

# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE



## HOLLERAN CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Recognition Ceremony | Wednesday, May 19, 2021

# Holleran Center Program in Community Action and Public Policy (PICA)

*Recognition Ceremony  
Honoring the Class of 2021*



May 19, 2021  
Evans Hall  
1 p.m.

# Program

WELCOME

Audrey Zakriski, Director and Professor of Psychology

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Katherine Bergeron, President

STUDENT REFLECTIONS

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

Rebecca McCue, Director of Community  
Engagement & Operations  
Angela Barney, Assistant Director of Program in Community Action

STUDENT REFLECTION

CLOSING WITH CONGRATULATIONS FROM  
CAROLYN '60 AND JERRY HOLLERAN

Audrey Zakriski, Director and  
Professor of Psychology

# Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy

**The Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy** is an interdisciplinary academic center at Connecticut College. Our mission is to cultivate responsible civic engagement and leadership for social justice through engaged scholarship and reciprocal community collaborations.

Created in 1996 and supported by generous gifts from civic and philanthropic leaders Jerry and Carolyn Holleran '60, the Center builds community partnerships; supports student-faculty-staff educational and research initiatives; and encourages the critical analysis of local, state and national public policies. The Center administers three programmatic areas at Connecticut College: Community Partnerships & Engagement; Engaged Scholarship and Community Learning; and the Certificate Program in Community Action and Public Policy (PICA).

Holleran Center scholars earn a Certificate in Community Action and Public Policy at graduation by successfully supplementing their majors with a series of seminars, including the Holleran Center Gateway Course: Public Policy and Social Ethics; four additional courses that expand their understanding of an enduring community challenge; conducting a College-sponsored summer internship; and completing a senior integrative project.

Today, we gather to honor the 23 Holleran Center PICA scholars for all their hard work both in New London and around the world.

# Holleran Center PICA Class of 2021

## **Grace Amato**

Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies & Latin American Studies double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *In the Belly of the Beast: The Legacy of Puerto Rican Women in the Development of Anti-Imperialist Feminism*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Ariella Rotramel, Gender, Sexuality & Intersectionality Studies

## **Giselle Barahona**

Sociology & History double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Environmental Justice and Communities of Color: Creating Healthy, Resilient Communities for the Future*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Taylor Desloge, History

## **Audrey Margaret Black**

English major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *The Power of Personal Narrative*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Blanche Boyd, English

## **Lydia Elizabeth Chase**

Environmental Studies & Sociology double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Pandemic Induced Inequality: Impact of COVID-19 on Agricultural Producers Vs. Consumers*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Julia Flagg, Sociology

**Joshua Coleman**

Environmental Studies & History double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Social Mobility in Divided Societies: Segregation in Northern Ireland and the U.S.*

Senior Integrative Project Advisers: Professor Eileen Kane & Professor Taylor Desloge, History

**Jacee Maria Cox**

Government major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Higher Education and the Public Good: Expanding Equity in a Post-Pandemic Society*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor MaryAnne Borrelli, Government

**Genevieve Beveridge Duff**

Psychology & Educational Studies double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *The Opportunity for Equitable Schooling through Bilingual Education*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Manali Sheth, Education

**Victoria Duszak**

Neuroscience major; Physics & Slavic Studies minors

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Racial Disparities in Neurological Diseases*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Joseph Schroeder, Psychology

**Kiely French**

Biological Sciences & English double major; Psychology minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Proactively Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences through Biology*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor E. Carla Parker-Athill, Biology

**Isabelle Goldberg**

American Studies & Government double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Power, Myth, and American Exceptionalism in U.S. History Curricula*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Manali Sheth, Education

**Erin Michelle Greateorex**

Biological Sciences major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Consent and Rhetorical Frameworks of Agency in Sex Education*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Ariella Rotramel, Gender, Sexuality & Intersectionality Studies

**Andy Guevara**

Psychology & Anthropology double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Anti-Blackness in the Latinx Community*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Judelysse Gomez, Psychology

**Andra Elizabeth Gurley-Green**

Psychology major; Anthropology minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Invisible Chronic Illness in College: Faculty Perspectives and Student Narratives Surrounding Accommodations*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Audrey Zakriski, Psychology

**Stephania Lopez**

Neuroscience major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Do Our Neighborhoods Make Us Fat? Exploring Disparities in Health and Nutrition*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Joseph Schroeder, Psychology

**Stephanie Caroline Martinez**

Government major; History minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Beyond the Ballot: How Latinx College Youth Define Political Participation*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Mara Suttman Lea, Government

**Julia Ming O'Connell**

Sociology major; East Asian Studies minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Unpacking the Anti-Asian Hate Crime in Atlanta: Panethnicity, Collective Action as Forms of Resistance Against a Legacy of Hate*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Ronald Flores, Sociology

**Clare D'Adamo Peyton**

Psychology major; Theater minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *A Journey and Toolkit for the Actor: Developing Critical Consciousness in Theatre*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Manali Sheth, Education

**Devon Rancourt**

Slavic Studies & History double major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Memories of Russian Language Classes in Bulgaria During Socialism 1944-1989*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Petko Ivanov, Slavic Studies

**Kiara (Kairis) Aridai Rivera**

Theater major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Poetic Honesty: My Narrative in Theatrical Institutions*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Kenneth Prestininzi, Theater



**Aidan Catherine Sachs**

Human Development & Educational Studies double major; Psychology minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Anti-Racist Education in the Elementary School Classroom*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Sunil Bhatia, Human Development

**Talley Rose Sacks**

Psychology major; Philosophy minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Social-Justice Informed Mental Health Advocacy*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Nakia Hamlett, Psychology

**Gabrielle Sophie Veilleux**

Neuroscience major; Music minor

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *PTSD and early life stress: Implications for Human Trafficking Survivors*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Ruth Grahn, Neuroscience

**Marianna Wells**

International Relations major

Senior Integrative Project (SIP): *Narrowing U.S. Asylum Puts Venezuelan and Guatemalan Migrants At Greater Risk*

Senior Integrative Project Adviser: Professor Julia Kushigian, Hispanic Studies