

Author Biographies

David Harbaugh

David Harbaugh is a fourth-year undergraduate student, pursuing degrees in Biological Chemistry and Spanish Literature at the Wilkes Honors College. David's academic and scientific focus includes a development of novel therapeutic approaches that will contribute to the field of cancer biology. His passion for research was ignited under the mentorship of Dr. Joseph Kissil and Dr. Catherine Trivigno and his experience as an undergraduate researcher at Scripps Research Institute. David has presented his preliminary research titled "Development of a Kinase Translocation Reporter For High-Throughput Screening of Novel PAK1 Inhibitors" at the 11th Annual OURI Symposium, 18th Annual Wilkes Honors College Symposium, Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, and the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Jillian Hanley

Jillian Hanley is a recent graduate from Florida Atlantic University's Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. She finished with a Bachelor of Science in Physical and Biological Sciences with a minor in Spanish Literature. Through the

interdisciplinary courses of the Honors College, she has been able to combine her interests in the sciences with culture and language. She first became interested in Hispanic and Spanish literature while studying abroad in Madrid with faculty member, Dr. Carmen Cañete Quesada. Since then, she has continued studying literature and, in this paper, aims to understand how the protagonist experiences liminality through the process of death.

Pedro Millan

Pedro Millan is a senior at the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College pursuing a double concentration in Cellular Neuroscience and Psychology with a minor in Spanish Literature. He emigrated from Peru at the age of thirteen. Since young, he had an affinity for stories and their ability to shape and envision worlds for the readers. His old school implemented the teaching of basic levels of English, French and German, resulting in an upbringing surrounded by foreign languages – fun to learn, harder to pronounce. In 2017, he won second place in The Palm Beach Post's Pathfinder Award for the category of Foreign Language. During college, his interests led him to research

areas such as second language acquisition, and the effects of bilingualism (or multilingualism) on personality development, which he hopes to pursue in graduate school. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, strength training and participating in team sports.

Tristan Sheridan

Tristan Sheridan is a recent graduate from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Studying literature within the FAU English department has inspired her to engage with mediums that work to broaden and subvert conventional literary concepts, as evidenced by her contribution to the FAURJ and its focus on interactive fiction. Tristan previously discussed her research in interactive fiction during an oral presentation at FAU's 2021 OURI Symposium and won first-place within her research category. She is continuing her education in English within FAU's Master of Arts program and hopes to further engage with unconventional and experimental literature during her pursuit of this degree.

Haliston Lake

The author is a recent graduate of Florida Atlantic University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science as well as a minor in Anthropology and a certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. A majority of her

undergraduate career has been dedicated to studying the African political landscape and its effects on women. The diverse interests and love for learning that the author has have been nurtured from a young age by her parents as well as the many wonderful teachers and professors that she has had over the years. Her favorite place to research and write is at her family home in Parkland, Florida surrounded by her six fur siblings.

Isabella Cipollone Movilla

Born in Boston to an Italian father and a Colombian mother, when she was just two years old, her parents decided to move to Italy and start a new beginning. Now, that decision gave her the opportunity to grow up in a dissimilar setting than the United States, specifically between the border of Umbria and Tuscany, where she had the pleasure of growing up in a rural house with a history of more than two hundred years, surrounded by beautiful landscapes and such a rich culture. As her parents owned a bed & breakfast amongst the vast sunflower-filled hills of Umbria, she was granted the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, garnering her passion for culture studies and international relations, and the manner in which language, no matter how different it is from the native one we speak, binds us together through shared experiences.