Senior Salute

Danny Able
Danny has enjoyed his four years here taking math and statistics classes. He will be continuing on to graduate study in statistics at Iowa State University. Thanks to all the professors and fellow students who have made it worthwhile.

Anna Ahlgren
In the months following graduation, Anna Liv Ahlgren will be taking a course in ceramics in order to complete her art major, working at the Golden Fig in St. Paul, and perhaps volunteering at Holden Village in Washington state. She does not know what she will be doing next fall, but such is okay with her, as she has is happy to go with the flow and take life as it comes to her.

Benjamin Baker
Ben Baker is a math and music major who hails from Cedar Rapids, IA. His favorite math memories from his time on the Hill include late-night Combinatorics parties, Professor Laison's unbearably bad jokes, and "Dress Like Professor Hanson" days. Next year, he plans to attend New York University to pursue a master's degree in jazz piano performance.

Suzanne Brenimer
My plans for next year are vague. I'll be returning to Colorado this summer to backpack the Colorado Trail with a couple fellow Oles. Next fall I will be working at some as yet undefined job/internship, with plans for graduate school in mathematical biology, bioinformatics, or cell biology. Oh vagueness. It is scary.

Christine Brook
I will be moving to Denver (back home) to work for Analysis Group, an Economic Consulting firm based out of Boston.

Emily Butler
I am going to graduate school for Creighton University's Doctorate of Occupational Therapy. I will be living in Omaha, NE.

Barry Costanzi
Barry Costanzi is a Mathematics (and Physics if you want to include that) major. He is planning to teach English in Japan or India next year, as long as one of the programs he has applied to takes him. Following a year of that, he plans on attending physics grad school at an as yet undetermined institution.
**Charles DeBeck**
Charles DeBeck will be going to graduate school for a combination of computer science and mathematics. He has enjoyed his four years at St. Olaf studying math more than most humans ought to, and wishes the best to all the others as graduation swiftly approaches!

**Tim Drahn**
I'm Tim Drahn, a math and computer science major. Next year I will be living in Shoreview working at Express Scripts Inc, a pharmaceutical benefit manager. I will be working in their IT Department as an Associate Programmer Analyst.

**Daniel Endean**
This summer I will be starting a PhD. program in experimental physics at the University of Minnesota. I plan to study either condensed matter (i.e. superconductors, semiconductors, and magnetic materials) or biophysics. After I get my PhD. I hope to teach at a liberal arts college but am also considering a career in industry.

**Mark Ettel**
After four years of the St. Olaf math major and statistics concentration, I will be attending Creighton University School of Medicine next year. There I expect to use everything I learned about the gamma distribution in Professor Roback's stat theory class. If it turns out that med school is not a 4-year study of distributions in the exponential family, I may instead decide to put my stats experience to use in clinical research and possibly through getting an MPH.

**Katie Evans**
I'll be teaching math at Delano High School and living in Wayzata.

**Todd Frederick**
I will be starting graduate school this summer in computer science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Lindsay Giese**
Lindsay Giese is a Math major. She will be living in the Twin Cities this fall, working as an intern at Health Partners and pursuing travel abroad as well as graduate school the following year.

**Philip Gipson**
Philip is a Mathematics major. He will be working during the Summer and Fall and will be applying to Graduate programs in mathematics for the Spring.

**Lauren Guengerich**
Lauren Guengerich is a stats concentrator. She will be moving to Memphis, Tennessee where she will work for Teach for America as a high school biology teacher.

**David Green**
David is a Mathematics major. He is planning to go Minneapolis after graduating and interning at an engineering firm. In the long term, he is planning on graduate school for mechanical engineering.

**Brent Hagerty**
Brent Hagerty is a Computer Science major. He will be living in Northfield this fall, working at Image Trend as a Software Developer.

**Amanda Hanych**
Starting in June I'll be living in downtown Minneapolis and working for Target Corporation as a Business Analyst.

**Laura Haynes**
I'm a Mathematics & Women's Studies major. My post graduate plans include spending a few
last months at St. Olaf over the summer, then heading to St. Paul to work at St. Kate's University in their Community Life and Learning department in the fall.

**Anna Helgen**
This summer I will be working at Wilderness Canoe Base, a camp in the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota. Upon return, I would like to find a job in youth ministry somewhere in the Twin Cities. But really, I will settle for anything, so long as it allows me to move out of my parents' house. Once said job is obtained, I plan to rescue two cats and name them after my academic heroes: Karl Barth and Georg Cantor.

**Sarah Hendrickson**
Anyway heres a quick summary of what I'll be doing: Beginning on August 16th, I will be spending 10 months in India at the Christian Medical College of Vellore studying drug resistant tuberculosis, as a Fulbright Scholar. My research will focus on developing more effective diagnostic techniques, developing novel treatment methods as well as improving current treatments, and hopefully, working directly with patients through the DOTS (directly observed therapy) program. In May of 2010, I will return to the U.S., after which I hope to attend medical school in the fall.

**Neal Holthus**
I will be raising manholes for the city of Minnetonka as I study for my second actuary exam on financial mathematics to be taken in the Fall. Hopefully I can pass the first time so I can get a job as an actuary before winter hits and I have to go on unemployment. Too bad you can't raise manholes in the winter.

**Seth Huiras**
Seth Huiras is a statistics concentration and chemistry major. (optional shout outs here) He will be going to St. Olaf College in Northfield this fall to study physical chemistry. Additionally, he is applying to dental schools throughout the nation this summer with an interest in rural family dentistry.

**Scott Japs**
I hope to volunteer for AmeriCorps next year, ideally working in Minnesota.

**Sean Johnston**
I'm a chemistry and math major hailing from Minnetonka, MN. I play in the St. Olaf Band, teach lessons as a leader of the St. Olaf Swing Club, and tutor beginning chemistry students. Next year, I'll be working toward a Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

**Christina Koch**
Christina is a math major from Los Angeles, California. After she graduates she will be completing her transcontinental move by living in Washington D.C. for a year, teaching at an adult school through Lutheran Volunteers Corps.

**Chee Lee**
Chee is a statistics concentrator. She will be living in the Twin Cities this fall, working for Admission Possible, an Americorp program, as a coach.

**Todd Mathison**
Going on a six week summer project to Zambia, Africa right after graduation, and then hopefully working at an insurance company in the cities and living in the uptown area this fall.

**Thomas McConville**
Next year, I will enter the Mathematics PhD program at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. I plan to do research in Combinatorics, play lots of Go, and learn to make a good lentil loaf.
Charles McEachern
Charles McEachern is going on to the Ph.D. program in physics at the University of Minnesota, though it's not yet clear in which specific subfield of physics he'll ultimately be working. However, he's starting out by doing research this summer with a theoretical astrophysics group that investigates the birth and explosive death of large stars. Charles will be working mostly in programming. He'll be doing some computational fluid dynamic simulations as well as mappings between simulations to evaluate thermodynamic properties and the faithfulness they have with respect to conservation laws. He'll be living in Minneapolis with Thomas McConville.

Leif Moe-Lobeda
I will be teaching high school math and science in Milwaukee through Teach for America.

Dylan Mueller
I played hockey here at Olaf and plan on working at Target next year as a Business Analyst.

Jonathon Nelson
With degrees in Mathematics and Asian Studies, I have the advantage of career flexibility, though I still do not have an answer to the question, "So what do you want to be when you grow up?" After graduation, my immediate plans are to give back to the community through volunteer work, possibly with Minnesota Habitat for Humanity or another AmeriCorps affiliated organization. Slightly more distant (and certainly not concrete) goals include pursuing a graduate degree in biomedical informatics and work with the Peace Corps.

Cullen O'Neill
Starting this fall, I will be pursuing a Master's degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Minnesota. However, I am most excited to be marrying the love of my life this August! I would like to thank the entire math department, but especially Prof. Zorn and Prof. Hanson, for challenging me and preparing me for my future career.

Laura Oliver
In July, Laura will be starting work as a Financial Analyst at General Mills in Minneapolis, where she will utilize her analytical skills gained in math classes. She plans to fill her free time with running, hiking, rock climbing, painting, making jewelry, going to Twins games, and enjoying the company of friends and family.

Noel Peterson
Next year I'll be beginning a Master of Geographic Information Science degree at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities).

Taylor Reece
Taylor Reece is a senior Math and Computer Science major who is pursuing an interest in secondary education. He will find himself at Central High School in St. Paul next semester where he will complete his student teaching, and he will be actively seeking employment shortly thereafter.

Trisha Salkas
I am graduating with a Math major and Women's Studies concentration. I plan to work in the non-profit field for a few years, then eventually go back to school to become a professor. Areas in which I may pursue further education include gender studies and issues of social justice and human rights.

Luke Schlather
Luke is a Computer Science major who also has an inexplicable major in Theatre. He is planning to return home to Ohio, or stay around the cities, or possibly move to California after
graduation. Unless he finds a job, he will be doing freelance web design work, and writing clean, elegant code that works well without too much configuration or crashing. However the universe being unkind, he will probably find a job where he isn't allowed to spend time making his code elegant, and be forced to move on when things work right.

Emily Segar
Emily Segar is a math major with a stats concentration. In the fall she will be starting medical school at the University of Iowa, and is seriously considering crashing the Budapest interim trip next January for old times sake. The best decision she made at St. Olaf was becoming a math major - thanks, MSCS!

Amelia Shuster
Amelia Shuster is a math and German major from Omaha, Nebraska. She will spend the summer working at her neighbor’s preschool and next year working and contemplating graduate school.

Christin Strandli
After graduation I'm going back to Norway to enjoy a summer filled with relaxation at the ocean and advanced oil well modeling for the integrated oil and gas company StatoilHydro. In September I'm crossing the pond again, but this time I'm headed further west to be a PhD candidate in Petroleum Engineering at Stanford University.

Jamison Valenta
Becoming a math major due to its convenient nature is a very bad reason for choosing a major. However, it worked out alright for Jamison when he paired it with Physics. Comically enough, in standard style, he will be attending Purdue University at Calumet to get his masters in Human Services in Education while working for the Residence Life Department on campus. Then, eventually, he hopes to become a high school teacher of physics or mathematics.

Kate Virkler
Kate Virkler is a mathematics major and statistics concentrator. Next year she will be returning to her hometown of Columbia, Missouri to obtain her master’s in statistics from the University of Missouri. This summer her main goals are to finally beat her dad in a tennis match and to adopt a puppy and name it Pythagoras.

Doug Wetterlin
I am enjoying the warm weather looking for job opportunities to show themselves.

Sommer Wild
Sommer Wild is a statistics concentrator, who will be working this summer at the CDC in Atlanta, in the department of Foodborne diseases and Food Safety. She plans on attending the University of North Dakota Medical School fall 2009.

We didn’t hear from these seniors, but we wish them all well: Leif Berg, Nathaniel Black, James Bonebright, Samuel Brandenburg, Jamie Carlyle, Nathan Grant, Aaron Heidgerken, Benjamin Hilgers, Michael Krahulec, David Manning, Monica Martin, Nathaniel Meierpolys, Eric Olson, Daniel Pluth, Logan Stuck, Benjamin Thompson, Roger Trousdale, Angela Ulrich, Aurora Vincent, Ellen Wann, Nathaniel Warner, and Amanda Wright.
A final salute from an appreciative faculty. Thanks for all of you hard work, inquisitiveness and enthusiasm. We think St Olaf MSCS students are second to none. Being able to work with all of you makes our jobs very rewarding. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors! Keep in touch.


Congratulations!