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A recent Ursinus graduate has been living in the Dominican Republic in order to further her personal and professional goals. This year, Kelly Johnson ’17 was selected as one of the 31 winners of the Princeton in Latin America (PiLA) Fellowship. PiLA partners with non-governmental organizations and multilateral organizations to place 31 recent graduates in year-long service fellowships with non-profit, public service, humanitarian, and government organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

“Although one may be selected as a finalist for the program, he or she does not become a fellow until they are matched with a partner organization,” Johnson said. “I was fortunate enough to be partnered with an organization and therefore officially became a PiLA Fellow.”

According to the Ursinus website, fellows address issues such as accessibility, inclusion, community health, conservation, education, and girls’ and women’s economic empowerment.

Johnson’s fellowship consists of being an English teacher at Liceo Científico Dr. Miguel Canela Lázaro, a STEAM-based (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) school for students in grades 6-12 located in Provincia Hermanas Mirabal, Dominican Republic.

There were several things Johnson did with her time at Ursinus to set her up to receive this award. Johnson majored in Spanish and Peace and Social Justice Studies and minored in Latin American Studies.

“The combination of these courses of study allowed me to gain theoretical and experiential knowledge of the socio-historical context in Latin American countries,” Johnson said. Johnson explained that her participation in the Bonner Leader program piqued her interest in learning about social justice issues in Latin America, as well as teaching English to native Spanish speakers.

Her role as coordinator of the Ursinus ESL program was especially formative in shaping her desire to participate in a program like PiLA. Finally, her study abroad experience in Argentina left her with a desire to return to a Latin American country and further her research and work. All of Johnson’s hard work paid off in the end. “After I found out I was selected for the PiLA Fellowship I was ecstatic. I had spent the previous year as a Fellow for Border Servant Corps in the US-Mexico borderlands and was hoping to have the opportunity to live abroad again.”

Johnson explained that once she was accepted into the program, there were slight changes to her placement organization, but once everything was set, she was excited and nervous.

“I had never been to the Dominican Republic before, and my Honors thesis at Ursinus focused on Bolivia and Mexico, so I knew that there would be a large learning curve once I got here. At the same time, I felt grateful for the opportunity to learn about a new region of Latin America.”

As for the future, Johnson said, “The long-term plan is to go to graduate school and pursue a degree in Sociology with a concentration on Latin America as a region or Latin American migration to the US.”

In regards to short-term plans, Johnson said that she wants to “return to the US-México border region to continue working with migrant communities there.” Johnson is confident this award will help her with her ventures, not only now in the Dominican Republic, but in her future as well.

“I’m fortunate to work with a group of colleagues who come from all over the world: France, Germany, Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, Spain, Macedonia, Canada, the US, and the Dominican Republic. All of these educators have helped me to implement new pedagogies in the classroom and have guided me through some of the challenges of being a first-time teacher. Moving here has helped me to learn to advocate for myself and to persevere in the face of adversity. All of these aspects will help to guide me in my future endeavors,” Johnson said.

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Student discusses journey with brain surgery

Sophomore Renee Butler now studies neuroscience at Ursinus

On September 18, 2008, Renee Butler, a current sophomore at Ursinus, underwent a serious brain surgery that changed the course of her life forever. Butler was born with tangled arteries in her brain that resulted in missing capillaries. This led to a buildup of blood pressure. The pain worsened by age nine and, eventually, she went to the ER where she waited for four hours to be tested.

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Class of 2021

Butler was hospitalized for a week, as doctors ran MRI and CAT scans. The doctors concluded that she had had tangled arteries since birth that needed to be surgically removed. In addition, they stated that she was bleeding in all four quadrants of her brain, which caused the massive pain. The last scan test they ran on Butler was to be her surgi...
The Seashore Rehab House, is a rehab therapy. Her therapy, where Butler relocated for right away. CHOP stands for when results aren’t being seen strength [and] biggest lesson of feel safe. It’s truly a test of your from CHOP who all made me had my mom and a support staff again. But I wasn’t scared...I had my mom and a support staff from CHOP who made me feel safe. "I was still in pain. I remember feeling defeated when I tried to move my body, and even more the first time I tried to walk again. But I wasn’t scared...I had my mom and a support staff from CHOP who made me feel safe." —Renee Butler Class of 2021

The biggest thing for people to remember is that kids can have strokes too. I hope to inspire kids in similar situations to never give up and keep reaching for their goals.

Today, Butler is a striving college student majoring in neuroscience. Within this field of study, she plans to one day conduct research on pediatric brain trauma — on kids who have gone through an experience similar to her own. Her story was even picked up by the local Fox affiliate.

With 98% of her movement back, Butler is moving forward and stays inspired. Her traumatic experience at such a young age has not stopped her from seeing the good in life. I’m not mad or upset it happened,” she states, “I wouldn’t be who I am today if it didn’t. My surgery and experience in the hospital influenced my life in so many positive aspects. The biggest thing for people to remember is that kids can have strokes too. I hope to inspire kids in similar situations to never give up and keep reaching for their goals.

Great things are yet to come for Renee Butler as she continues to be an inspiration for many just like her.

Word on the Street

How do you feel about Thanksgiving?

“Thanksgiving is a holiday that really lets you forget about the hate you’ve felt throughout the year by redirecting that hate where it matters most-- your family.”
—Jen Joseph, 2020

“We should obviously recognize what happened with the [Native Americans] and stuff. I feel like it’s still a pretty good holiday though.”
—Jason Cayetano, 2022

“I think it’s an awesome holiday. I love the turkey, and we get school off so that’s a plus.”
—Josef Klausner, 2019

“I don’t respect its origins, but coming together as a family to enjoy a meal is tight.”
—Cyn Ercole, 2021

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Ursinus and the armed forces

Senior Alana Lorraine talks about her experience in the Army Reserves

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This fall, in celebration of Thanksgiving and Veterans Day, “The Grizzly” would like to thank all those who have served and are serving now. This includes Alana Lorraine ’19, who is a part of the Army Reserves, and even our own President Brock Blomberg, who served in the United States Military for eight years, including as a Captain in the Army Reserve. Thank you to those who fight on the battlefield and choose to put themselves in jeopardy on a daily basis.

Lorraine said she joined the Reserves because, “I didn’t feel like I was making my largest impact on helping the world and thought the Army Reserves would be an opportunity to better not only myself, but the world around me.” Lorraine decided to take this courageous step on her own; she does not have any veterans in her family.

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Being a female in the military is a challenge. Lorraine noted that her experiences in the Reserves “has had its ups and downs.” She said, “My goal in joining was to have an exciting job where I felt that if I were to get deployed, that I would be as up close and personal with the enemy as possible. I am a combat engineer, and at the time of my enlistment, it was the only ‘combat’ job open to females. The most challenging part was in the beginning, entering a unit with all guys. They were all nervous about having a female in the unit and really had never had one around before, so some of them really didn’t know how to act or were scared of saying [or] doing something that would get them in trouble.”

Lorraine went on to describe the positive elements of the Reserves and said, “The most rewarding part has been learning new skill sets as well as becoming family with a lot of the people I have met throughout my army unit, army trainings, and army schools. The bonds I have built with a lot of the soldiers I have met are ones that I will cherish for a lifetime.”

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Fridge of the week

Lily McQueen’s lab fridge, which contains several strains of antibiotic resistant bacteria, looks like a Sci-Fi Horror film waiting to happen.

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Farm Fellowship and the Ursinus Campus Farm

An opportunity to gain first-hand experience with agriculture, sustainability, and food management

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Next to Hunssinger Woods, just down 9th avenue, the Ursinus Campus Farm awaits the arrival of the next group of Farm Fellows. This hidden gem provides Ursinus students with locally-grown produce and an opportunity to gain first-hand experience with agriculture, sustainability, and food management. The Farm Fellowship, which is one of the Sustainability Fellows positions at Ursinus, is a one-credit course that gives students a chance to gain presentation and communication skills, work on team-building experience, develop project management skills and grow as leaders.

Kate Keppen, Director of the UC Office of Sustainability, said “the Campus Farm is a special place on campus as it contains within its boundaries a lot of thinking, learning, and action. At the farm, Farm Fellows are able to see and partake in the actual growing of our food. We investigate soil conditions and the resources needed to grow crops. The Fellows are then able to see the business side of food production as we work with Dining Services and hold Farm Markets over the summer.”

The Farm Fellowship application is closed for 2019, but those interested in agriculture, food systems and agroecology should consider this amazing opportunity for 2020. A Farm Fellow’s job is to plan and implement a growing season at the farm. This calls for a knowledge of gardening or farming, creative problem solving and a desire to work on learning more about science and sustainability. Student Fellows continue their hands-on education in the summer after starting in the spring. Keppen said, the “Farm Fellowship is a hands-on learning experience, we do spend time in a class setting exploring sustainability and agricultural topics, but the summertime experience of a Farm Fellowship at Ursinus is pretty unique.”

Sophomore Jess Greenburg, a former Farm Fellow, was one of the lucky students to stay on campus over the break to further sustainability goals and maintain the Campus Farm. She said, “being a Farm Fellow has been an incredibly fulfilling experience for me. I’m super grateful to have had the opportunity to not only learn how to manage a farm, but to grow food for the campus and share the outdoors with all of our fantastic volunteers.”

Blueberries and cucumbers were two popular produce items produced by the farm this past summer. Throughout the growing season, Fellows could be found growing, prepping, and washing produce to prepare it for sale at the market. Some even got to sample the delicious blueberries right off the bush. Greenburg said, “the feeling of eating your own fresh blueberries and knowing that you contributed to the health of the planet is amazing.”

The Campus Farm also offers volunteer opportunities throughout the year. A major event for the farm and Fellows is the annual Fall Harvest Fest. Face painting, henna, and palm readings were the features of this year’s event. “There are so many staff, faculty, and students that I never would have met without the campus farm,” Greenburg said.

In addition to the Farm Fellow, Sustainability Fellows work in many different areas at Ursinus. The bikeshare fellow runs the Ursinus bikeshare program. The energy fellow observes and analyzes our campus’ energy consumption. The sustainable food fellow works to promote sustainable eating on campus. UC Green network coordinator is the sustainability representative to the campus and works to develop a culture of sustainability. Finally, the waste diversion fellow works on recycling, municipal solid waste, composting on campus. Keppen said, “anyone that is interested in learning more about the Campus Farm or Sustainability Fellows can feel free to email me at kkeppen@ursinus.edu or sustainability@ursinus.edu. We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the farm for a few hours.”

This upcoming April, general Sustainability Fellows applications for the 2019-2020 school year will open.

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Happening on Campus

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Abolishing ICE isn’t radical, it’s obvious

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The United States brands itself as the land of opportunity. The country was built by immigrants and has continually championed itself as such. It’s this branding that has persuaded people to immigrate here in an attempt to improve their lives. The current administration is increasingly crushing these aspirations through xenophobic rhetoric and harmful policies, but the worst offender is the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

Don’t let anyone tell you that ICE is a vital part of the United States’ government. The department was created in 2002 by former President George W. Bush, which means it’s only 16 years old. The country operated without it for most of its existence, so abolishing ICE should not be labeled a “radical” idea. During former president Obama’s first term, ICE retained the same policies it had under the Bush administration and the number of deportations increased. In Obama’s second term, he refocused the agency’s priorities. Obama argued that ICE should primarily target criminals. Even that strategic pivot should be met with scrutiny, however. Having a criminal record does not make someone deserving of deportation. Police have been accused of racially profiling latino drivers for traffic stops, according to the “Los Angeles Times.” A distinction between “good” and “bad” immigrants based on criminal records isn’t clear-cut.

Now, under Trump’s presidency, ICE’s goal will be to deport any undocumented immigrants. Last year, ICE made 143,000 arrests - an increase of 30 percent from the previous year. Trump isn’t focused on just criminals anymore. The new goal has led ICE to commit atrocities towards undocumented people.

In March, an ICE pursuit in Kern County, California caused the death of two parents. ICE misidentified Santos Hilario Garcia for the person they were targeting for deportation. Their pursuit led to him crashing his vehicle and dying along with his wife, Marcellina Garcia Perfecto. These two people were undocumented, but they weren’t the intended targets. ICE blamed the incident on Los Angeles for being a sanctuary city and ultimately faced no consequences. These kind of events are not uncommon and the frequency of them will only increase as ICE continues to target all undocumented immigrants.

Taxpayers are funding attacks on American communities. ICE raids have separated children with citizenship from their undocumented parents. The agency’s leaders have expressed no remorse about these actions, as the previous director, Thomas Homan, stated earlier this year on national television, “If you’re in this country illegally and you committed a crime by being in this country, you should look over your shoulder. You need to be worried.” He also threatened to incarcerate local officials in sanctuary cities that don’t cooperate with ICE. The acting director, Ronald D. Vitiello, implemented family separation policies along the border this past summer.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement is a judicially untouchable police force with totalitarian tendencies, which does not work for the U.S. claims it stands for: a free and prosperous society.

Lying in fear is the opposite of that, but since undocumented immigrants are dehumanized by the term “illegal alien,” a significant portion of the country overlooks their mistreatment.

The United States should abolish ICE. This agency costs the government $5.8 billion a year. That money funds a police-state that dehumanizes and mistreats people without repercussions. It strips people of their families and homes, sometimes even their lives. Getting rid of ICE is the clear step morally and ethically.
The Bears are trying to honor his sudden passing earlier this year. Coach Racich’s legacy at Ursinus remains palpable, even after his sudden passing earlier this year. The Bears are trying to honor his legacy with the rest of this season.

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Football caps season with four straight wins, take Centennial/MAC Bowl title

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Ursinus Football won the Centennial/MAC Bowl on Nov. 17 over Misericordia College. The victory capped off the Bears fourth straight win to end the season. The most exciting victory in the stretch came against Franklin and Marshall College (F&M).

On Nov. 3, Ursinus football fought a war of strategy, toughness, and collective willpower. There was a comeback from a 17 point deficit, a counter from a conference rival, and a game winning kick from a linebacker. It was a unique football game, the likes of which you’re unlikely to see again.

The team went into its first game of the month knowing that this was a special, different game. Junior quarterback Tom Garlick was set to become Ursinus’ all time leader in passing yards. Ursinus was traveling to face its notorious Centennial Conference rivals, F&M.

“This was the first time that my class of seniors has beaten them, so it felt great to have a part in making that happen for our team,” senior Kirk Cherneskie said.

It would have been easy to expect that this time, F&M would once again take down the Bears. According to Ursinus Athletics, the score was 17-0 at one point. By halftime the Bears managed to chip away at the deficit, narrowing it to

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