

2021 Mortar Board Outstanding Senior Recognition Ceremony

College of Business

Department of Accounting and Finance

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Accounting	Charles Luther	Tony Crawford

Charlie grew up in central North Dakota and served in the United States Marines. During his time at the University of Montana, Charlie competed in the John Ruffatto Business Start-up Challenge and is currently working as a tax intern at Wipfli LLP. His professors describe Charlie as kind and friendly to his peers, and a natural leader in the classroom. After graduating, Charlie intends to pursue a career in public accounting.

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Finance	Riley Sletten	Tony Crawford

Riley is from Laurel Montana and is double majoring in Accounting and Finance. While in School Riley served as President of Beta Alpha Psi, and tutored introductory accounting classes as part of Study Jam. Additionally, Riley has completed internships at Stockman Bank and KPMG. After graduation, Riley plans to move to Seattle to work in auditing for KPMG, and to pass the CPA Exam.

Department of Management & Marketing

<u>Major</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Entertainment Management	Katrina Liston	Mike Morelli

Kat has shown exceptional initiative in the UMEM program. By taking advantage of offered opportunities from guest instructor music artists', to identify and secure an internship in music marketing, her initiative and enthusiasm bode well for her future.

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International Business	Allison Grigonis	Justin Angle

In my nearly 20 years serving as the primary advisor for the international business (IB) major and faculty-member who teaches several classes in the management major, I have found Allison to be the most capable, conscientious, curious and highest-performing students I have ever had. She was a student in 4 of my upper-division classes, where she was the highest performing student in every class. She consistently demonstrated a level of commitment and maturity in her academic pursuits by requiring more of herself than what is minimally-required of her. She showed a personal drive to broaden her academic program by studying abroad in Japan, learning Japanese, strengthening her language skills outside the classroom learning environment through her on-going interactions with her current and former instructors. As a result, she has developed a high degree of cultural intelligence that is rare even in today's globalized society. She will be an asset wherever she goes in any capacity she chooses to pursue.
-Sherry Liikala, International Business Lecturer

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Management	Erik Andreas Pschernig	Justin Angle

Erik always came to class having reviewed the materials and ready to discuss. He raised interesting and insightful questions and really contributed to class discussion. In the HRM course, students do a consulting project with a local business. Erik and his team engaged with their business very professionally, sought to understand their HR needs, created a useful HR tool, and presented their recommendations and tools to the business leaders in a Zoom call. I was impressed with Erik's dedication to the project, his contribution to his team's work, and his professional communication skills.

Erik took his HR skills to an internship last summer with the Compensation Director for STV, a construction and engineering company of around 2400 employees, out of New York City. At the completion of his internship, he received a job offer and is now a compensation analyst for the company – working part-time until he finishes his degree, and then going full time.

Erik is a terrific example of a student who discovered what he was interested in, pursued his goals, and has found success. He has shown self-motivation and grit, and I am sure that he will continue to succeed. - Dr. Theresa Floyd, Associate Professor of Management

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Management Information Systems	Michael McGinnis	Cameron Lawrence

Michael McGinnis is an outstanding young man who excelled in the Management Information Systems program in the College of Business. The MIS faculty recognized his exceptional talents and abilities throughout his time in our program. In addition to first-rate intellectual abilities, he also demonstrated strong leadership skills while working on complex problems in team settings. His strong communication skills were also apparent to faculty and his fellow students. The aforementioned attributes were amplified by a fierce work ethic and a strong desire to succeed, which helped him stand out among a group of exceptional students. Michael is an outstanding young man who will find success and fulfillment in whatever career path he elects to invest his considerable talents.

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Marketing	Hanna Jo Kosbab	Justin Angle

Hanna excelled in a challenging senior elective, Marketing of High-Technology Products & Innovations. Her strong desire to do her absolute best in all her assignments, coupled with her dependability, conscientiousness, and willingness to help others put her at the top of the class. She and her class partner pursued the use of virtual reality in K-12 education for their class project, which she posted to LinkedIn. - Jakki Mohr, Regents Professor of Marketing