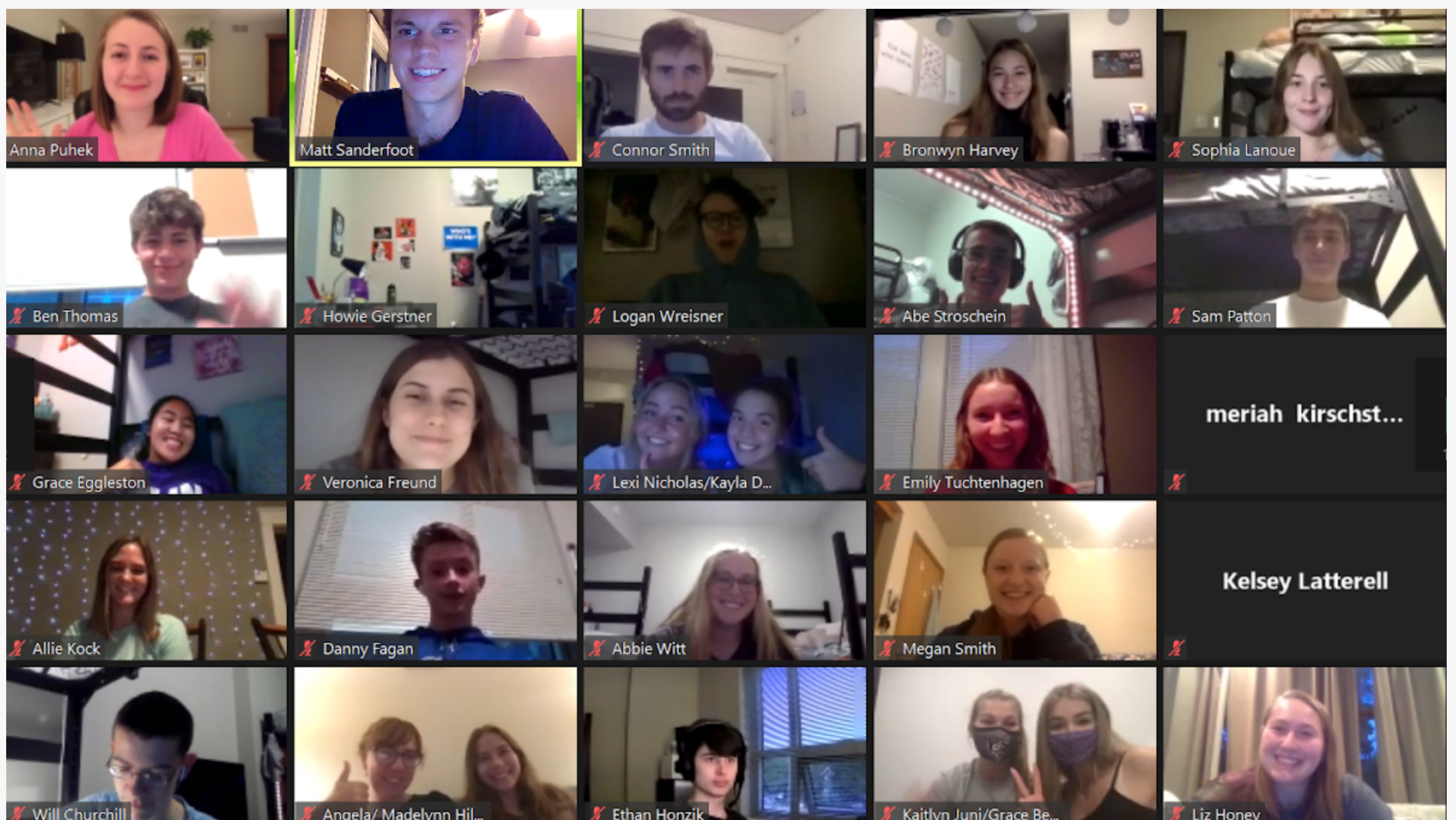


The Scholars Newsletter



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Symposium Preview!

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Panel on Environmental Justice

When: Tuesday, 4/20, 4 PM - 5:30 PM



Mapping Prejudice

When: Friday, 4/23, 6 PM - 7:30 PM
or asynchronous due Friday 4/23

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Sustainability Kahoot (scholars only event)

When: Tuesday, 4/27, 12 PM - 1 PM



St. Thomas Community College

When: Wednesday, 4/28 or
Thursday, 4/29 2 PM - 5 PM

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Look in your St. Thomas email for more details regarding the symposium! All scholars received an email from Samantha Anderson with details and expectations.

Professor Spotlight!



Dr. Susanne Wagner

Dr. Wagner is currently a German professor at St. Thomas! Although she does not teach any honors courses or seminars, she has made it to our professor spotlight. The student who submitted this spotlight wrote, "Dr. Wagner puts in hours of work on detailed, interactive classes and I have learned so much from her German 311 course. She challenges every student to grow in their confidence and the quality of work that they submit! She even connects us with German students our age so that we can begin to develop international friendships."

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Take Me Home
Scholar: Izzy Iliff



Take Me Home

Izzy recently released an original song which is now available on all streaming platforms! Attached is the link to the music video for her song "Take Me Home."

<https://youtu.be/ote1GVAwje8>

Scholars Journal

Tree Journal Scholar: Sumukha Terakanambi

Nature is around us
Yet seldom do we notice
We pass trees and shrubs daily
Without so much as a thought

Then came an assignment
Something unusual
And also relevant

A tree journal

The chance to contemplate an element of nature
Something so long ignored
To reflect on how it has affected us
And the changes it undergoes

So I picked a tree and wrote about it
Describing the type
Describing my reasons for choosing it

A newly planted sugar maple outside my house
Standing stiff in the frigid cold
Its branches missing the cover of the leaves

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It was familiar

Directly in my line of sight

Something I saw everyday

Weeks went by till I wrote again

So much had happened since

The tree withstood whirl winds of snow

It felt the warmth of spring

It was left at the mercy of a thunderstorm

But there it stood

When I looked up close

I noticed the wear and tear on the bark

The snapped twigs falling from the branches

The buds of the leaves starting to appear

As the spring weather persists

And summer arrives

The tree will continue to change

And it will be something to behold

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Women's Advocates Scholar: Julia Carter

Women's Advocates is an organization dedicated to helping the victim-survivors of domestic abuse. This resource helps with education, emergency shelter, and support for people experiencing abuse in their relationships. The following is an excerpt from a letter by Women's Advocates that further details what they do:

“One in three women in Minnesota has been or will be a victim of domestic abuse. This includes physical, sexual, financial, emotional, and digital abuse. Many victims of domestic abuse may not be aware of how to find safety resources. ... Spreading awareness of our services is even more crucial with the increased conditions of isolation and control due to the pandemic. A simple call to Women's Advocates' free, confidential Crisis Line at 651-227-8284 can offer crisis interventions, connections to emergency shelter, guidance on legal resources, and safety advocacy.”

It's important that people are aware of the resources around them, and I hope that by spreading this message, people can get the assistance that they need. Women's Advocates also offers educational webinars and workshops that anyone can be a part of. If you are interested, go to <https://www.wadvocates.org/our-services/violence-prevention-education/online-education-and-webinars/>.



Women's Advocates

Breaking the cycle of domestic violence

THE FIRST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER IN THE UNITED STATES

CONTACT US AT (651) 726-5212, DEVELOPMENT@WADVOCATES.ORG, WWW.WADVOCATES.ORG

WOMEN'S ADVOCATES' IMPACT

- Paved the way over the last **45 years** for other domestic violence shelters & state funding through corrections & public safety
- **14,572 days** of safe shelter provided for **298 women & children** last year
- **128 children** played & healed in the Sheila Wellstone Children's Program
- **44 households** received a year of supportive safety & independence services after leaving our shelter
- **1,797 crisis interventions** took place via our 24/7 Crisis Line
- **7,272 students & professionals** were educated on domestic violence

WHY WOMEN'S ADVOCATES IS NEEDED

- **1 in 3 women** report experiencing domestic violence in their lifetime (CDC)
- All backgrounds (cultural, religious, socioeconomic & ethnic) are affected by domestic violence (NCADV)
- **33% of 911 calls** in Saint Paul are domestic violence related (SPPD)
- Our community is healthier & more resilient when women & children are free of violence & able to live independently
- Emergency shelter from domestic violence saves lives

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www.wadvocates.org

HOW TO HELP

- Volunteer at our shelter or in your workplace as a group
- Inspire financial donations from employees
- Schedule a "Domestic Violence 101" educational training at your workplace to increase awareness of domestic violence and share resources for employees' wellbeing
- Consider Women's Advocates for your philanthropic plans



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