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Six Seniors to Graduate with perfect GPAs

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For six senior students from the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, graduating this spring will be their pinnacle experience after years of hard work and dedication. Braiden Coleman, Michael Ryan, Grant Holyoak, Nicholas Murray, Lauren Johnson and Katelyn Miller will all be graduating summa cum laude; the highest honor you can receive for achieving and maintaining a 4.0 GPA while attending school.

Grant Holyoak's desire to gain a more competitive edge while competing for prestigious graduate programs was his main motivation in achieving a 4.0 GPA. Holyoak will pursue a degree in Public Administration upon graduation and will get his career start in the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service as a Political Officer.

"Be diligent, persevere and make things fun. Never take more classes than you can handle, figure out your degree plan in advance, find something about every subject to love, always go to class, finish assignments early and figure out the best way to study for you" are just some of the tips Lauren Johnson has for students. Johnson strives for excellence and plans to continue using her entrepreneurial spirit by working on her multiple start-up companies after graduation.

Nicholas Murray realized early on the importance of maintaining a high GPA. Murray says, "I didn't come into college expecting a perfect 4.0, but I knew that working a little harder to give my best in each class could mean the difference between a decent opportunity and a fantastic opportunity post-graduation." Stretching himself to get a 4.0 has given Murray confidence in all aspects of life. Upon graduation, Murray will be getting married and will start dental school at Ohio State University in the fall.

Michael Ryan says "the secret to a 4.0 isn't just having a good brain, it's the willingness to persevere and not give up when things get difficult." Ryan saw getting straight A's as a natural reward for all of the time and effort he spent expanding his knowledge. "When it comes to scholarships, job searches and applying for graduate schools, my high GPA acts as a signal that I'm an applicant who is not only intelligent, but also someone who is willing to go the extra mile to accomplish his goals." Ryan will begin medical school this fall at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami where he plans on specializing in Dermatology.



Katelyn Miller is grateful for the many generous donors of the Huntsman School of Business. "My main motivation for graduating with a 4.0 was to pay back the people who had given me scholarships. I want them to know how grateful I am for their generosity that has allowed me to gain an education at the Huntsman School." Miller's advice to students is to focus on being actively engaged and preparing for every class and really taking advantage of all of the available extracurricular opportunities. After graduation, Miller will start as an operations analyst within capital markets and private wealth management at Goldman Sachs.

"My favorite experiences while being in the Huntsman School of Business have been my interactions with the incredible professors. They have all influenced me and shaped the direction of my career and life in general," says Braiden Coleman. He is headed to Koch Industries, working for the subsidiary Koch Ag & Energy Solutions in a financial analyst and accounting role. Coleman said that as he's tried to learn all he can from each class, the grades have followed and he's saved over \$40,000 in tuition and fees.

We commend all six graduates for representing and living our motto to 'Dare Mighty Things' while attending the Huntsman School of Business and wish them best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

Graduation services for undergraduate students will take place on May 7 at 4:00 p.m. at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.