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Departures

II Tutors Leave WTS for New Beginnings

Editor's Note: Due to the novel coronavirus outbreak and the cancellation of face-to-face Spring 2020 classes and activities, this newsletter contains only incoming and outgoing tutor profiles.

Adam Diersing



Adam Diersing is a Bloomington-raised graduating junior at Indiana University, studying Public

Policy with a minor in Environmental Management. In his time at IU, Adam served as a tutor with Writing Tutorial Services and an intern with SustainIU working on sustainable food production and education. Through the O'Neill Honors Program, Adam completed a thesis on industry bias in Colorado hydraulic fracturing rulemaking. Adam has accepted a position as a Canvass Director, doing independent campaign work for pro-environment candidates during the 2020 general election cycle.

Logan Ferise

Logan Ferise is a senior at IU studying Public Relations and Arabic. In his time at WTS, he has led two working groups, one on cross-cultural writing and one that introduced WTS to the Student Advocates

Office, where he worked the summer after his junior year. At WTS, Logan has learned how to meet students where they are, both in the writing process and in their lives, in order to best serve them. He hopes to use this in his career in student affairs. In the fall, Logan hopes to begin a Master's program in Higher Education.

Courtney Jewell

Courtney Jewell is a graduating senior at Indiana University, double majoring in both Speech and Hearing Sciences and Psychology. Aside from being a writing tutor at WTS, Courtney was also a teacher's assistant for Abnormal Psychology and worked in the Dementia Care unit at Hearststone Health Center. Through all experiences at Indiana University, Courtney says that WTS gave her the best opportunity to connect with students from a variety of educational and cultural backgrounds, widening her scope of the culture at IU. After graduation, Courtney will be attending Ohio State University to receive a dual Masters-PhD degree in Neurological Communication Disorders.

Sarina King-Criss



Sarina King-Criss will be graduating in August with a BLS in Arts, Humanities, and Folklore with high

distinction. Her specialty is Internet folklore practices. She has loved working for WTS! She acquired many valuable skills there, and she'll miss everybody! She plans to apply to IU's interdisciplinary curatorship MA program with the goal of working in a cultural archive. She's also working on opening a wedding officiant business called Love, Celebrated. She's adopting a new kitten! She can generally be found cooking, writing, or reading with her four pets and her husband of nine years, or hiking with her dog Mabel.

Chris Mura



Chris Mura is a graduating senior at Indiana University studying Journalism and Cinema Production. Chris has worked for

the Indiana Daily Student and other student media, studied filmmaking in Prague, and on free days can be found in the WIUX studio or volunteering at the IU Cinema. Working at WTS has taught Chris how to thoughtfully work with every student to meet their writing goals. After graduation, Chris will stay in Bloomington for a year and hopes to get a job in the film industry.

Ria Rebein



Ria Rebein is a senior studying English, International Studies, and Spanish. In her time at IU she was a Director on the Union

Board, a General Manager for College Mentors for Kids, studied abroad in Chile and Spain, and a member of Alpha Gamma

Delta sorority. Ria has loved building relationships with students at WTS and becoming a more empathetic listener and a better writer. Ria had planned to teach English in Spain for a year but is currently exploring safer options for the time being.

Haley Wilson



Haley Wilson is a graduating senior studying Spanish and Arabic at IU. She completed an honors thesis on memory

museums in the Southern Cone of South America in the Spanish Department, studied abroad in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, and been a part of Teatro VIDA, IU's Spanish-language theatre troupe, twice. Working at WTS has taught Haley about working with students of many different backgrounds. Next year, Haley will begin law school at the University of Pennsylvania. She hopes to use her language skills and WTS experience in her law practice.

Brian Alt



Brian Alt graduates in May with a PhD in Religious Studies. His dissertation examines the interactions of philosophy, ritual

practice, and the astrological worldview of cosmic sympathy in Late Antiquity. He is currently teaching ancient Greek online and working on his next book.

Sami Atassi



Sami H Atassi is a PhD candidate in the English department. While Sami's primary focus of study is the philosophical affordance of satires

written during the antebellum American period, his other interests include studying Arabic, writing poetry, and indulging in open conversation. Some of his published work can be found in *Studies in American Humor* and *The Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies*. Since joining the brilliant team at WTS, Sami has gained a deeper appreciation for and understanding of the unique ways through which each of us approaches the processes of research, writing, and learning.

Parker, CO, Matt attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is a die-hard Cornhusker fan, though he still finds room to cheer on the Hoosiers, just not when they're playing Nebraska. While at IU, Matt served as the president of the Local Government Management Association and was an active member of the Hoosier Catholic community at St. Paul's. Working at WTS has helped Matt hone his own writing skills and think about the writing process in a more holistic way. Matt's next plans are to work in the policy arena in Indianapolis, hopefully at the Statehouse.

Keith Seeley

Keith Seeley received his Master's Degree from Indiana University's Department of Central Eurasian Studies in May of 2020. His research explores gender roles of elite women in Kitan and Mongol society during the medieval period. Working at WTS provided Keith with the opportunity to gain experience helping students and make many new friends. Keith's current plans are to move to China and find work as a history teacher.

Matt Server



Matt Server graduated from IU's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs in May with his Master's

Degree in Public Affairs. Originally from

Incoming Tutors

10 New Students Join WTS Ranks

Sammi Bilitz

Sammi Bilitz is a rising sophomore at Indiana University studying Journalism and International Studies. You can usually find Sammi studying in the lobby of the GSI building or drinking copious amounts of tea at the Pour House on Kirkwood. Looking very far down the road, Sammi hopes that she will be an international journalist or foreign correspondent with her degree. While she still has doubts about W-131 papers, she is nonetheless very excited to start tutoring officially in the fall!.

Ellie Clark



Ellie Clark is a junior from Indianapolis studying Policy Analysis at the O'Neill School, with a double minor in Education Policy and

Communication and Public Advocacy. When in Bloomington, Ellie enjoys seeing shows at the IU Auditorium, perusing the Farmers Market, and eating at Fourth Street restaurants with her friends from the Civic Leaders Center and Delta Gamma Fraternity. Ellie is eager to tutor at WTS because she loves to write, and she looks forward to helping others express themselves in this way. In the future, she hopes to attend law school.

Lizzie Gaugel

Lizzie Gaugel is a freshman studying English. Lizzie is a part of the Big Ten Voting Challenge branch at IU and loves being an active part of encouraging civic engagement on campus. When she's not in class, you can find Lizzie in her

hammock around campus or hanging out at Wells Library. Lizzie loves WTS because it provides an excellent community of academics to learn alongside; she hopes to encourage more students to come to WTS to experience this excellent resource and meet some wonderful people along the way.

Molly Duffner



Molly Duffner is a freshman at Indiana University studying Spanish and Physician Assistant Studies.

Molly is a big fan of nature and most days can be found either reading, running, or listening to music outside. Working at WTS has taught Molly that writing is an important skill in every field of study. Because it is so inescapable, Molly loves being a part of helping people grow and feel confident in their ability to write. After graduation, Molly wants to go to PA school and write a novel.

Chance Gompert



Chance Gompert is a sophomore at IU studying Trombone Performance with Denson Paul Pollard. During the course of his degree,

Chance has been chosen as a finalist/winner for several national and international solo competitions, and was recently awarded

a full-tuition scholarship to attend the Miami Summer Music Festival. Chance has enjoyed his WTS training this year and feels ready to jump into his tutoring work whenever he's able. Besides his coursework, Chance enjoys learning about and listening to music of any kind, but especially has a soft spot for folk and indie music.

Dayanara Leija



Dayanara Leija will begin her senior year at IU this upcoming fall, majoring in Public Management and minoring in Urban

Planning and Community Development. In her time on campus, Dayanara has served as the Director of Programming for Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and interned at several not-for-profit organizations. Unfortunately, her internship plans for this summer are uncertain due to the current global circumstances. For now, Dayanara plans to continue her online tutoring job with the D. Ames Shuel Academic Center. She hopes that this will help her become a greater, more experienced tutor for WTS.

Andrew Meighan



Andrew Meighan is a freshman at Indiana University studying Physics and Business. Andrew swims for the IU Swim

Club and would have gone to Nationals this past April. By working at WTS in the coming school year, Andrew hopes to help students reach their writing goals.

Lane Shamp

Lane Shamp is a freshman at Indiana University studying Neuroscience while also completing the Pre-Med track and a Classical Civilizations minor. Lane has received a job this summer with the Indiana University Office of First Year Experiences as an orientation leader for this summer's New Student Orientation program. Lane has just completed the WTS undergraduate trainee course and cannot wait to start tutoring as soon as possible.

Ashlynn Wheat

Ashlynn Wheat is a freshman at IU. While at IU, she is studying Psychology with a minor in Spanish, and she hopes to go to grad school for clinical psychology after graduating. On her free days, she can be found spending time with her friends and volunteering around Bloomington. Training for WTS has taught her a lot about writing and her peers, and she is looking forward to starting as a tutor in Fall 2020.

Emma Cail

Emma Cail is a senior at Indiana University studying Law & Public Policy with a minor in Communication and Public Advocacy. In addition to working at WTS, Emma interned this spring semester at the Arnolt Center for Investigative Journalism as an investigative reporter. Emma's experience as a tutor has taught her how to assist her peers in improving aspects of their papers as well as their writing skills. After graduation, Emma hopes to attend law school.