



Morgen Smith is a sophomore Politics and International Affairs major from Dover, New Hampshire. Ms. Smith is a Duke Scholar, a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society, outreach chair for the Mere Christianity Forum, and a consultant in the Writing and Media Lab. She is involved in the Exploration of Vocation and Ministry program, the Political Thought Club, and the Furman Club Swim Team. In May 2019, Ms. Smith traveled to Rwanda to study conflict resolution and restorative justice. In the summer of 2019, she interned with a non-profit that focuses on leadership and peace-building with youth from divided communities, and she currently interns at United Ministries in Greenville. She looks forward to discovering where her varied interests will lead her in the future.



Grant Sommers is a junior Politics and International Affairs and Asian Studies double-major from Rochester, New York. In his spare time, Mr. Sommers enjoys singing in Furman's co-ed *cappella* group, practicing the piano, and traveling. He studies the Chinese language and has spent significant time living in China. This coming Spring, he will study in Brussels, Belgium, where he will intern with a European Parliament member from Malta. After graduation, he hopes to work in the public sector, either as a public defender or in the foreign service.



Price St. Clair is a sophomore Politics & International Affairs major from Boone, North Carolina. He is a James B. Duke scholar and a member of the Political Thought Club, the Riley Institute Advance Team, Dins Vote, and the Mere Christianity Forum. An endurance athlete and outdoors enthusiast, Mr. St. Clair is currently Vice President of the Furman Running Club. Last summer, he attended a seminar on Tocqueville at the Abigail Adams Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. St. Clair is fascinated by American politics and is curious about the way that faith, philosophy, and politics intersect in our pluralist society.



Allyson Stevens is a junior Classics and Politics & International Affairs double-major from Lothian, Maryland. At Furman, she serves as a Residential Advisor and is the Secretary of the Mock Trial team, and she is a member of the Political Thought Club and the Pre-Law Society. This past fall, she studied abroad in Athens, Greece, to advance her study of Ancient Greek and Latin. In the summer of 2018, Ms. Stevens was a Research Fellow for Furman's Classics department, where she updated the database of ancient Roman and Byzantine coins; she also interned at the Maryland State's Attorney's Office. This coming summer, she will devote a third year to mentoring high school students in Furman's Top Mock program. Upon graduation, she plans to attend law school and pursue a career in government and constitutional law.



Benjamin Wirzba is a senior Politics & International Affairs and Philosophy double-major from Hillsborough, North Carolina. He is the president of the Political Thought Club, as well as a member of and Standards Chair for the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He is involved in the Mere Christianity Forum and several other campus organizations, and he enjoys running, writing fiction, and playing guitar. In the summer of 2019, he interned at Feed and Seed, a Greenville-based non-profit that works to address food insecurity. His long-term interests center on philosophy, political thought, and the environment, which he hopes to pursue in graduate school.



Devin (Kaiming) Zhang is a sophomore Philosophy and English double-major from China. He is currently pondering how to combat his addiction to over-achievement culture and to using fancy terms. He is a member of the Political Thought Club and enjoys reclining on a hammock, discussing philosophy, politics, art, and literature. Mr. Zhang plans to conduct research this coming summer on two topics: the first, a metaphysical argument that it is possible for two ideologies considered antithetical to coexist; the second, drawing from psychoanalysis, critical theory and philosophy, an argument that postmodernism is a passive response rather than an active reaction to modernity.



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The Society of Tocqueville Fellows is an intellectual community devoted to understanding the contemporary political world with the aid of wisdom gleaned from the tradition of political philosophy. By engaging with the best arguments supporting diverse and competing points of view, we see how many of the questions debated today are rightly the timeless topics of the most serious and searching conversations.

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Nathaniel Bilodeau is a senior Philosophy and Politics & International Affairs double-major from Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Bilodeau is involved in the Mock Trial Program, Philosophy Club, the Ultimate Frisbee Team, Board Game Club, and the Riley Institute Advance Team. In the summer of 2018, he was an intern at McGuireWoods Consulting in Richmond. He hopes to attend law school and eventually pursue a career in public policy or law.



Emily Bolvig is a junior Economics major and Psychology minor from Mountain Brook, Alabama. Through the Tocqueville Society, Ms. Bolvig hopes to gain wisdom about human nature in order to bring new insight to the field of behavioral economics. She hopes to use this knowledge to influence people to make more ecologically-friendly choices in their everyday lives.



Erica Daly is a sophomore Politics & International Affairs major from Fort Mill, South Carolina. She is a member of Furman's competitive Mock Trial team, where she serves as both an attorney and a witness. During her time at Furman, Ms. Daly has interned at an Intellectual Property law firm in Bangkok, Thailand, and has participated in The Washington Experience. She is a part of the Riley Institute Advance Team, a member of the Academic Discipline Committee, and leader of DinsVote. In

her spare time, Ms. Daley enjoys watching historical documentaries and reading the works of Emily Dickinson. She hopes to attend law school after graduation in order to advocate for victims of domestic violence and to one day hold a position in public service in South Carolina.



Mason Davis is a senior English major from Easley, South Carolina. Mr. Davis is a transfer student from Greenville Technical College, where he received an Associate of Arts degree prior to his enrollment at Furman University. He is a member of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society and a member of the Political Thought Club. His academic interests lie in Literature and Political Thought. In his personal time, he enjoys creative writing and reading literature, philosophy, and history. Following his graduation, he will endeavor to continue his academic career by attending graduate school. Mr. Davis is the first in his family to pursue a higher education.



Tom Feingold is a junior Politics & International Affairs and German Studies double-major from Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. At Furman, Mr. Feingold is involved in the Pre-Law Society, the Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society, and the worship team for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He previously served as the Program Director for Catholic Campus Ministries and is currently the head lifeguard at Furman's Physical Activities Center. In the summer of 2019, Mr. Feingold worked as temporary intake manager for the Charleston Legal Access team, helping to provide legal services to those of low and moderate income in Charleston. In his spare time, he enjoys swimming and rock climbing. Mr. Feingold hopes to attend law school after graduation and pursue a career in law or politics.



Ali Hermetz is a sophomore Philosophy and German Studies double-major from Greenville, South Carolina. At Furman, she is Copy Editor of *The Paladin*, a consultant in the Writing and Media Lab, and a member of the Political Thought Club. In her free time, Ms. Hermetz enjoys reading, as well as playing a variety of instruments, including clarinet in Furman's Symphonic Band and tenor saxophone in the Marching Band. She will be studying abroad in Berlin, Germany in the Spring of 2020, where she will continue pursuing her interests in philosophy, language, and politics.



Naomi LaDine is a junior Politics & International Affairs major from Whitinsville, Massachusetts. Ms. LaDine is the Vice President of the Political Thought Club and an intern with the Tocqueville Program. In the summer of 2019, Ms. LaDine interned at the Abigail Adams Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she had the opportunity to lead a reading group on C.S. Lewis. She has also attended political thought seminars at the Witherspoon Institute at Princeton University and the Hertog Foundation in Washington, D.C. Ms. LaDine enjoys going on walks, reading classics and poetry, and hosting informal discussion groups in her living room. She values relationships built on shared curiosity and has lately been wondering about the role of truth in friendship.



Jonathan McKinney is a sophomore Politics & International Affairs major from Charleston, South Carolina. His interests vary broadly, including philosophy and computer science in addition to politics. He currently serves as the treasurer of Furman's Mere Christianity Forum and as an Archon of the Political Thought Club. Last summer, Mr. McKinney attended the week-long seminar, "Work, Leisure, and the Good Life," at the Elm Institute at Yale University. In the future, he plans to pursue opportunities involving law and public policy.



Thomas Moore is a senior Philosophy and Politics & International Affairs double-major from Athens, Georgia. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and the Political Thought Club. He has served as News Editor for the school newspaper, *The Paladin*, and competed for two years on Furman's varsity cross-country and track teams. He has also interned with AmeriCorps through United Ministries and done editorial work for the Associate Dean of UGA Law School. He is an Honors Scholar with the Inter-collegiate Studies Institute, and he studied Virgil's *Aeneid* last summer with the Phoenix Program at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Moore is most interested in the interplay of faith, politics, and the household. He aspires to have a career in teaching or academia, in which he hopes to help young people along the path of virtue.



Evan Myers is a junior Politics & International Affairs and Spanish double-major with a minor in Latin American Studies from Birmingham, Alabama. He serves as *The Paladin* Newspaper's News Editor and is the founder of *Paladin Conversation Partners*, a program that encourages cross-cultural dialogue. In his spare time, Mr. Myers enjoys traveling, writing poetry, and learning languages. In the summer of 2019, he worked in the United States Senate and attended a selective week-long seminar at the Abigail Adams Institute at Harvard University. This spring, he will be studying abroad in Latin America. After graduation, he hopes to work in political consulting, public policy, or media.



Jaret Phillips is a senior Politics & International Affairs and History double-major from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mr. Phillips has served several times as a law intern, including at Bell, Davis & Pitt P.A.; the Federal Courthouse; and Legal Aid, where he focused on poverty law and policy. In the Spring of 2018, Mr. Phillips studied abroad in Brussels, Belgium and interned at the European Parliament. He is a member of the FUtones *a cappella* group, the Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society, the Student Alumni Council, and the Sigma Chi Fraternity. In 2018, he served as philanthropy chair in his fraternity and successfully raised over twenty thousand dollars for cancer research. In his free time, Mr. Phillips enjoys reading, running, and playing guitar. After college, he plans to attend graduate school to pursue a career in academia.



Caleb Roberson is a junior Applied Mathematics and Computer Science double-major from Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Roberson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Furman Conservative Society. He is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and serves on the Student Conduct Board. He is currently conducting research on baseball with Mathematics and Business faculty, and in his free time he enjoys supporting the Furman football, basketball, and baseball teams. After graduation, he plans to either work in analytics for a Major League Baseball team, or to attend graduate school for Data Science of Operations.



Eli Simmons is a senior Philosophy major from Greenville, South Carolina. At Furman, Mr. Simmons is president of the Philosophy Club. He is also a resident at the Vista House, where he struggles with the human condition alongside five people and four chickens. When he is not studying philosophy or brushing his teeth, Mr. Simmons can be found at the replica of Thoreau's cabin pondering the value of college education, at his brother's house talking to his two-year-old nephew about trees, at the ballet recitals of his little sister, or in his bedroom trying to become less bad at playing guitar. Upon graduation, Mr. Simmons hopes to keep doing things that matter, which may lead him to attend graduate school at some point.



Abigail Smith is a sophomore from Greenville, South Carolina. She is a member of the Political Thought Club, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, the Mere Christianity Forum, and a reading group on love and marriage, and she volunteers with the Greenville Free Medical Clinic. In the summer of 2019, Ms. Smith worked with the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D.C., where she analyzed and translated 10th-century manuscripts of the *Iliad*, and in the Fall, she studied Religion in Jerusalem, Israel. Ms. Smith is passionate about the institution of marriage and the intersection of politics, philosophy, and religion. To pursue these interests further, she will intern with the Love and Fidelity Institute this spring to develop a curriculum based on the anthology *Wing to Wing, Oar to Oar* by Drs. Amy and Leon Kass.

"Students will undoubtedly walk away from their time in the Tocqueville Program with a greater sense of urgency to read the ideas of great thinkers and to incorporate these ideas into lives of purpose and virtue." -Evan Norfleet, Class of 2018