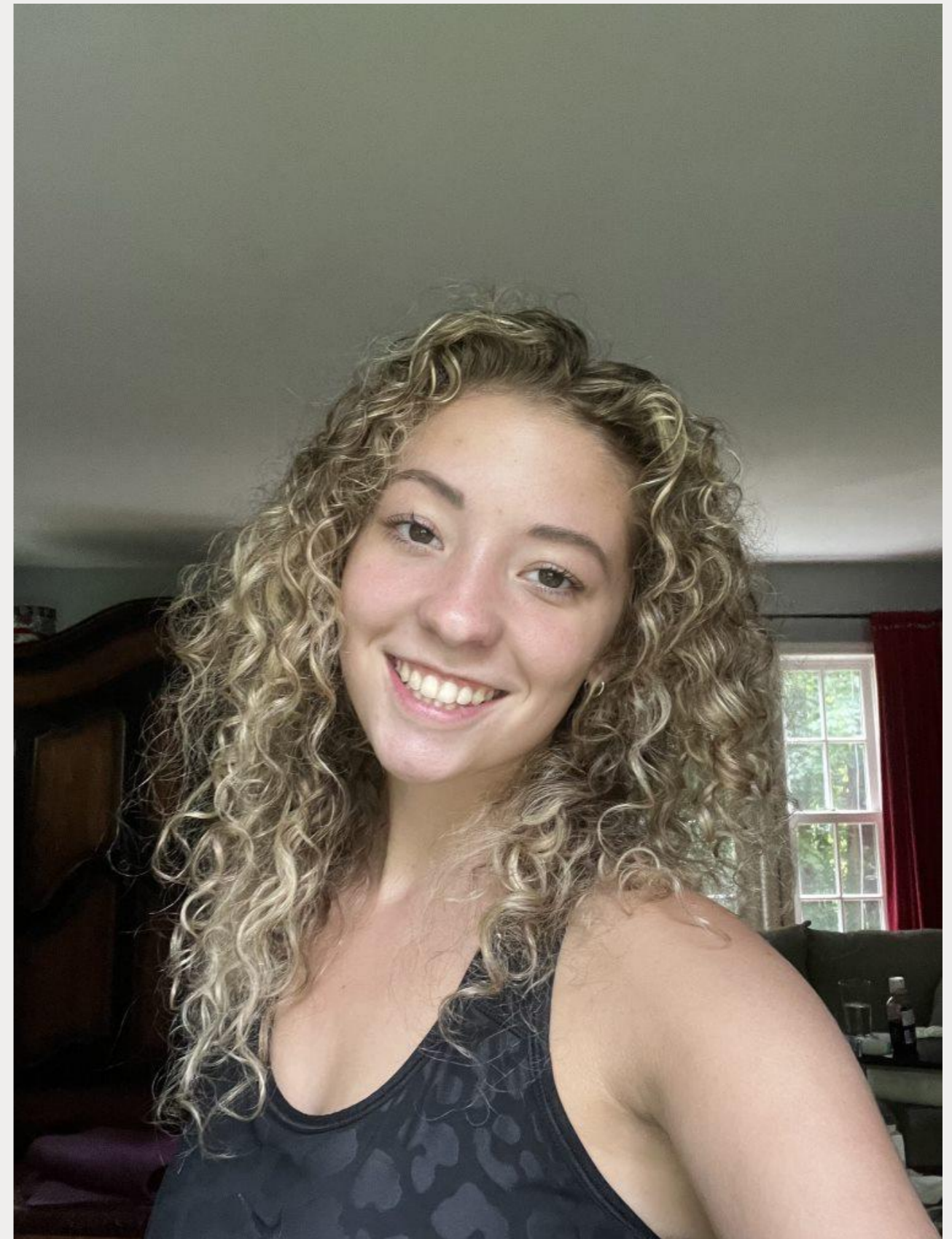
# Student spotlight – Adia Clarke

## Junior, Adolescent Education English major

Adia was nominated by Maere Vunk in The Learning Center.

“Adia is a warm and friendly presence in the office. This is her second semester working at The Learning Center, and she has exceeded expectations in performing her job duties.”

On the experience Adia said: "Fostering positive relationships with co-workers can influence and help create a positive environment within the workplace.”





# Student spotlight – Roberto Coppola

## Sophomore, Adolescent Education Mathematics major

Roberto was nominated by Megan Mau from The Learning Center.

“Roberto is the biggest hype-person of our department! I always hear him talking about how much he loves his job and how fun it is to work here. He truly brightens up the office! I always know I can count on him to help me or his peers out even if it is an odd request.”

On the experience Roberto said: “Being a peer tutor has taught me a lot since I've started working, especially with things I can use in my future classroom one day. It also allows me to help students with studying techniques that they can use on their own and lets them know there is always help for whoever needs it.”



# Student spotlight – Korey Davis

## Junior, Sport Management major

Korey was nominated by Katlyn Krempecki in Residence Life and Housing.

“Korey is such a positive RA, he is always learning and taking the things said to him to improve himself seriously. He is advancing all of his skills in professionalism, communication, problem solving and teamwork every day. He knows when to ask for help and that's what I admire most about him. He asks questions and does everything he can to make sure he is doing the best possible job he can. I am very proud of his dedication to his job and to his academics, I know that if he puts his mind to it, he will be able to do good things as a professional.”

On the experience Korey said: “From my on-campus work experience, I have learned that the more that you are able to answer peoples questions the more they will come to you for any questions that they might have.”





# Student spotlight – Gianna DeCicco

## Junior, Mathematics major

Gianna was nominated by Megan Mau in The Learning Center.

“Gianna is very professional and a great problem solver! She is also extremely kind.”

On the experience Gianna said: “My on-campus job as a Peer Tutor Supervisor has taught me how to communicate clearly and effectively with the peer tutors, tutees, and anyone else who enters The Learning Center. It has also taught me the importance of teamwork, because The Learning Center wouldn't be able to run smoothly without all the wonderful individuals working hard everyday to provide students the support they need. I would like to say a big thank you to Megan Mau and Esa Merson for all of their hard work and dedication towards the Peer Tutoring Program!”



# Student spotlight – Katherine De Marinis

## Senior, Studio Art major

Katherine was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Katherine is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Katherine said: “Working on campus has helped me get a better understanding of what I want to do with my life and to always be thinking innovatively. I have also been able to gain experience motivating and inspiring others to take risks be proactive.”





# Student spotlight – Amanda Demmerle

## **Sophomore, Adolescent Education Social Studies and History major**

Amanda was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Amanda is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Amanda said:  
“Everyone has a different story to tell and each one is completely unique!”



# Student spotlight – James Escolastico

## Junior, Psychology major

James was nominated by Jacob Wright in Career Services.

“James consistently exhibits a great deal of professionalism in his role as a Career Peer Mentor. He is always happy to talk with other students and learn about their stories to help them in the best way he can. James goes above and beyond to ensure that students with underrepresented identities are also connected with this office. He represents this office wonderfully; it is a pleasure to have him on staff!”

On the experience James said: “Being a CPM at Career Services has been nothing short of informative, and exciting. I've been blessed to have been placed in the position and gain insight on a lot of the services here offered at SUNY Cortland that help develop our students. My favorite part of this whole experience has been helping students develop their resumes and giving them the best advice I could possibly give them. Resumes are important life-long documents that we are going to need for our future endeavors and being able to help someone take the first step of creating one or updating them is a great feeling. “





# Student spotlight – Haley Ferrara

**Junior, Adolescent Education  
English major**

Haley was nominated by Maryalice Griffin in the Communication Studies department.

“Haley is an asset to our department as she is always on time and ready to do work assigned to her when she comes in. When finished with a task she always asks what she can do next. Haley is very efficient and always so pleasant when greeting students or faculty.”

On the experience Haley said: “Working on campus in the Communications Department has taught me the importance of building relationships with coworkers and supervisors. My supervisor Maryalice has taught me so much in the past few years that I have been with her, and for that I will forever be grateful.”





# Student spotlight – Emma Efing

**Junior, dual major in Adolescent Education Social Studies and History**

Emma was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Emma is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Emma said: “The biggest thing I have learned from my on-campus employment is how to be confident in myself, my knowledge, and in my abilities to learn and do new things.”





# Student spotlight – Kevin Franco

## Senior, dual major in Adolescence Education Social Studies and History

Kevin was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Kevin is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Kevin said: “Working as a Tour Guide on campus has both introduced me to a great group of people and kept the passion, I have for SUNY Cortland burning bright as ever!”





# Student spotlight – Parker Gaboury

## First year, New Communication Media major

Parker was nominated Michael Bersani in Admissions.

“Parker is one of the most memorable students I have encountered during my 12 years at SUNY Cortland. He has surpassed all expectations in launching a TikTok account for the university. He creates fun, quality content that speaks to students, and the metrics back up his success: close to 1,000 followers, tens of thousands of views and many positive comments across campus. Cortland is lucky to have him as one of its own, and I hope he feels like he has found a second home here.”

On the experience Parker said: “Throughout my time running and managing SUNY Cortland's TikTok page I have been able to prosper and develop various important skills necessary for my future career. Being a New Communications Media major, I am hoping to one day to have the ability of turning social media into my job full time. Directing SUNY Cortland's TikTok has fortunately taught me more things than I would be able to list, but if I had to name one thing, I would say it's perseverance. Whether a post needs to be revised 4 times, or 3 actors on a shoot decide to call off, I have had the honor of getting a firsthand answer as to why perseverance is not only important, but necessary especially in my field of work. Of course, I have to also give a shoutout to my incredible boss as well, Michael Bersani! Without his constant guidance and support the account and its progress would be nowhere close to where it is at! Thank you once again!”





# Student spotlight – Alexandra Glatzer

## Junior, Speech and Hearing Science major

Alexandra was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Alexandra is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Alexandra said: “My experience working in Admissions has allowed me to break out of my shell and become more personable. It has allowed me to get to know people from all over and share my love for our school.”





# Student spotlight – Madison Hanford

## Junior, Sociology major

Madison was nominated by Wendy Sirvent in Residence Life and Housing.

“Madison is an absolute joy to have in the office and always brings a smile with a positive attitude. Her artwork and creativity that she shares on the boards in the halls brightens everyone's days. Madison is a hard worker and will help anyone with anything. She is an asset to everyone in Residence Life and Housing and we are very lucky to have her working with us.”

On the experience Madison said: “Working in Residence Life and Housing has taught me the importance of patience and empathy. It is essential to listen intently when working with students to create an understanding and supportive environment. Moreover, I have learned that communication and organization are vital to the workflow of an office space. I am grateful for the guidance of the Residence Life and Housing staff, and the experiences I have gained from my on-campus employment.”





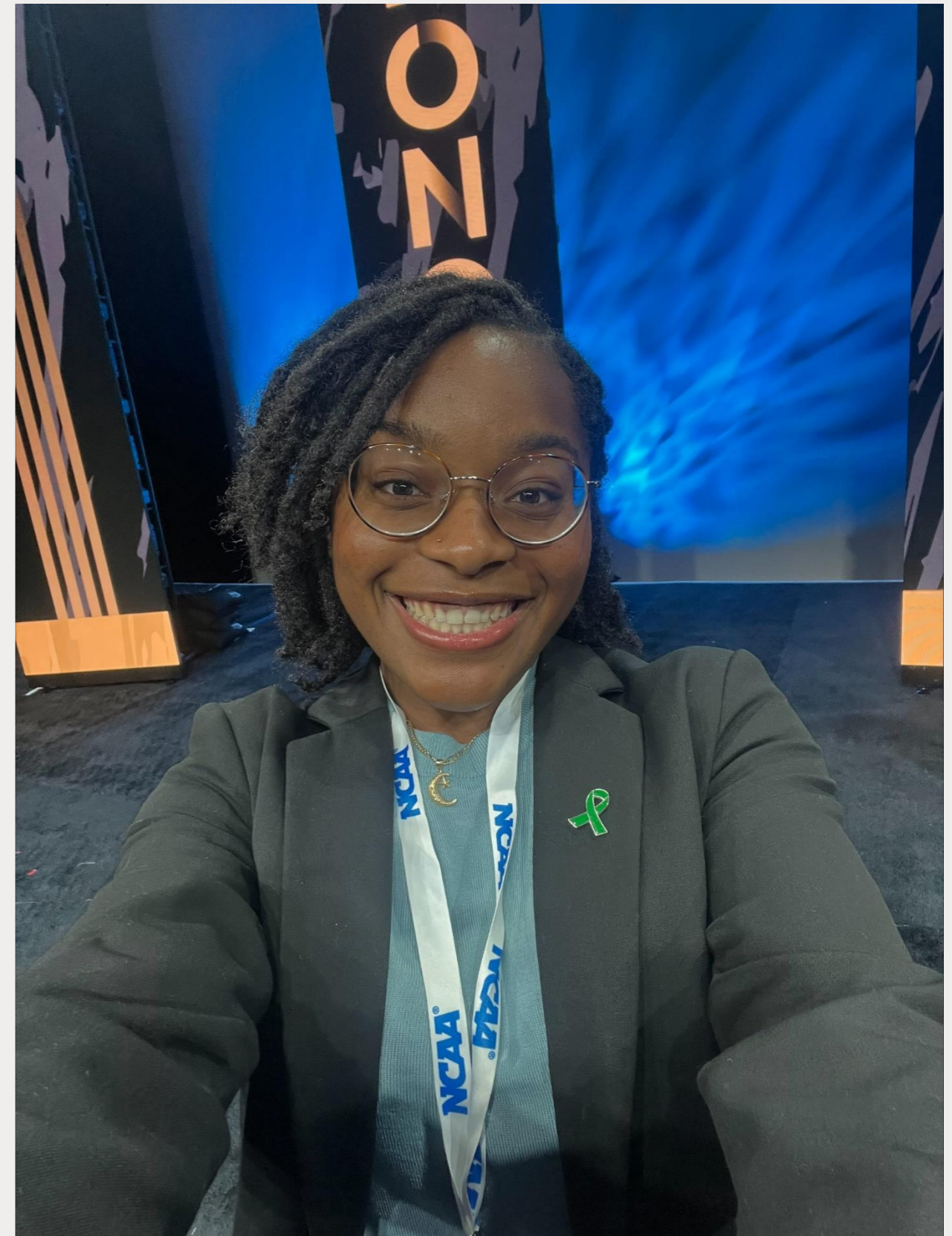
# Student spotlight – Flo Hunte

## Senior, Exercise Science major

Flo was nominated by Jeanine Rose from The Learning Center.

“Flo Hunte has been a Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader for five semesters and an SI Leader Mentor for three semesters. In her role as SI Leader, Flo consistently demonstrates her care for students as individuals. Along with her help with the course material, she always checks in on how they are feeling and how their lives are going. In her role as SI Leader Mentor, Flo has helped with our pre-semester training workshops, independently selecting videos for mock lectures and preparing mock SI sessions to train new leaders. Flo has also assisted in observing new leaders running their sessions, offering helpful feedback afterward. I will certainly miss Flo next semester, but I know that she will be successful.”

On the experience Flo said: “I loved my on-campus job because it helped me make connections and valuable relationships with people I wouldn’t have met if I didn’t have this opportunity. I learned so much about how to support a variety of people and how to strive to be better at what I do every day.”





# Student spotlight – Dustine Izzo

**Sophomore, Chemistry major**

Dustine was nominated by Sophia Weber from Campus Technology Services.

“Fun, team-oriented, knowledgeable, proactive, problem solver, has the best cat clothes.”

On the experience Dustine said: "Always be considerate and listen to others. You never know where good advice can be found."





# Student spotlight – CJ Johnson

## Senior, Communication Studies major

CJ was nominated by Michael Bersani in Admissions.

“It's hard to find students who have made an impact on as many areas as CJ, from athletics to student government to his overall media work for the university. Besides being a talented photographer who has contributed great content for the university's main social accounts, CJ has been a great resource because he offers authentic student insight and an impressive work ethic. Whether it's standing in during a video shoot or simply offering his opinion on potential projects, CJ is one of those rare students. I think he's going to excel in the communications profession because of his talent and work ethic, and I feel grateful to have worked with him during his time at Cortland.”

On the experience CJ said: “Working on-campus and for SUNY Cortland has expanded my horizons more than I ever could have imagined. The most important thing that I have learned throughout my time as a student employee is to understand my strengths and weaknesses in a professional setting.”





# Student spotlight – Emily Jones

## Junior, Business Economics major

Emily was nominated by Daniela Baban Hurrle in International Programs.

“Emily is very professional, efficient, kind and consistently goes above and beyond. Throughout the academic year when a Student Assistant was not available, Emily, regularly stepped in to assist and help the International Programs Office with new projects, and events.”

On the experience Emily said: “Working in the International Programs Office has taught me so many different aspects of many different cultures. Personally, working with their blog, I get to interview students with tons of different backgrounds and experiences. I love hearing about all the study abroad travels and for our international students, what made them choose Cortland.”



# Student spotlight – Adriana Kabat

## Senior, Musical Theatre

Adriana was nominated by Scott Holdredge in the Performing Arts department.

“Adriana is a pleasure to have on our scene shop. She is reliable, thoughtful and keeps up with communication if she needs to rearrange work hours. She is a pleasure to have around, has a positive attitude, is creative and someone I can trust will do a good job.”

On the experience Adriana said: “I have been so fortunate, for the past two years now, having the opportunity to work in the scene shop in the Dowd Fine Arts Center. Being a Musical Theatre major, I was thrilled to learn more about the “behind the scenes” of theatre. Working under the guidance of Scott, Simone and Mark has been so rewarding, and lots of fun. I learned how to handle so many new tools, that if I never worked in the shop, I probably would have never used. Not to mention, I loved being able to paint props, set pieces and sets for several of the shows within the past couple years. It is always fulfilling to see something you worked on, up on the stage. To say I will miss coming to the shop every week would be an understatement. If anyone ever has the chance to have an opportunity like this, take it!”





# Student spotlight – Sigal Keren

## Senior, Speech and Hearing Science major

Sigal was nominated by Peter Dawes in the Technology Help Center.

“Sigal is a leader. She does a fantastic job helping our customers, and also helps her fellow student technicians. She is very organized and professional and was selected to serve on a campus search committee.”

On the experience Sigal said: “I have learned through my job at the Help Center that being understanding and compassionate to those you talk to can make the biggest difference in their day. When I speak to those I assist, I never know what their day is like and being kind can make all the difference for someone who has had a hard day, and vice versa when they do the same for me.”





# Student spotlight – Madison Krouse

**Sophomore, Early Childhood  
Childhood Education major**

Madison was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Madison is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Madison said: “My experience of working on campus has been very rewarding. One of the most valuable things I have learned is the importance of forming connections with those around me. I am so grateful for all of the amazing, kind people I have met and for all I have learned from them.”





# Student spotlight – Olivia Langdon

## Senior, Biology major

Olivia was nominated by Megan Mau in The Learning Center.

“Olivia has always exemplified the "perfect" peer tutor. She is knowledgeable, professional, and above all else patient towards her students.

On the experience Olivia said: “Being a peer tutor has helped me improve skills, such as communication, organization, and responsibility. I have a passion for helping others, so being able to assist students in excelling in their classes has been such a rewarding experience.”





# Student spotlight – Azaria Laster

## Senior, Conservation Biology major

Azaria was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Azaria is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Azaria said: “Working as a campus Tour Guide and Chemistry PLTL Leader has taught me valuable communication skills and has given me confidence and the opportunity to meet more people on campus. Interacting with potential students and families has brought me so much joy and I'm so grateful for this opportunity.”





# Student spotlight – Abigail Loisel

## Junior, Therapeutic Recreation major

Abigail was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Abigail is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Abigail said: “My campus jobs have taught me new leadership and critical thinking skills. I also learned how much I love working collaboratively with people in a team.”





# Student spotlight – Reilly Mangano

## Senior, Communication Studies major

Reilly was nominated by Maere Vunk, in The Learning Center.

“Reilly is cheerful, dependable, responsible, brilliant student assistant. She is an incredible problem solver, always able to find the best solution.”

On the experience, Reilly said: "Working on-campus has allowed me to learn more about my strengths and weaknesses, and it's given me the ability to grow as an individual. I feel more prepared to enter the workforce after I graduate thanks to my on-campus work experience."





# Student spotlight – Kayla Melita

**Junior, Adolescence Education  
English major**

Kayla was nominated by Esa Merson in The Learning Center.

“Kayla is reliable and responsible. We appreciate her considerate nature!”

*“I can never train myself in all the skills I want. And why do I want? I want to live and feel all the shades, tones and variations of mental and physical experience possible in life. And I am horribly limited.” - Sylvia Plath*

On the experience Kayla said: “I want to fosters student's growth in order for them to reach their own potential both academically and personally.”





# Student spotlight – Brooke Moll

## Junior, Exercise Science major

Brooke was nominated by Eve Mascoli in Recreational Sports.

“Brooke is one of a kind. In a negative world, I have never heard a negative thing come from Brooke's mouth. She shows up to every shift ready to work and ready to help the patrons of the Student Life Center. If she doesn't know an answer, she aims to find it. Brooke is hard working and is heavily involved in campus and holds a high GPA as well.”

On the experience Brooke said: “Being a Building Manager at the SLC has pushed me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to grow as a person in so many ways. Being in this leadership role has led me to become a more confident person in every aspect of my life.”





# Student spotlight – Olivia Muscatella

## Senior, Speech and Hearing Science major

Olivia was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Olivia is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Olivia said: “When working in student employment, I have learned so much from my coworkers and boss. I have learned good communication skills, how to be confident, how to improvise and step outside of my comfort zone! I can't wait to take all of the skills I have learned from this job into real world job experiences!”





# Student spotlight – Chrismeiry Ortiz

## Junior, Psychology major

Chrismeiry was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Chrismeiry is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

*“I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.”*

— Oprah Winfrey





# Student spotlight – Autumn Pittman

## Sophomore, Communication Studies major

Autumn was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Autumn is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Autumn said: “Working with people of different race, gender, religion, etc. creates a more inclusive and unique experience for everyone! It personally made me feel welcomed and encourages me to give everyone the same feeling.”





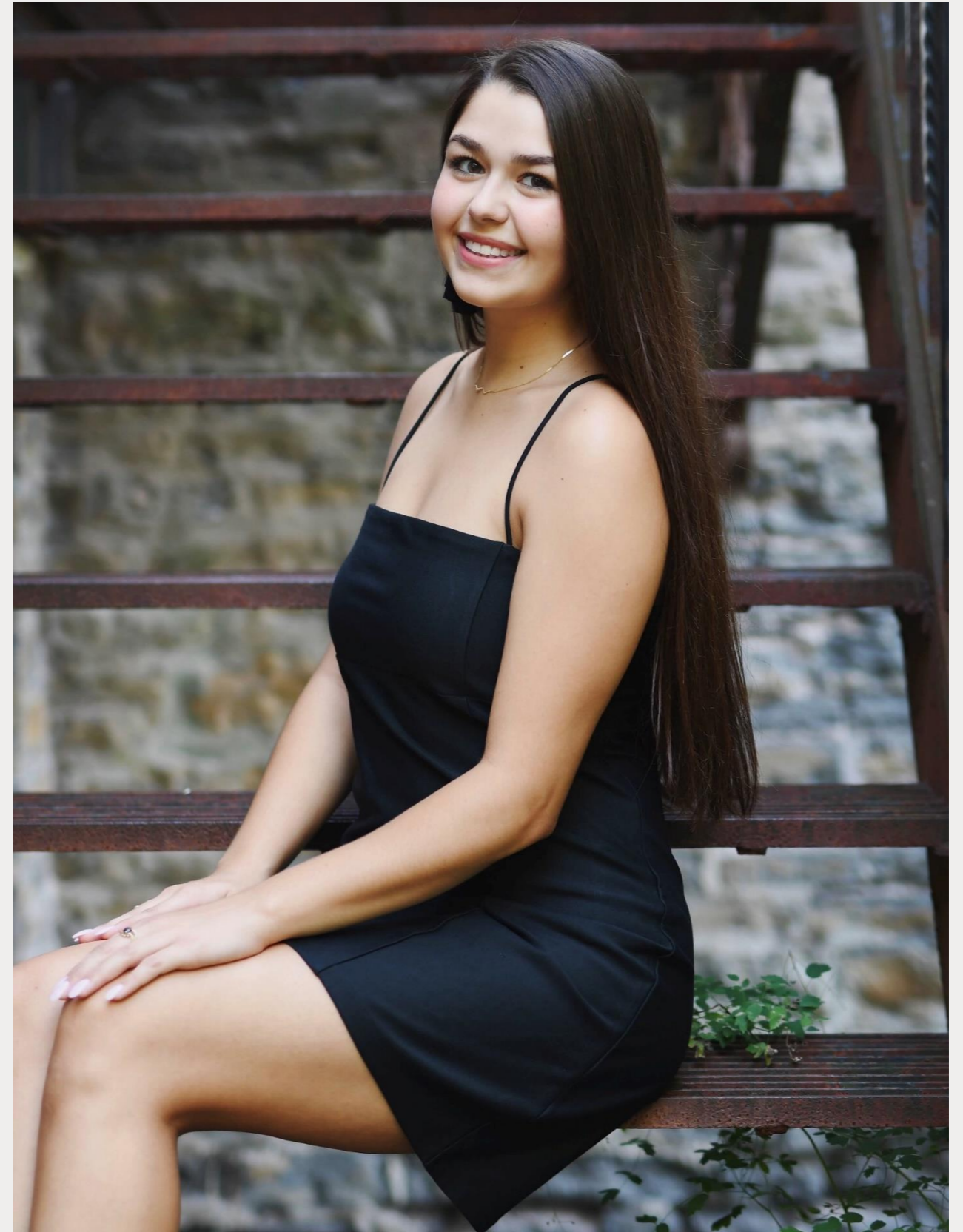
# Student spotlight – Morgan Proulx

## Junior, Speech and Hearing Science major

Morgan was nominated by Megan Mau from The Learning Center.

“Morgan is incredible to work with! She is friendly and personable to both her students and her peers. She is innovative and truly brings a bright energy to the office.”

On the experience Morgan said:  
“Through my experience as a peer tutor, I have developed great problem-solving skills and enhanced my self-confidence.”





# Student spotlight – Chloe Rigney

## Senior, Psychology major

Chloe was nominated by Katelyn Krempecki in Residence Life.

“Chloe is not afraid to keep things real. She holds herself and other accountable and has a high level of respect for her academics and work ethic. Her leadership and teamwork are unmatched, and she has big plans for her future. Chloe is the first one to want to set a due date and get a task done, she is organized and knows what she has to do to accomplish goals she sets for herself. She could do absolutely anything she sets her mind to, and she is going to do great things after she graduates. Chloe's professionalism and drive are going to make her a very successful person in the future, and I can't wait to see everything work out in her favor, she's going to do amazing things- and I'm so proud of her.”

On the experience Chloe said: “Having the opportunity to work in Residence Life and Housing has strengthened so many skills. I have gotten to improve my critical thinking, team building, communication, and problem-solving skills over the three years of being a Resident Assistant. I hope other students take the opportunity to utilize the resources on campus to expand their knowledge.”





# Student spotlight – Hailey Rodriguez

## First year, Pre-Major

Hailey was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Hailey is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."*

-Aristotle, philosopher





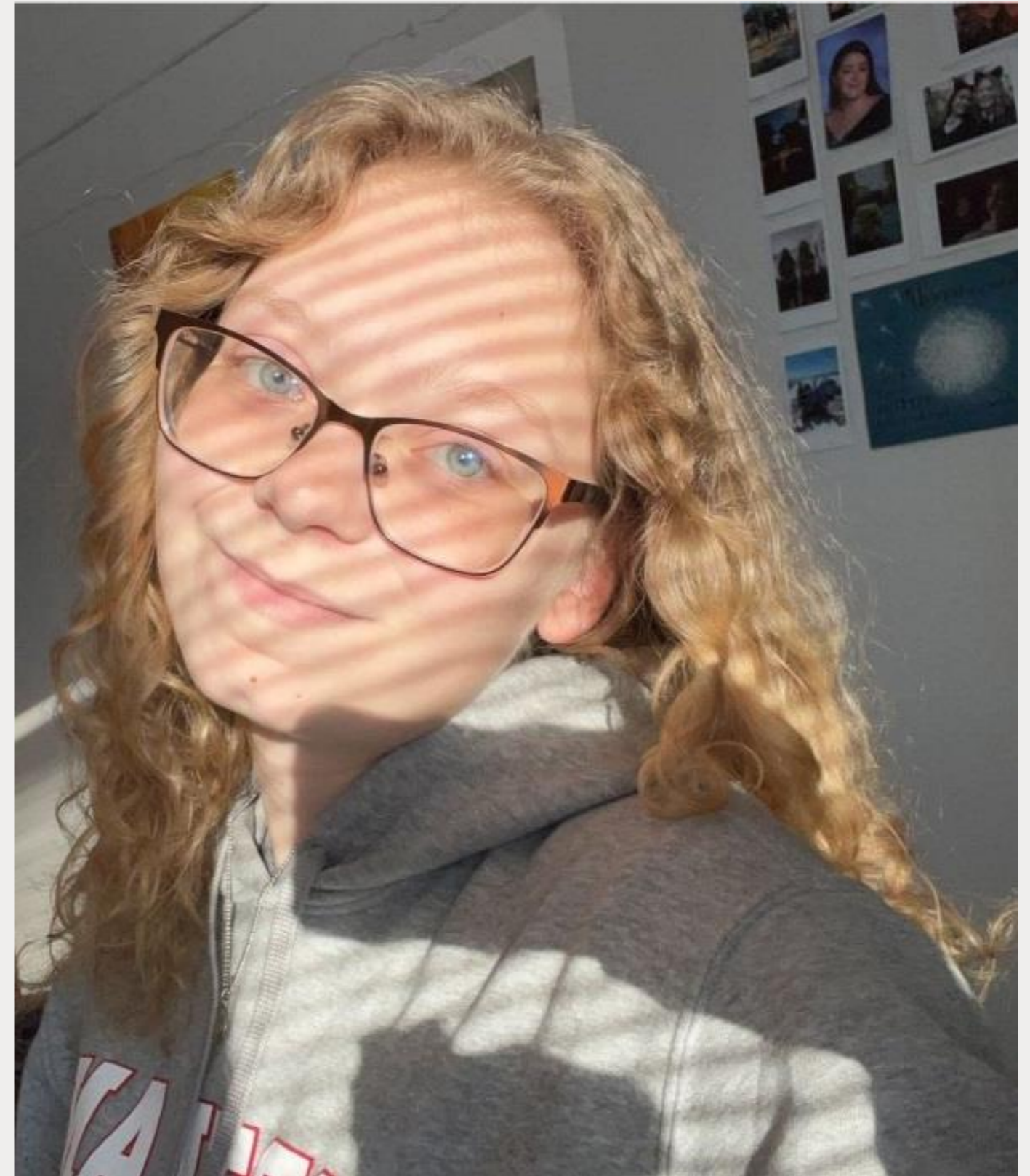
# Student spotlight – Madeline Ruuge

Sophomore Adolescence  
Education Social Studies and  
History major

Madeline was nominated by Claude Willis, in  
Cortland Auxiliary Services.

“Maddie is a hardworking employee who  
never shies away from an assigned task. She  
has a diverse skillset that continues to grow  
each semester.”

On the experience, Maddie said: “My on-  
campus work experience has given me the  
opportunity to work with amazing people  
who helped me grow as a student, a worker,  
and especially as a person. My experience  
has also taught me how to work in intense  
situations, work with work you are given,  
and keep a smile on my face at all times.”





# Student spotlight – Kaitlyn Ryan

## Senior, Business Economics major

Kaitlyn was nominated by Raven Clessa in Technology Support.

“Kaitlyn is always willing to help with difficult tech issues, willing to try new things, and takes organized ticket notes.”

On the experience Kaitlyn said: “Working at the Technology Help Center on campus has taught me to communicate well with others. I also learned that I am able to work quickly to help a student/faculty/staff member solve their problem which will be a great trait to have for jobs after college. I have also made great connections and learned skills that I never thought would help me in situations outside of work.”



# Student spotlight – Joseph Santangelo

## Senior, Biology major

Joseph was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Joseph is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience, Joseph said: “Through my work experience on campus as a tour guide and as a peer advisor for the International Programs Office I have developed a greater confidence in public speaking. Moreover, through working I was given the opportunity to influence others through my personal experiences. It was just as much a privilege for me to share a small part of my life to enrich the lives of others. I hope was able to provide some comfort and ease the burden of decision making to influence people to join the Cortland community and to study abroad.”





# Student spotlight – Angel Schwartz

## Senior, Communication Studies major

Angel was nominated by Jacob Wright in Career Services.

“Angel has been a revelation as a Career Peer Mentor in our office. She represents the office with the utmost professionalism and makes students feel comfortable conducting resume reviews. Her approach excites students to improve their resume and get involved in different aspects of the college experience. Angel exhibits excellent communication and problem-solving during her time as a CPM. She also takes her career development extremely seriously and excels at taking risks at doing something that might make her uncomfortable. It has been a thrill to see Angel grow into a professional; she will make a massive difference in the world!”

On the experience Angel said: “My on-campus work experience as a Career Peer Mentor has been endlessly rewarding. This position has allowed me to use my guidance for others to grow as an individual. This role has given me the ability to feel more confident in my public speaking skills and has allowed me to lead others in their own goal completion and career development. What was once me meeting with the office via a Webex call, has become one of the most rewarding parts of my college experience. You never know what doors lie in front of you, so it is best to just step forward and take a risk. I am so grateful for this experience and the opportunity to watch myself flourish.”





# Student spotlight – Emily Seip

**Senior, Cinema Studies and  
Communication Studies dual major**

Emily was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Emily is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Emily said: “During my time working on campus, especially as a tour guide, I've met so many future students and found love and appreciate for SUNY Cortland while touring!”





# Student spotlight – Jacob Scibek

## Junior, Biomedical Sciences

Jacob was nominated by Katelyn Krempecki in Residence Life.

“Jake is such a great resident advisor, he always has all of his stuff together, organized, and color coded because he's just that responsible. Jake addresses issues before they become issues, he catches things other people overlook, and he's always on time. His professionalism and teamwork are unmatched and if I could I would clone him. Jake is great at communicating and expecting boundaries. He reaches out when you need him and he's so smart. I could not talk enough about how good he is at every job and task and class he takes on. He's going to do amazing things with his life, and I can't wait to watch him grow past college life.”

On the experience Jacob said: “In my time working on campus, I have learned a lot about leadership and the importance of good communication. Working on campus has led me down new paths and helped me become a better version of myself.”





# Student spotlight – Christina Smith

## Junior, Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Christina was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Christina is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Christina said: “Being a tour guide has taught me to be confident in myself and my public speaking skills. This experience allows me to be myself while showing off Cortland and doing my job!”





# Student spotlight – Jessica Smith

## Senior, Exercise Science major

Jessica was nominated by Jessica Bilek in admissions.

“Jessica is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Jessica said: “I have strengthened my public speaking, teamwork, and organization skills. My job had also taught me how crucial these skills are within my professional career in the future too! I loved my job on campus because of all the different people I got to meet, and learning more about SUNY Cortland's history and everything our beautiful campus has to offer! I feel extremely grateful for this experience!”





# Student spotlight – Faith Spataro-Cavanagh

## Junior, Psychology and Communication Studies dual major

Faith was nominated by Jacob Wright in Career Services.

“Faith is a remarkable Career Peer Mentor; she is always willing to go above and beyond to help others. She excels at connecting with students from all walks of campus. Faith is always happy to attend tabling events and present to campus groups. Although she may be soft-spoken, this allows her to connect with people authentically and build meaningful relationships with others. It is fantastic to see her commitment to her professional growth; she leads by example.”

On the experience Faith said: “I love my employment on campus because it has helped me with my public speaking skills and developed my skills when working one to one with peers.”





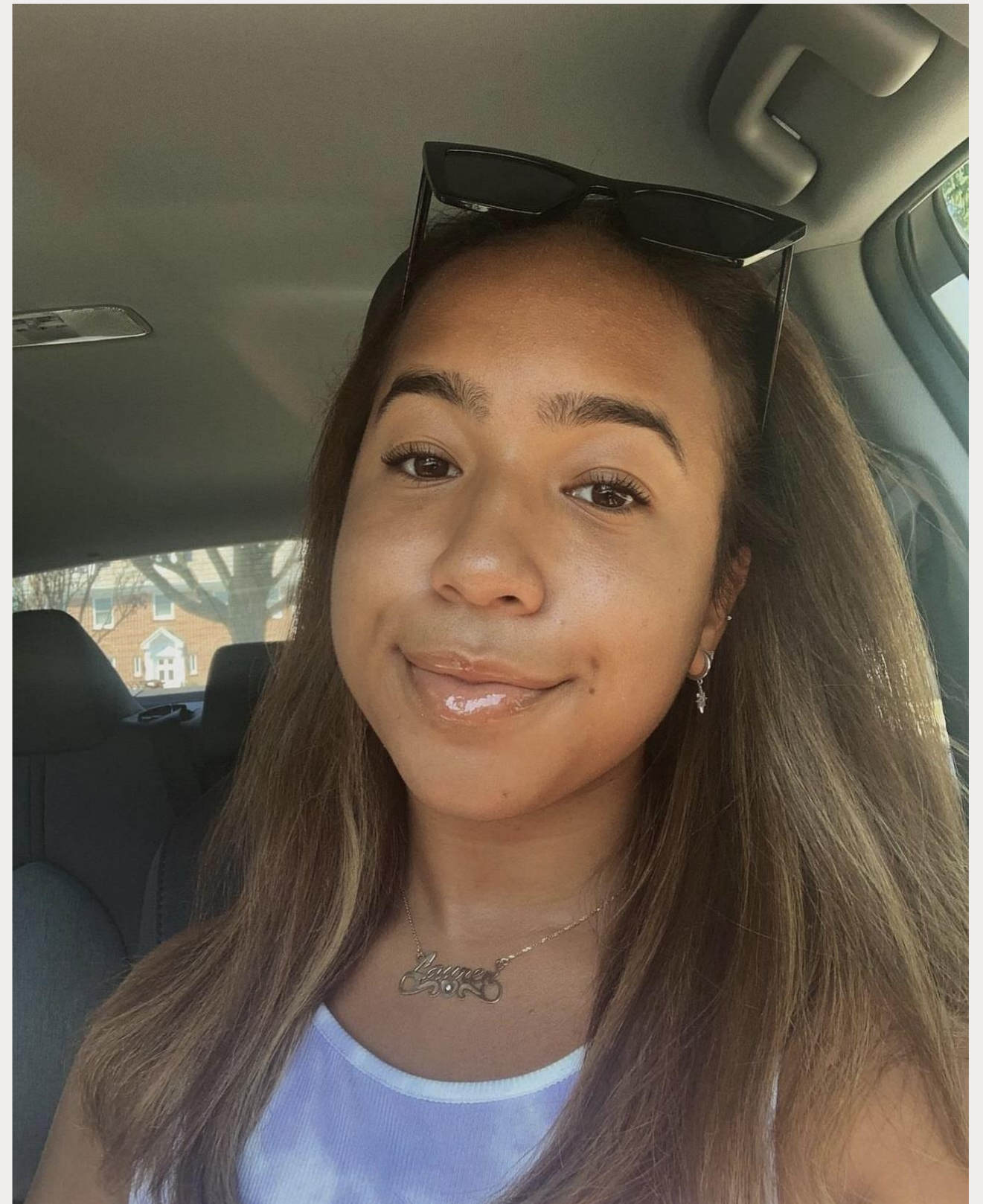
# Student spotlight – Lauren Stewart

## Senior, Speech and Hearing Science major

Lauren was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Lauren is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Lauren said: “From my experience, I learned how important communication is in life. Communication allows you to make connections with others and it also helps you learn more about yourself. Lastly, I learned that the smallest encounters that you have with people can make the biggest difference in their life. The experiences I’ve had with Student Employment have helped me build professional and social skills that I will use throughout my career.”





# Student spotlight – Emily Thomas

## Junior, Early Childhood/Childhood Education major

Emily was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Emily is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Emily said: “Working on campus has shown me the importance of branching out and trying new things. And in return you get to learn about yourself and what you like and don't like. This is why I am so thankful for where I have worked on campus because it has helped point me in the direction that I want to take my life in!”





# Student spotlight – Katelyn Thompson

## Junior, Communication Studies and Speech and Hearing Sciences dual major

Katelyn was nominated by Marilyn Jones in Advisement and Transition.

“Katelyn is a great student employee for our office. We have been very lucky to have Katelyn work in our office for two years now. She is reliable, always willing to help and pleasant to work with. We have entrusted Katelyn with some projects that help our office move forward with some larger initiatives. She has accomplished so much academically as well with two majors! Katelyn deserves to be recognized for all her work as a student employee.”

On the experience Katelyn said: “I have learned how to interact with professionals as I interact with my coworkers. I have improved on my teamwork abilities as I aid in helping the advisement and transition process become smoother by making outreach more accessible. The work done in this office makes college more equitable.”





# Student spotlight – Jaxet Torres

## Senior, Community Health major

Jaxet was nominated by Penny Bushaw in the Physical Education Department.

“Jaxet has been a great asset to my office, she is dependable, honest, professional and does problem solving without needing my guidance. She is graduating this semester and she will be missed.”

On the experience Jaxet said: Working with Penny for the last four years has been a great experience. I learned that it is important to communicate with your employees to make sure the message goes around for what is to come during the day. I also learned to work on my time management. Penny, thank you for the second nomination. You have been kind and caring from the moment I worked with you in 2019. Keep being the energetic and loving person you are. Good luck in your future endeavors!”





# Student spotlight – Leah Tsambazis

## Senior, Communication Studies major

Leah was nominated by Jacob Wright in Career Services.

“Leah is truly one of the best students I have ever worked with. I have worked with her for the past year and a half, and she has been a tremendous help. Leah is highly dependable; she always is available for campus presentations and is happy to take on extra projects. Leah is a great team player as well; she always is willing to help and pitch when needed. She also tries to find other ways to help beyond what the staff asks. She has been an integral part of making the CPM experience beneficial for others by actively communicating with her supervisor to discuss improvements based on her experience. Leah is an excellent public speaker, every class she presents, to raves about her engagement. She represents the Career Services office with extreme professionalism. It is truly a pleasure working with Leah; she is going to make Cortland and Career Services incredibly proud in any field she pursues.”

On the experience Leah said: “Being a part of the Career Services team has, by far, been the most rewarding aspect of my college career. I learned how important it is to be passionate about the work that you do and the path that you choose. I gained so many new role models from working with the most inspiring people and have developed lifelong public speaking and interpersonal communication skills that I will forever thank SUNY Cortland Career Services for!”





# Student spotlight – Alejandra Vasquez

## First year, Biomedical Sciences major

Alejandra was nominated by Allison Hall in the Economics Department.

“Alejandra consistently shows up and helps our department achieve organization and function goals each week. Her professionalism is stark as one of her strengths, and that is likewise with her communication/customer service and problem-solving skills. She has strong leadership skills and will excel in any administration position she may have in the future.”

On the experience Alejandra said: "Working in the Economics department has taught me to value my workspace and others. I was welcomed into a positive and bright community; they helped me become more knowledgeable and to be more outgoing. It's always a good day in the office!"





# Student spotlight – Bridget Welch

## Junior, Communication Studies major

Bridget was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Bridget is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Bridget said: “My time working in the Admissions Office has been so rewarding through my experiences with prospective students, campus tour guides, faculty, and staff. Every day I get to see future students come through the doors looking for their next home. Seeing tour guides work with one another and find confidence in themselves to show off the place we call home makes me remember why I chose to come to SUNY Cortland. Working with faculty and staff has helped me see the hard work that goes on behind the scenes and has allowed me to see what makes this college so great. I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to work in this department with such amazing people!”





# Student spotlight – Makenna Williamson

## Senior, Early Childhood/Childhood Education major

Makenna was nominated by Megan Mau from The Learning Center.

“Makenna brings a friendliness and compassion to her work with students that truly benefits them more than just academically. She balances student teaching and tutoring which is a feat!”

On the experience Makenna said: “I have found peer tutoring to be an enlightening experience. It’s so fun to work with students and watch the ideas click in their heads. That’s my favorite part, when it all makes sense.”





# Student spotlight – Kyla Young

## Sophomore, Biomedical Science major

Kyla was nominated by Jessica Bilek in Admissions.

“Kyla is amazing – incredible representation of SUNY Cortland and always come to work ready and willing with a smile on their face!”

On the experience Kyla said: “I work a few on campus jobs but one of the biggest one I enjoy working is my admission tour guide job where I can leave an impact on future Red Dragons and give them reasons to apply to our school.”





# More student spotlights

- **Kimberly Arena** – Senior, Exercise Science major  
*“I have learned great communication skills as well as all of the amazing things our campus has to offer to its students.”*
- **Sarah Baylinson** – Sophomore, Early Childhood/Childhood Education major  
*“I have learned great communication skills as well as all of the amazing thing our campus has to offer to its students.”*
- **DJ Caloia** – Senior, Adolescent Education Mathematics major  
*“I learned valuable public speaking skills, how to think quickly to accurately answer questions, and how to properly present myself in front of a group of people.”*



# More student spotlights

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- **Jasmine Colucci** – Sophomore, Early Childhood/Childhood Education major  
*“From tour guiding, I've learned that you can be the reason why someone makes a choice. I've gotten comments saying how great their tour was and that I will be why they come to Cortland. It makes me feel good about myself knowing that I'm the reason someone makes that choice including college decisions.”*
- **Audrey Cozine** – Junior, Biology major  
*“My on-campus work has helped me learn and understand course material in new ways!”*
- **Thomas Curty** – Sophomore, Psychology major  
*“Working on campus helped me to develop my social skills and problem solving with technology!”*



# More student spotlights

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- **Diya Digvijay Singh** – Senior, Fitness Development major  
*“I learned that teamwork is very important to maintain good relationships in a workplace.”*
- **Thomas Jespersen** – Junior, Adolescence Education: Social Studies and History major  
*“Through thick and thin, this RA position has helped me further my critical thinking skills and assisted in providing an equitable and inclusive living space for all my residents alike.”*
- **James Marino** – Sophomore  
*“I have learned from working as a technology help assistant that respect and patience are vital skills that are used in everyday life. It's important to treat people the same way you would like to be treated.”*



# More student spotlights

(continued 2)

- **Emily Miller** – Senior, Conservation Biology major  
*“My peer tutoring and peer tutor supervising job have taught me a lot about patience, communication, and leadership.”*
- **Sophia Pugsley** – Junior, dual major in Psychology & Criminology  
*“Having a job on-campus has done nothing but benefit me and better my time as a student at SUNY Cortland. Getting more familiar with the school, making new friends, and getting to represent this institution for incoming and future students is both an honor and a privilege I wouldn't trade for anything.”*

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