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MICHAEL O'DONNELL DWRS MAJOR

"When life kicks you, let it kick you forward." —Kay Yow

I have been kicked once or twice during my journey to obtaining my college degree but thanks to caring people Like Dr. Christie Toth, Professor Clint Gardner, Lisa Shaw, my mom Mary, my entire family and my loving and very supportive wife Alyson; I have always been able to stumble forward. With graduation now on the horizon, I am humbled and honored to be able to be a part of such a caring, passionate, inspirational and servant leading community... The Unversity of Utah Alumni. GO UTES!!





BROOKE ANDERSON DWRS MAJOR

"Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire."



COREY YOUNG DWRS MAJOR

"During these times of darkness, try to be a point of light."



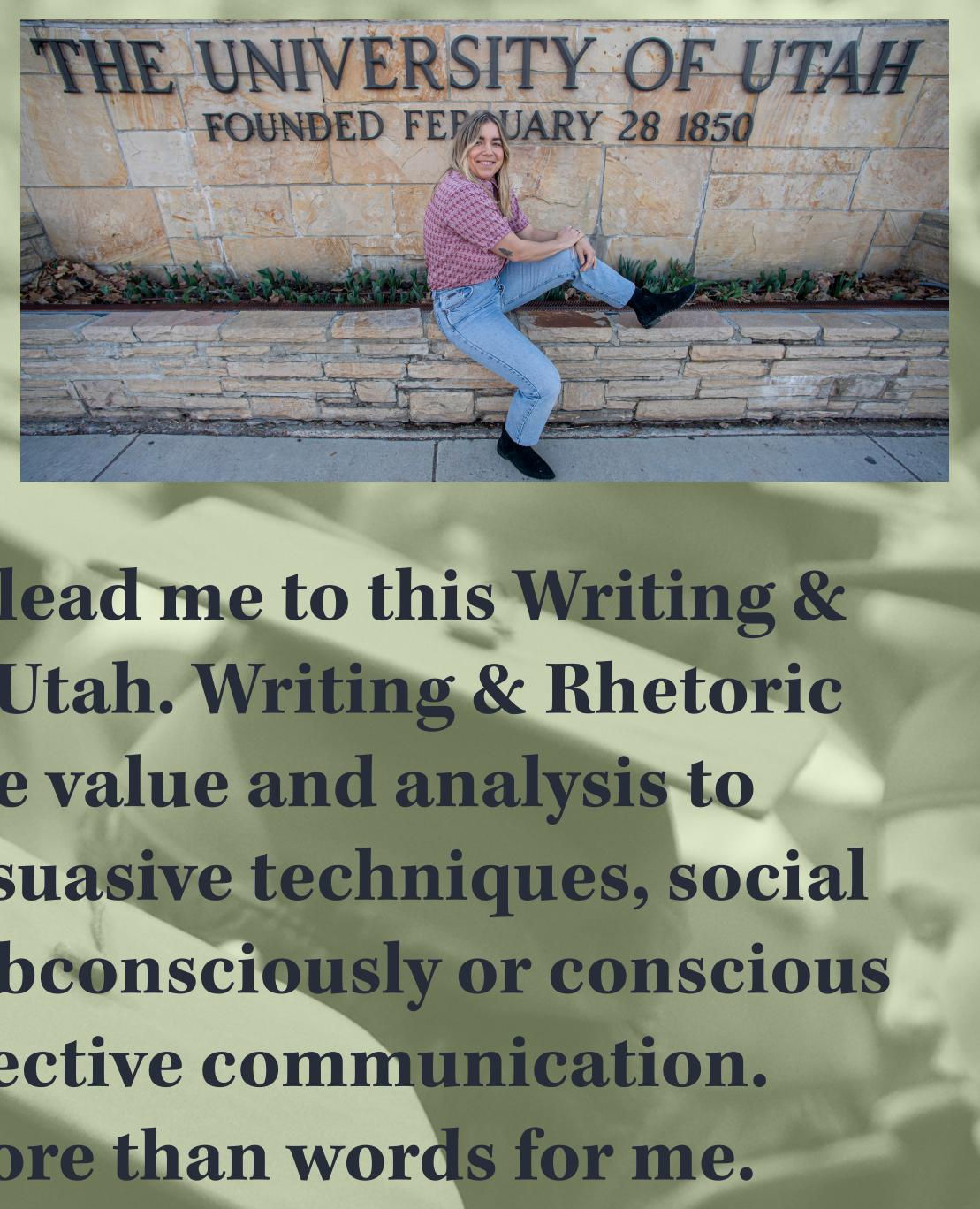
SANDRA SALAZAR-HERNANDEZ DWRS MAJOR





OLIVIA YOUNG DWRS MINOR

I have always loved language which lead me to this Writing & Rhetoric degree at the University of Utah. Writing & Rhetoric has taught me there is so much more value and analysis to the discourse we use. There are; persuasive techniques, social practices, biases, power, etc. that subconsciously or conscious we use as language users to have effective communication. Language will always be so much more than words for me.



KIANA WONG DWRS MAJOR

Upon graduating from the U's DWRS program, Kiana plans to receive her masters of technical communication. Her recent co-authorship in the Jan 2020 edition of The Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry has added fuel to her passion of writing and educating others, somewhere she could not have accessed without the help and support of the U's amazing staff of professors, research leaders and advisors.





STEPHANIE WEIDAUER DWRS MAJOR

Congratulations to all DWRS graduates! Wishing you health and happieness in your future endeavors.

I had no idea where college would take me— I only believed that it would improve my quality of live and help me find my space. And it did.



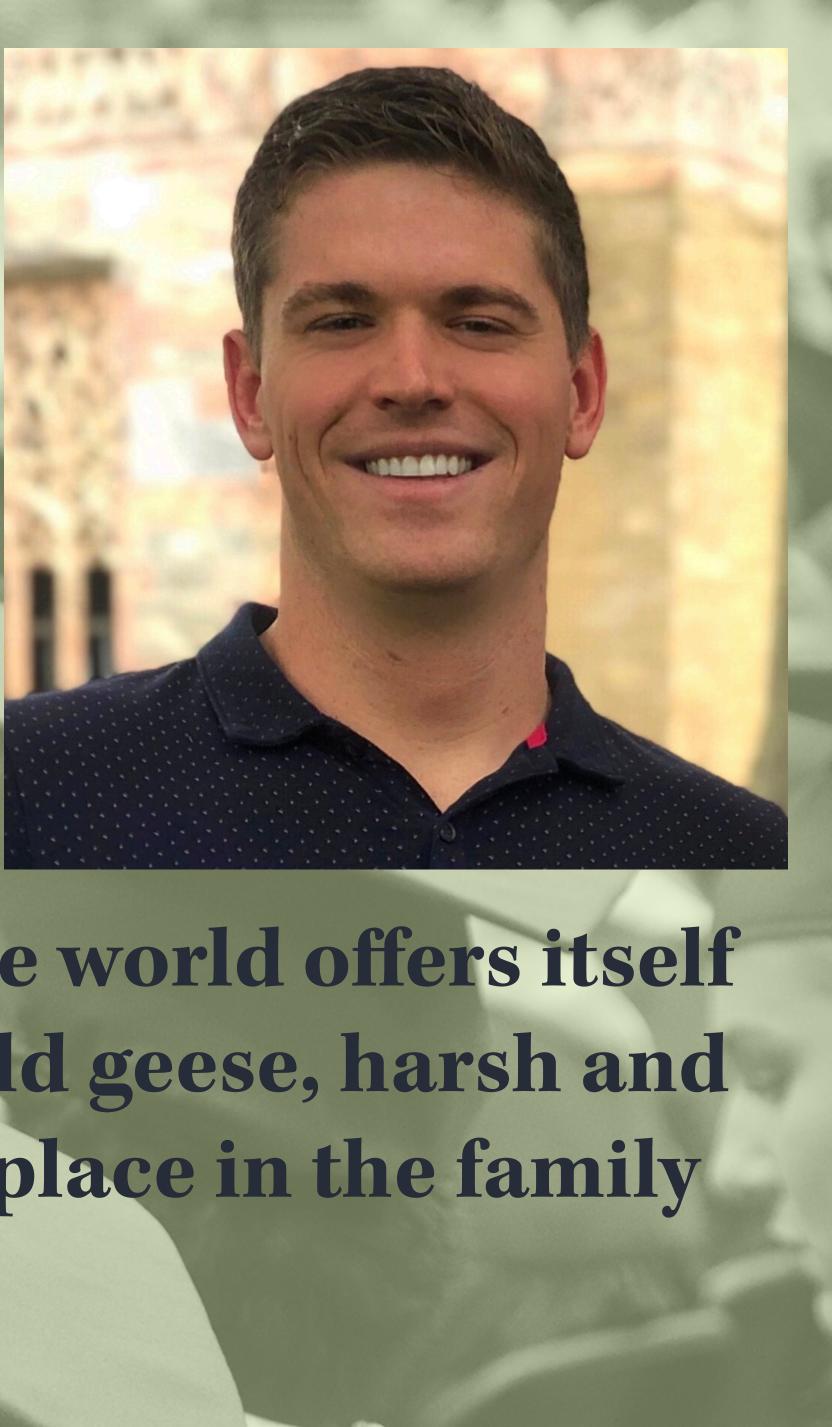
NAT QUAYLE NELSON DWRS MAJOR

Nat Quayle Nelson is a transfemme struggling to keep her light alive amidst late capitalism, the collapse of social justice, and the tyranny of religious oligarchy in her home state of Utah. Her writing shines a light in dark places through imaginative mindfulness, comedy, and queer representation.



CADE MOONEY DWRS MAJOR

"Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting — over and over announcing your place in the family of things." —Mary Oliver



TYLER MITCHELL DWRS MAJOR

Growing up I always heard that "education is the difference between wishing you could help other people and actually being able to help them." I am grateful for the wonderful experiences I've had at The University of Utah. I am grateful for fantastic professors that care about my education and my personal progress. At The University of Utah I have not just been taught ways to succeed, but I have been given the tools to forge my own path to success while giving me the education to be able to help people after. Thank you to all the faculty, mentors, and especially my family for supporting me during my time as a Ute! Go Utes!





MATTHEW LANDIS DWRS MAJOR OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN THE COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

It's cliché (these quotes usually are), but the journey (and it was a long one) was the best part of getting my degree. Reaching the destination is bittersweet. I'm going to miss being on campus, and I'm going to miss everyone in Writing & Rhetoric Studies. My professors, the administrators, and my fellow classmates are the kind of people you know will always have your back. I'm looking forward to seeing what comes next for us all.



JACOB HARPER DWRS MAJOR

My time at the U has been challenging but rewarding. It allowed me to meet new people and make new friends. My classes really pushed me; sometimes they drove me crazy, but they always made me into something better. I'm forever grateful for my experience at the U and the person I've become during my time here.





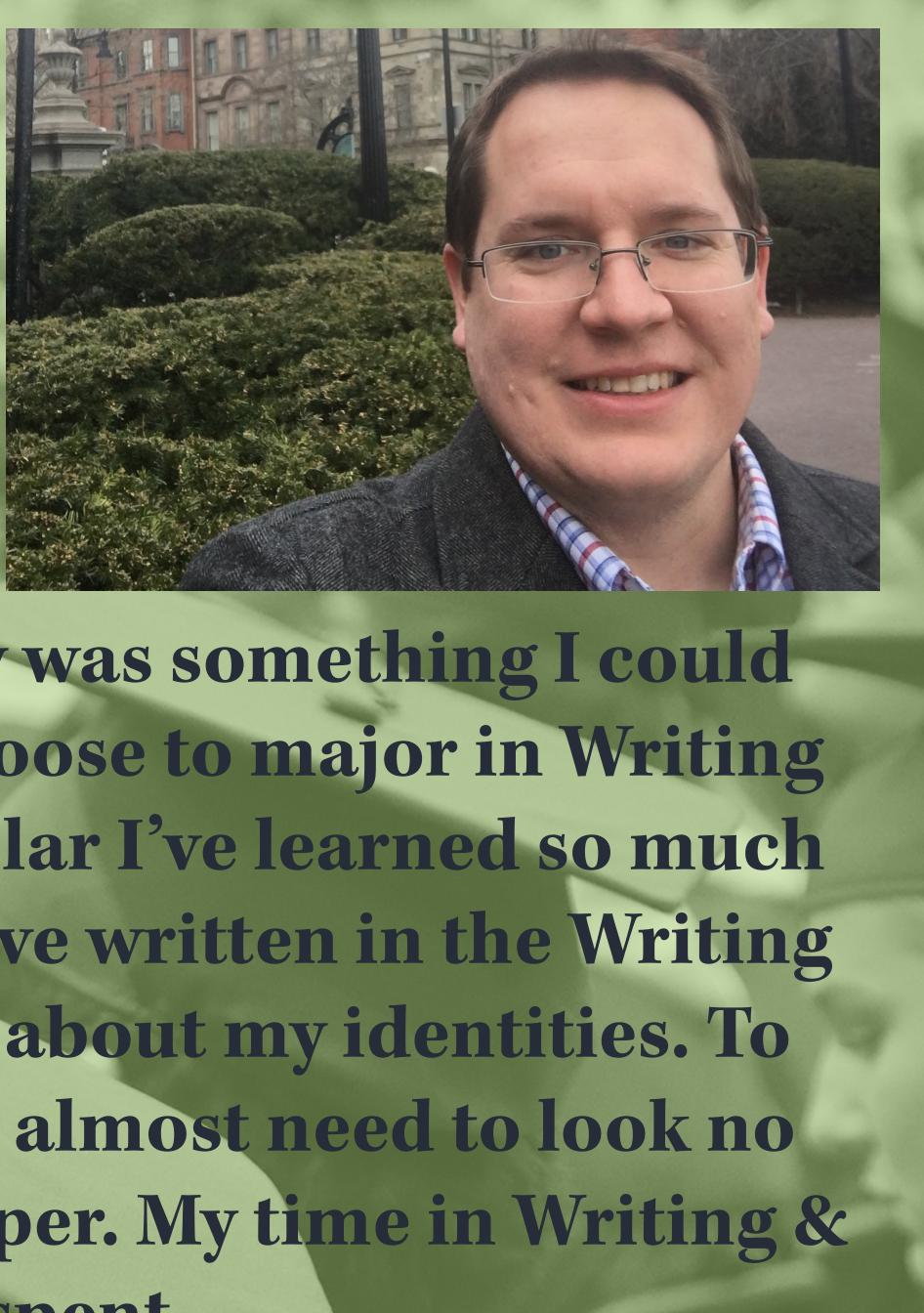
SAMUEL GROVES DWRS MAJOR

I've been through my fair share of prospective majors. From Finance, to Entrepreneurship, to Marketing, to Strategic Communications, and finally to Writing and Rhetoric Studies. This field and the faculty that support it have opened my mind to ways of thinking and writing that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Despite our new virtual reality, I'm confident that my degree will be invaluable in any endeavor I choose to pursue.



RUSSEL FUGAL DWRS MAJOR

I didn't feel like improving my writing ability was something I could manage without direction, which is why I choose to major in Writing & Rhetoric Studies. As a writing studies scholar I've learned so much more than how to write. Nearly every essay I've written in the Writing & Rhetoric Studies major reveals something about my identities. To see how these writings have changed me you almost need to look no further than the words I've already put to paper. My time in Writing & Rhetoric Studies has been difficult, but well spent.



LISA DONALDSON DWRS MAJOR

Thank you all for sharing this journey. I have learned so much all the best.



from my professors, peers, administrators, and friends here at the University of Utah and I am grateful for you all. Wishing you



TAYLOR BLACKLEY DWRS MAJOR

I have grown so much throughout my undergraduate experience, both as a scholar and a person. I have become a more globally minded, socially conscious, and critical of my environment. The U has helped me find my voice as a writer and given me knowledge and memories to last a lifetime. I am so grateful for all the time I spent learning with my teachers and peers, both in and outside the classroom.



BROOKLYN ALDEN DWRS MAJOR



KYMBER ANDERSON DWRS MAJOR



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LINDSAY CRONIN DWRS MAJOR



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