

2024 Graduates





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Libby Arnold

Major: Public Relations, Minor in Business Administration

First Destination Outcome: Coordinator of Events and Giveaways for the Kansas City Royals

Words to Describe You: Passionate. Hardworking. Driven.

"My Jewell experience changed my life in the best way possible. I was pushed academically and athletically, which led me to the work ethic I have now that I use everyday in my career."



Share a favorite college memory.

One of my favorite college memories was my basketball senior day. I felt the love of the Jewell community and from my teammates. I felt an overwhelming sense of pride to be a part of the Jewell family and will cherish all the memories I had at Jewell.

Describe your employment experience.

I started my role with the Royals as an intern and was promoted halfway through my internship to a full-time coordinator. My experience has been amazing! I am surrounded by outstanding leaders who push me to grow in my career and as a person.

Aryonna Straws

Major: Accounting

First Destination Outcome: Audit Associate at KPMG, LLP

Words to Describe You: Creative. Empathetic. Driven.

"The critical thinking skills that I gained at Jewell make me want to understand the world around me on a deeper, holistic level. It has changed the way that I read the news, interact with others, and how I process information in both my personal and professional life."





How has your Jewell experience impacted you and what you're doing now?

My Jewell experience has equipped me with the confidence and skills to enter the professional setting and make meaningful connections with my coworkers, managers, and clients. I feel like I am well prepared and deserving to be in these professional spaces because of the exposure I had as a Jewell student.

Share a favorite college memory.

As Vice President of Black Student Alliance, I organized a clothing drive on behalf of the club and partnered with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kansas City to donate over 800 articles of clothing items from William Jewell students, staff, and faculty. The entire campus participated.



Ethan Nichols

Major: Biochemistry

First Destination Outcome: Doctor of Dental Surgery Student with UMKC School of Dentistry

Words to Describe You: Persistent. Ambitious. Inquisitive.

"My professors inspired me greatly. Having a deep connection with these highly educated and awarded individuals, and seeing their investment towards me as a student and as an individual gave faith in reaching my goals."

What inspired you in college (in addition to professors)?

My close friends inspired me greatly. I was able to have an amazing friend group throughout college that I now consider my family.

Individually, we all had very high goals for ourselves, and would be each other's accountability partners.

Seeing each other reach our goals would always be inspiring and motivating to reach our goals.

What do you admire most about Jewell?

What I admire most about Jewell is the opportunity to have one-on-one learning with the professors. Rather than being just another student within the system, one can build meaningful relationships with their professors that can last a lifetime.



A portrait of Brynesha Griffin, a young Black woman with short hair, wearing glasses, a white collared shirt, a dark vest with two white ghost patches, and a gold necklace. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a light fixture.

Brynesha Griffin

Major: Music Education & Secondary Education

First Destination Outcome: Music Teacher at Renner Elementary School for Park Hill School District

Words to Describe You: Kind. Warm. Reflective.

“The rigor of being a student at Jewell and being held to high expectations makes the transition of having a full time career a lot less daunting.”



What do you admire most about Jewell?

I love how Jewell is a place that wants to send students out into the world feeling ready to conquer real world problems and issues. Jewell slowly but surely builds and invests in learners who are going to be leaders in their fields.

How are you currently using the critical thinking skills you gained at Jewell?

Teaching is different every day of the week. I am using the critical thinking skills I acquired at Jewell in how I approach my students, how I resolve conflict between students, and how I am presenting content to my students every day.

A portrait of Carter Lipari, a young man with dark curly hair and a beard, smiling. He is wearing a brown jacket. The background is a bright outdoor setting with green foliage.


Carter Lipari

Major: Nursing

First Destination Outcome: Nurse at Centerpoint Hospital in ICU.

Words to Describe You: Hardworking. Caring.

"In college, I learned I can do, focus, and work harder than I ever thought I could."



How has your Jewell experience impacted you and what you're doing now?

My professors allowed me to see how many avenues there are in Nursing and how you can become what you want as a nurse.

What aspects of your Jewell experience prepared you most for life after college?

The details that Jewell requires prepared me most. In a lot of life and work, you have to get the small things right!