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# *BETA GAMMA SIGMA INDUCTEES*

Nicole Ashe	Cassandra Mascarenhas	Sarah Tymm	Jennifer Hannigan
Cedar Bagley	Maria Maxsimic	Fanny Wadling	Michelle Hansen
Connor Baldwin	Katelynn McFadden	Danielle Weaver	Jennifer Boutin
Caitlyn Beaulieu	Elise McKendry	John Wolfington	Kristie Libby
Connor Bennoch	Elizabeth Moody	Michael Bailey	Sarah Gagne
Timothy Bloomer	Carson Neumann	Jennifer Baroletti	Patrick Whalen
Emily Colter	Yoav Olsen	Nathalie Brewer	Jeanette Brown
Emma Cossette	Chandler Perkins	Christine Brien	Tristan Degen
Aubrey Duplissie	Anna Peterson	Adam Caron	Jon Roy
Kelly Fogarty	Julia Phan	Nicholas Fraunfelter	Blaine Livingston
Ryan Harvey	Melissa Reichel	Tyler Jolicoeur	Amanda Mancheva
Andrew Howes	Jeremiah Richardson	Tony Paine	Sierra Santomango
Olivia Johnston	Gabrielle Sands	Steven Doman	Emerson Wright
Nathaniel Jordan	Isabella Sernyk	Kevin Dumas	Chad Caron
Michael Labun, Jr.	Evan Smith	Jacob Wildes	Mary Sedlock
Teagan LaPiere	Cassidy Tibbetts	Kim Wilson-Raymond	
Colette Latendresse	Veli-Matti Tiuraniemi	Sara McGrath	

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# FACULTY AWARD IN ACCOUNTING

## Bethany Ashley

*Buxton, Maine*

Dave Barrett remembers that Bethany's cheerful attitude and smart-as-a-whip intellect made her an instant favorite with the students in Accounting 201 lab. In addition to taking over the leadership of UMaine's Institute of Management Accountants chapter, Bethany is an MBS Ambassador and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, where she serves as treasurer. She has had internships with BerryDunn, and will be starting the MaineMBA program in Portland in the fall.

*Congratulations, Bethany!*

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## FACULTY AWARD IN FINANCE

# Nishchay Arya

*New Delhi, India*

Nishchay developed his interest in finance when he took over his family business while in high school. He served as a sector head in SPIFFY, was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, and has made the Dean's List every term at UMaine. He says the warmth of the MBS faculty helped him dig deeper in his studies, and he's looking to begin a career in FinTech.

*Congratulations, Nishchay!*

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# FACULTY AWARD IN MANAGEMENT

## James Huff

*Sullivan, Maine*

James came to the University of Maine after a career in the military and work as a transportation director for a non-profit. Dr. Nory Jones notes that James stood out immediately for his wonderful contributions in her class and for his work with the MBS Corps. James was a keynote speaker at many March Against Domestic Violence events, and he helped develop the Veteran Mentor Program at the UMaine Career Center

*Congratulations, James!*

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## FACULTY AWARD IN MARKETING

# Benjamin Barto

*Avon, Connecticut*

In addition to a major in marketing and a minor in Innovation Engineering, Benjamin also has worked a variety of jobs. Dr. Susan Myrden describes Benjamin as a student who worked hard to support his classmates physical well-being, continuously developed his skills as a self-taught musician, and created his own business plan. He embodies what we hope for in a Maine Business School graduate

*Congratulations, Benjamin!*

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# FACULTY AWARD IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## Kaitlyn White

*Hampden, Maine*

Kaitlyn continuously challenged herself to learn, not just earn a grade.

Dr. Jason Harkins remembers a project in which students were challenged to create a startup business with just \$5 in three hours. Kaitlyn made cookies with a family member, brought the cookies to her employer, and asked for donations – ultimately earning the most money.

*Congratulations, Kaitlyn!*

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FACULTY AWARD IN BUSINESS  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Angelina Buzzelli

*Charleston, Maine*

Angelina quickly stood out in her classes for preparation, engagement, and insight. Dr. Nory Jones also commends Angelina for her leadership in the formation of the Women of the Maine Business School organization, where she made significant contributions and helped create a culture of respect and empowerment.

*Congratulations, Angelina!*

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# FACULTY AWARD IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

## Ryan Paliwoda

*Berkeley Heights, New Jersey*

Ryan has displayed tremendous critical thinking and a clear understanding of the impacts of international business. Dr. Ivan Manev commends Ryan on his team's capstone strategy simulation project, which ranked #4 out of 3,643 teams worldwide.

*Congratulations, Ryan!*

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## FACULTY AWARD IN MaineMBA

# Sai Krishna Katta

*Guntur, India*

Sai has shown himself to be an inspiring student, exceptional leader, and dedicated advocate for the MaineMBA and MBS. As head Graduate Assistant, he has overseen a full staff while finding time for his studies, including the completion of an internship with Bangor Savings and being among the first to graduate with a concentration in Business Analytics.

Sai has also served as a representative and mentor across multiple campus organizations, events, and competitions

*Congratulations, Sai!*

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# OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

## Gabriel Karam

*Bangor, Maine*

Gabriel studied business management with minors in psychology and political science. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and the National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars. In addition to his studies, Gabriel works at Lowe's and writes Op-ed articles for *The Maine Campus* student newspaper.

*Congratulations, Gabriel!*

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# OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETE

## Cameron Spicer

*Erie, Colorado*

Cam is a grew up in Erie, Colorado where he first learned to play ice hockey. Now in his third year at UMaine, Cam plays on the men's hockey team and, in addition to studying finance and economics, is a member of the Honors College. He has also been admitted to the UMaine Master's in Information Systems program.

*Congratulations, Cameron!*

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETE *and*  
OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Beate Naglestad

*Oppegaard, Norway*

Beate has earned a 4.0 GPA while majoring in management with a concentration in international business. Beate is also the captain of the UMaine women's soccer team. Her coach, Scott Atherley says, "Beate personifies the true meaning of student-athlete. Despite demanding academic and athletic schedules, Beate consistently managed to excel at a level commensurate with the finest student-athletes I have had the pleasure of coaching during my 30-year tenure at Maine."

*Congratulations, Beate!*

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## EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

# Susan Myrden, Ph.D.

Susan's work as a researcher is second to none, and her reputation for collaboration is widely known. In the past year she has completed two journal publications, earned four conference acceptances, and won a research grant from the David Sobey Centre for Innovation in Retailing and Services. She co-led an industry research project with the MBS Professional Development Center, and has three additional journal submissions under review. Thank you, Susan, for your contributions to academia.

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## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

# Stephen Jurich, Ph.D.

Stephen epitomizes the quality of teaching we strive for at the Maine Business School. He, along with two others, volunteered to train students on our Bloomberg terminals. When needed, Stephen stepped up to teach additional course sections, and has volunteered to advise SPIFFY. His students note his passion for teaching, with many saying they have learned the most from his classes. One student said they go out of their way to take his courses, and was thrilled to find Stephen was teaching derivatives. Thank you, Stephen, for the level of excellence you bring to the Maine Business School.

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# DR. CAROL B. GILMORE MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

## Ivan Manev, Ph.D.

Since 2006, Ivan has held the Nicolas Salgo Professorship of Business Administration with the mission to advance the international priorities of the business school through research, international travel-study courses and service activities. He was a member of the American University in Bulgaria Board of Trustees, and served as chairman for five years. Ivan served as the Dean of the Maine Business School from 2010-2017 and currently serves as the chair of the MBS Promotion and Tenure Committee. Thank you, Ivan, for your commitment to service at the Maine Business School, University of Maine, and beyond.

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# CITIZEN SCHOLAR

*Given to a student who exemplifies a spirit of outreach and uses what they're learning in the classroom to improve the world around them*

# Christopher Bowen

*Plaistow, New Hampshire*

Since coming to UMaine CJ has embodied a citizen scholar. Dr. Nory Jones, describes CJ as an amazing individual who makes a difference. He has been a member of MBS Corps and Undiscovered Maine for four years, taking on leadership roles, inspiring his fellow students, and organizing countless events and fundraisers. He also has represented MBS to families and students for three years as an Ambassador.

*Congratulations, CJ!*

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# SPIRIT OF MAINE

*Intended to honor those among us who consistently lift our spirits and makes us think of a more positive future*

# Bethany Ashley

*Buxton, Maine*

Bethany has been an MBS Ambassador, a member of the Institute of Management Accountants, and an Ambassador. She works as a tutor for the accounting department, and regularly interacts with her classmates in projects. Faculty members describe her as one of the most optimistic, joyful, and warm students on campus – the true embodiment of the Spirit of Maine.

*Congratulations, Bethany!*

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# ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING

## Erin Niehoff

*Blue Hill, Maine*

A Dean's List member all four years, Erin received several prestigious scholarships, including the UMaine Presidential Scholarship and the Melvin T. McClure Scholarship, and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma as a sophomore. An avid athlete, she taught tennis lessons the last several summers and loves to bake. Since last summer she has worked as an accounting intern at BHA, LLC. in Blue Hill, Maine.

*Congratulations, Erin!*

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## ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT IN FINANCE

# Samuel Varga

*Érd, Hungary*

Samuel started at MBS with the International Presidential Scholarship from the University of Maine. He has excelled in his studies, double majoring in finance and management, and completing an honors thesis on IPO underpricing. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, served as human resource manager for SPIFFY, competed on MBS's winning team at the International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition, and captained UMaine's state champion CFA Research Challenge.

*Congratulations, Samuel!*

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# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT

## Beate Naglestad

*Oppegaard, Norway*

Beate is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Business Honor Society, made the Dean's list every semester, and was a three-time UMaine Scholar-Athlete. Her MBS professors note Beate's distinctive work ethic, focus, and thoughtful approach to learning and being with others. She is making a difference and will continue to do so long after graduation

*Congratulations, Beate!*

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# ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT IN MARKETING

## Meredith Stephens

*Rockville, Maryland*

Meredith is studying marketing with a minor in graphic design. She also is a graduate of the Honors College and wrote a thesis on emotional engagement on Facebook. Dr. Susan Myrden describes Meredith as a bright student and incisive thinker whose thought-provoking questions are the kind you wish you could devote 20 minutes to exploring. Meredith has accepted position with Performics, a digital marketing agency, where she'll work as a paid social media manager.

*Congratulations, Meredith!*

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# ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT IN MaineMBA

## Jake Daniele

*Freeport, Maine*

Jake has gained a reputation among his professors as an extremely engaged student who asks thoughtful, intelligent questions and who displays an outstanding level of professionalism and thoroughness. His knowledge of advanced business practices and his application of his studies to real world situations is remarkable, and, according to one faculty member, Jake "displays the acumen to be successful in any setting."

*Congratulations, Jake!*

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