

2022 Graduates





Critical Thinker
Determined
Compassionate
Reliable
Resilient
Empathetic
Dependable
Loving
Funny
Perseverant
Creative
Persistent
Dedicated
Selfless





Roberto Ramirez

Major: Business Administration, ACT-In, Spanish (Minor)

First Destination Outcome: Talent Sourcing Specialist at FORVIS

Words to describe you: Empathetic. Critical Thinker. Dependable.

My inspiration in college was definitely my family and the hope of seeing them be proud of me while I walked across the stage. I wanted to succeed to not only better the future of myself but that of those around me as well.

Roberto Ramirez



What do you admire most about Jewell?

I most admire the professors and the staff. They really want you to succeed and are empathic. They not only want you to succeed in their class, but in life as well, and they push you to be the best.

Describe the extra-curricular activities you were involved in during your time at Jewell.

I was part of the Men's soccer program, Mi Gente and Phi Gamma Delta. These are all excellent programs that allowed me to better myself not only in my education, but to help me grow and develop to become a better person. Mi Gente allowed me to connect to those of similar backgrounds, while also allowing me to express myself and show fellow Jewell students about different cultures.



Kaylie Kappelmann

Majors: Psychological Science, Nonprofit Leadership, Applied Critical Thought & Inquiry

First Destination Outcome: Ball State University's dual-master's program in Sport and Exercise Psychology and Clinical Mental Health Counseling; Research & Teaching Graduate Assistant

Words to Describe You: Persistent. Dedicated. Selfless.

“The Jewell experience was special because education was much more than you could obtain from a book or a lecture. Overall, the Jewell experience and the opportunity to apply what I learned outside the classroom helped drive my direction, views, and future goals in ways I would have never thought possible upon entering as a freshman.”

Kaylie Kappelman



What do you admire most about Jewell?

I think what I admire most about Jewell is the community. I didn't realize how special it was until I moved on to a much larger school for grad school. Being on the Hill allowed me to build very close relationships with professors, staff, and students that have brought much value to my life after college. I have a special appreciation for Jewell for giving me a positive, supportive community to help me overcome multiple adversities and stay focused on making my dreams come true.

How has your Jewell experience impacted you and what you are doing now?

My Jewell experience gave me the confidence to multi-task and tackle the incredibly difficult schedule I have right now, as well as use my diverse experiences at Jewell to set myself apart in graduate school. Also, through meeting with professionals in my field of interest while at Jewell, I was able to receive great advice for entering the field of sport psychology and find the best grad school and career path that matches my interests.

Lily Johnson

Major: Digital Media Communication, Business Admin (Minor)

First Destination Outcome: Marketing Coordinator at Turner Construction Company

Words to describe you: Creative. Funny. Construction!



“ I am faced with situations where I need to make quick decisions to meet deadlines. Critically thinking allows me to assess all my options and avenues to pick what will make my team and firm more successful. ”

Lily Johnson



How has your Jewell experience impacted you and what you are doing now?

The problem-solving skills Jewell introduces in coursework translates to everyday work life. While my major gave me the hard skills needed to perform my tasks, Jewell, as a whole, gave me the soft skills that I use daily to critically think, problem solve, and communicate.

What do you admire most about Jewell and what did you learn about yourself in college?

I admire Jewell's tight-knit sense of community that is so valuable.

I learned that I'm stronger than I ever knew. Being at Jewell I was able to grow as an athlete, student, and human.



Marcus Jones

Major: Nonprofit Leadership, Communication (Minor)

First Destination Outcome: Co-College & Career Coordinator for Kansas City Public Schools

Words to describe you: Resilient. Loving. Empathetic.

“My Jewell experience impacted me tremendously. It gave me tools and tangible skills to use after college. It gave me self-awareness of my capabilities and taught me how to work hard, manage my time, and have perseverance.”

Marcus Jones



What inspired you in college?

Intercultural relationships. I was inspired to get to know others, to get outside my comfort zone, to be challenged, and to hold myself accountable. This all helped me to be in the position I'm in now.

Share a favorite college memory.

Competing at nationals for powerlifting. I went 9 for 9 and it felt so good to end my college career like that. I felt like nothing could stop me.



Julia Yamate G. de Almeida

Major: Civil Engineering

First Destination Outcome: Junior Engineer at American Rail Engineers Corp. in Kansas City, MO

Words to Describe You: Dedicated. Funny. Perseverant.

I admire the community at Jewell. You meet students, faculty, coaches, and staff that will be there for you no matter what.

Julia Yamate G. de Almeida



How are you currently using the critical thinking skills you gained at Jewell?

I get to use my critical thinking skills to solve all types of issues. From office miscommunication to the best design for a bridge. Also, my professors and classes at Jewell made me confident in my engineering knowledge and that helps me everyday at my job.

What aspects of your Jewell experience prepared you most for life after college?

The hardships of being a student-athlete taught me that you can't always be perfect in everything. Sometimes you have to prioritize a part of your responsibilities and make peace with the idea that sometimes you just have to focus on getting stuff done on time, and not to perfection.



Megan Rohrer

Major: Biochemistry

First Destination Outcome: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine – Louisiana in Monroe, LA

Words to describe you: Determined. Reliable. Compassionate.

“I admire the small community of Jewell the most. It’s nice to walk around and know the majority of the people on campus. Everyone is also so willing to help others.”

Megan Rohrer



How has your Jewell experience impacted you and what you are doing now?

My experience at Jewell greatly impacted me and what I'm doing now. When I came to Jewell, I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do with my life. Through Jewell's Career Mentor Program, I was able to shadow professionals, participate multiple times, experience different careers and decide which path was right for me. This helped me decide between medical school and pharmacy school.

What inspired you in college?

I was inspired by my research experience. I completed two years of it at Jewell for my biochemistry degree. It was very interesting to work on my own research project as well as hear about others. My experience has inspired me to seek research opportunities in medical school as well.