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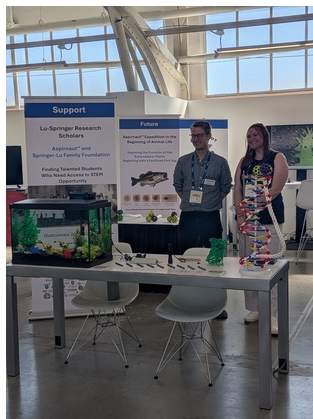
American Innovates Expo

Aspirnaut™ was honored to be part of the Springer-Lu Pavilion at the America Innovates Expo in San Francisco, May 16-18. The Springer-Lu Pavilion was a central part of the interactive public experience at Fort Mason Center featuring American ingenuity, welcoming over 5,000 visitors during the three-day event.

Dr. Tim Springer was one of 250 visionaries and pioneers named to the Forbes 250 America's Greatest Innovators list. The Springer-Lu Pavilion highlighted scientific, educational, and medical breakthroughs in honor of Dr. Tim Springer and Dr. Chafen Lu, for their contributions to science. The event was co-hosted by Forbes and America 250.

The Springer-Lu Family Foundation provided an endowment to support Aspirnaut™ through the Lu-Springer Research Scholars program, a residential summer research internship experience at Vanderbilt Health in Nashville for talented high school students who need access to opportunity.

Aspirnaut™ featured an interactive exhibit booth staffed by Dr. Bradley Clarke, Assistant Professor, and Vanderbilt graduate student and previous Aspirnaut™ participant, Madison Yarbrough. They engaged attendees by sharing the program's mission, impact, and innovative approach to developing the next generation of STEM leaders through discovery science. The exhibit featured hands-on experiences with live brine shrimp and an opportunity to learn about Aspirnaut's commitment to expanding access to STEM opportunities.



Aspirnaut™ Achievements

The Class of 2026 is truly amazing! They smashed their goals and are ready for the next big step. We celebrate their successes.

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College Bound

Congratulations, High School Class of 2026, well done! This graduation is just the beginning of your success story. Cheers to you and your bright futures!

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- **Brooklynn Black (2024)** graduated as valedictorian from KIPP Delta Collegiate High School in Helena, Arkansas. She will attend the University of Arkansas as a presumptive psychology major.
- **Michael Cantrell (2024, 2025)** graduated from Wynne High School in Wynne, Arkansas. He will attend Baylor University and is a presumptive biology major.
- **Madison Foster (2025)** graduated as valedictorian from Winnfield Senior High School in Winnfield, Louisiana. She will attend Spelman College and plans to major in biology.
- **Corina Huang (2025)** graduated from Statesboro High School in Statesboro, Georgia. She will attend Stanford University and plans to major in computer science and physics.
- **Ruby Isenhardt (2024, 2025)** graduated from Freemont High School in Freemont, Michigan. She will attend the University of Michigan as a presumptive neuroscience major and will be a member of the Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA) Honors Program and rowing team.
- **Isabell Johnson (2024)** graduated from Winooski High School in Winooski, Vermont. She will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as a presumptive anthropology major.
- **Jason Khang (2025)** graduated from Hmong College Prep Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He was awarded the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship and will attend the University of Minnesota as a presumptive computer engineering major.
- **Ku Moo (2024)** graduated from Hmong College Prep Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He will attend the University of Minnesota as a presumptive mechanical engineering major.

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- **Hamdi Mohamed (2025)** graduated from Lewiston High School in Lewiston, Maine. He will attend Bowdoin College on a full support QuestBridge Scholarship and plans to major in biochemistry.
- **Parker Nichols (2024, 2025)** graduated from Wynne High School in Wynne, Arkansas. He will attend Arkansas State University and plans to major in biology.
- **Russel Paulino (2025, 2026)** graduated from Wynne High School in Wynne, Arkansas. He will attend Wesleyan University on a full support QuestBridge Scholarship as a presumptive major in biology with a minor in exercise science.
- **Max Reif (2025)** graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Vermont. He will attend Yale University on a full support QuestBridge Scholarship and plans to major in mathematics.
- **Arman Sadri (2025)** graduated from Melbourne Central Catholic High School in Titusville, Florida. He will attend Rice University and plans to major in biosciences on the pre-med track.



Brooklynn Black
University of Arkansas



Michael Cantrell
Baylor University



Madison Foster
Spelman College



Corina Huang
Stanford University



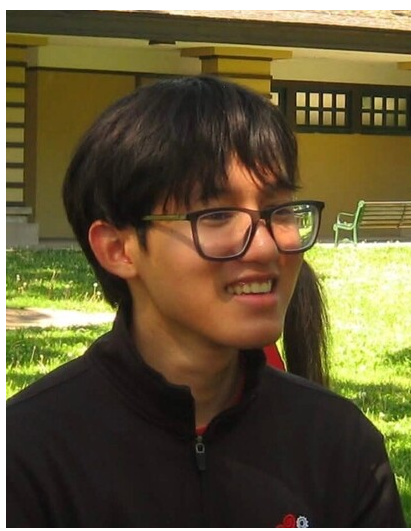
Ruby Isenhardt
University of Michigan



Isabell Johnson
University of Tennessee at
Chattanooga



Jason Khang
University of Minnesota



Ku Moo
University of Minnesota



Hamdi Mohamed
Bowdoin College



Parker Nichols
Arkansas State University



Russell Paulino
Wesleyan University



Max Reif
Yale University



Arman Sadri
Rice University

College Graduates

Congratulations, Undergraduate Class of 2026! Outstanding opportunities await you in the future!

- **Ryan Anderson (2024, 2025)** graduated from Bethune-Cookman University with a degree in Biology. Ryan is completing a one-year post-baccalaureate program with the Ginsberg Scholars Institute at Nemours Children's Hospital.
- **Camryn Cole (HS 2021)** graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana with a degree in chemistry and a minor in biology. She is taking a gap year before applying to medical school.
- **Di'Andra Edwards (HS 2021)** graduated from the University of Arkansas at Conway with a degree in biology.
- **Martina Gergis (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024)** graduated from Davidson College with a degree in biology and a minor in neuroscience. Martina is taking a gap year before applying to medical school.
- **Kimberly Hoang (2024-2025)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in chemistry and a minor in biology. She will attend the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy to obtain her Doctor of Pharmacy degree.
- **Lauralee Jarrett (HS 2020)** graduated from Arkansas State University with an applied science degree.
- **Madeline Lach (HS 2021)** graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in biochemistry. She is conducting research in a healthcare management lab on health equity and continues to work on her startup, "FLOW," during her gap year before applying to M.D./Ph.D. programs.
- **Emma Meihof (2024, 2025)** graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in biomedical engineering. She is working as a research technologist at Johns Hopkins University during her gap year before applying for medical school.
- **Connie Ni (HS 2021)** graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in health and societies with a concentration in health policy and law. She will take two gap years before applying to medical school. During this time, she will launch her nonprofit, Haven, in September with the President's Engagement Prize at a family shelter in North Philadelphia.
- **Madison Patterson (2025)** graduated from Tougaloo College with a degree in biology. She is taking a gap year and will apply for dental school this cycle.
- **Gagan Phuyal (2023)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in computer science. He is working as a software engineer at Vanguard.
- **Anna Ruth Madera (2024)** graduated from Mercer University with a degree in biomedical/medical engineering and a minor in chemistry. She will be getting married in August and is looking for a job in the Atlanta area.
- **Eun Jun Wang (2024, 2025)** graduated from Berea College with a degree in biology. He will work as a research assistant during his gap year.



Ryan Anderson
Post-Bacc Internship



Camryn Cole
Gap Year



Di'Andra Edwards
Gap year



Martina Gergis
Gap Year



Kimberly Hoang
University of North Carolina
Eshelman School of Pharmacy



Lauralee Jarrett



Madeline Lach
Gap Year - Research Assistant
Start up "FLOW"



Emma Meihofer
Gap Year - Research
Technologist



Conni Ni
Starting Nonprofit, Haven



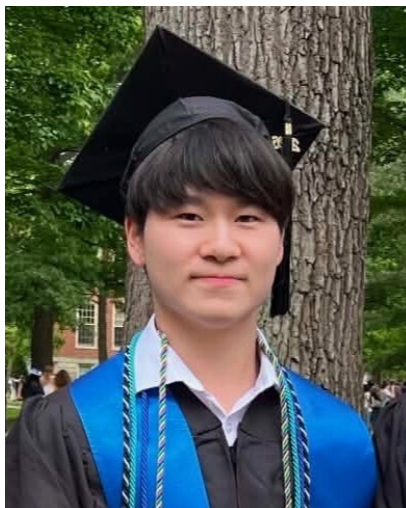
Madison Patterson
Gap Year



Gagan Phuyal
Software Engineer at
Vanguard



Anna Ruth Madera
Engineer



Eun Jun Wang
Gap Year

Next Steps

Congratulations on your next step to an advanced degree!

- **Kayla Hardrick (2023)** graduated from Miles College with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. She is in her first year at Howard University in the interdisciplinary biomedical sciences Ph.D. program.
- **Richmond Okparaugo (2023)** graduated in 2025 from Philander Smith College with a degree in biology. He is a first year medical student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



Kayla Hardrick
Howard University



Richmond Okparaugo
University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences

Advanced Degree Graduates

Congratulations, Advanced Degree Graduates Class of 2026!

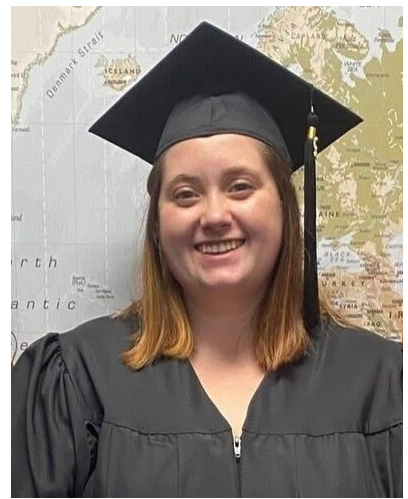
- **Courtney Browne (2019)** graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine and will begin her residency at the Kettering/Soin Medical Center in Family Medicine.
- **Quincy Gragg (2017)** graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and will begin his residency at the University of Texas Southwestern in Internal Medicine.
- **Calisa Henry (2017, 2018)** graduated from the Moody Bible Institute with a masters degree in ministry.
- **Seth Reasoner (2015, 2016, 2017)** graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's Medical Scientist Training Program and will begin his residency at Case Western University Hospital, Cleveland Medical Center in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology.
- **Jazmyn Wall (2021)** completed her Master of Public Health program at Wayne State University.



Courtney Browne, M.D.
Kettering/Soin Medical Center
Family Medicine



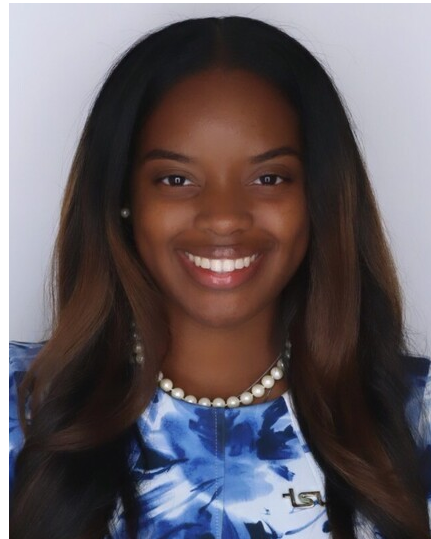
Quincy Gragg, M.D.
University of Texas
Southwestern Internal
Medicine



Calisa Henry
Moody Bible Institute



Seth Reasoner, M.D.
Case Western University Hospital
Internal Medicine and
Gastroenterology



Jazmyn Wall, M.P.H.
Wayne State University

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