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# Class of 2014 Senior Biographies

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### *Benjamin Aberle*

**Major:** Economics; Business Administration  
Minor  
**Hometown:** Tremont, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Pre-Law Society and  
Tau Kappa Epsilon member  
**Plan after graduation:** Attending law school  
next year

### *Jonathan (Jake) Bates*

**Majors:** Economics & Political Science  
**Hometown:** Champaign, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Ethics Bowl, Philo-  
sophy Club, Economics Society, John Wesley  
Powell Student Research Conference 2013  
**Plan after graduation:** Not exactly sure yet

### *Alexandra Bechtel*

**Majors:** Economics & Business Marketing  
**Hometown:** Champaign, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Alpha Gamma  
Delta, Economics Society, Omicron Delta  
Epsilon, Student Senate, Fraternity & Sorority  
Programming Board  
**Plan after graduation:** I will be an Analyst  
in the Strategy and Analysis capability at the  
digital advertising agency Digitas in down-  
town Chicago.

### *Erik Bergstrom*

**Major:** Economics; Philosophy minor  
**Hometown:** Libertyville, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** DJ at WESN Cam-  
pus Radio, Philosophy Club, Economics  
Society, IWU Cross and Track  
**Plan after graduation:** Land a Digital  
Marketing job

### *Matthew Bishop*

**Major:** Economics; Psychology minor  
**Hometown:** Naperville, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Racquetball Club,  
Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, Student Senate,  
WESN  
**Plan after graduation:** Get exposure to  
trading/investing while looking for full-time  
employment.

### *Mark Giannis*

**Major:** Economics; Mathematics and Busi-  
ness Administration minors  
**Hometown:** Arlington Heights, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Track and Cross  
Country teams, Undergraduate Economic  
Review, Omicron Delta Epsilon  
**Plan after graduation:** Find a job somewhere

### *Jaret Kanarek*

**Majors:** Economics & Philosophy  
**Hometown:** Glenview, Illinois  
**Other activities at IWU:** Founder & editor-  
in-chief of The Intellectual Standard, team  
captain of the IWU Ethics Bowl team, Associ-  
ate Editor for the Undergraduate Economic  
Review, intern at Ronda Glenn Law Offices,  
student senator, president of Pfeiffer Hall,  
columnist for the Argus, and founding  
member of the IWU Racquetball Club.  
**Plan after graduation:** I will be attending the  
University of Texas at Austin School of Law  
this coming Fall (Class of 2017).

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***Andrea Kerwin***

**Major:** Economics  
**Hometown:** Wheaton, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Tennis team, APO

***Jason Kotecki***

**Major:** Economics  
**Hometown:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Played baseball freshman year. Studied abroad as part of the 2011 IWU London Program. Was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. Member of the leadership committee of DRL.  
**Plan after graduation:** I hope to find a job somewhere.

***Keanan Koppenhaver***

**Major:** Economics; Computer Science minor  
**Hometown:** Buffalo Grove, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Jazz Sound Technician, How Convenient IT  
**Plan after graduation:** Working as a Web Developer with doejo in Chicago

***Kent Larson***

**Major:** Economics; Risk Management minor  
**Hometown:** Huntley, Illinois  
**Other activities at IWU:** Student Senate, AKPsi Professional Fraternity, Ethics Bowl Team  
**Plan after graduation:** I will be moving to Chicago where I will be working for CNA Financial, a corporate insurance company. I will be starting in their Underwriting department in June!

***Derek Lindgren***

**Majors:** Accounting & Economics  
**Hometown:** Beecher, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Alpha Kappa Psi, Floor Hockey Club, Accounting Society, Econ Society  
**Plan after graduation:** Tax Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

***Elizabeth Liubicich***

**Major:** Economics; Sociology minor  
**Hometown:** Glen Ellyn, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Alpha Kappa Psi, Dance Team  
**Plan after graduation:** I graduated in December and am currently working as a Financial Analyst, focusing on Property Claims, at Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook, IL.

***Timothy Mackey***

**Major:** Economics  
**Hometown:** Buffalo Grove, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Archery Club and Equestrian Society  
**Plan after graduation:** Programmer/Analyst for Mariano's

***Michael Mayberger***

**Majors:** Economics & Business Administration (Finance)  
**Hometown:** Chesterfield, MO  
**Other activities at IWU:** Varsity men's basketball, Student Athletic Advisory Committee Vice-President, Economics Society President  
**Plan after graduation:** Associate Investment Analyst in Fixed-Income department at State Farm

***Christina Petcu***

**Majors:** Economics & Psychology  
**Hometown:** Des Plaines, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Alpha Phi Omega, Alternative Spring Break, Circle K  
**Plan after graduation:** Find a job

***Shane Rische***

**Major:** Economics  
**Hometown:** Grayslake, IL  
**Other activities at IWU:** Member of Sigma Pi Fraternity  
**Plan after graduation:** Pursuing a career in Investments and/or Market Risk Analytics

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### ***Barbara Skrobacz***

**Major:** Economics

**Hometown:** Long Grove, IL

**Other activities at IWU:** Kappa Delta, National Society of Leadership and Success, Alpha Phi Omega, and IWU Equestrian Team

**Plan after graduation:** Getting married to my wonderful fiancé Burak Oner and finding a job

### ***Zongda (Derek) Tu***

**Major:** Economics

**Other activities at IWU:** Associate editor of UER

**Plan after graduation:** Probably will go to NYU for master of economics.

### ***Onyinye Udenze***

**Major:** Economics

**Hometown:** Lagos, Nigeria

**Other activities at IWU:** African Student Association, Alpha Phi Omega, Pi Delta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta.

**Plan after graduation:** Masters of Management Studies at Duke University

### ***Erin Wachtel***

**Majors:** Business Administration (Finance) and Economics

**Hometown:** Champaign, IL

**Other activities at IWU:** volleyball, Habitat for Humanity, Sigma Kappa, Economics society, Alpha Kappa Psi, and SAAC

**Plan after graduation:** Project Analyst at Fireman's Fund in Chicago, IL

### ***Ben White***

**Majors:** Economics and Mathematics

**Hometown:** Saint Joseph, IL

**Other activities at IWU:** Cross Country, Track and Field

**Plan after graduation:** Either continue working at Zero Waste Logistics or go back to school