



Governor's Scholars Program



ALUMNI UPDATES

September 2025

Dave Hoffman (GSP-Murray 1985) re-opened a solo consulting practice called Hoffman Biotechnology Law, Inc., in Los Gatos, California. He provides fractional in-house counsel services to small private biotechnology companies.

This summer, **Chelsea Kirk (GSP-Bellarmine 2006)** and **Will Kennedy (GSP-Centre 2009)** co-founded Kentuckians For Good, a civic engagement non-profit that seeks to curate conversations between Kentuckians from all walks of life about specific challenges occurring in our communities. The organization intends to propose changes to state and local legislation based on the results of non-partisan Town Hall discussions with community members like business owners, religious leaders, educators, politicians, and more, from all ends of the political spectrum. To learn more, check out their website at www.kentuckiansforgood.com. Will is currently an Airframe Design Engineer at Belcan Engineering Group in Lexington, KY, where he has lived since graduating from UK in 2016.



Chelsea Kirk



Will Kennedy



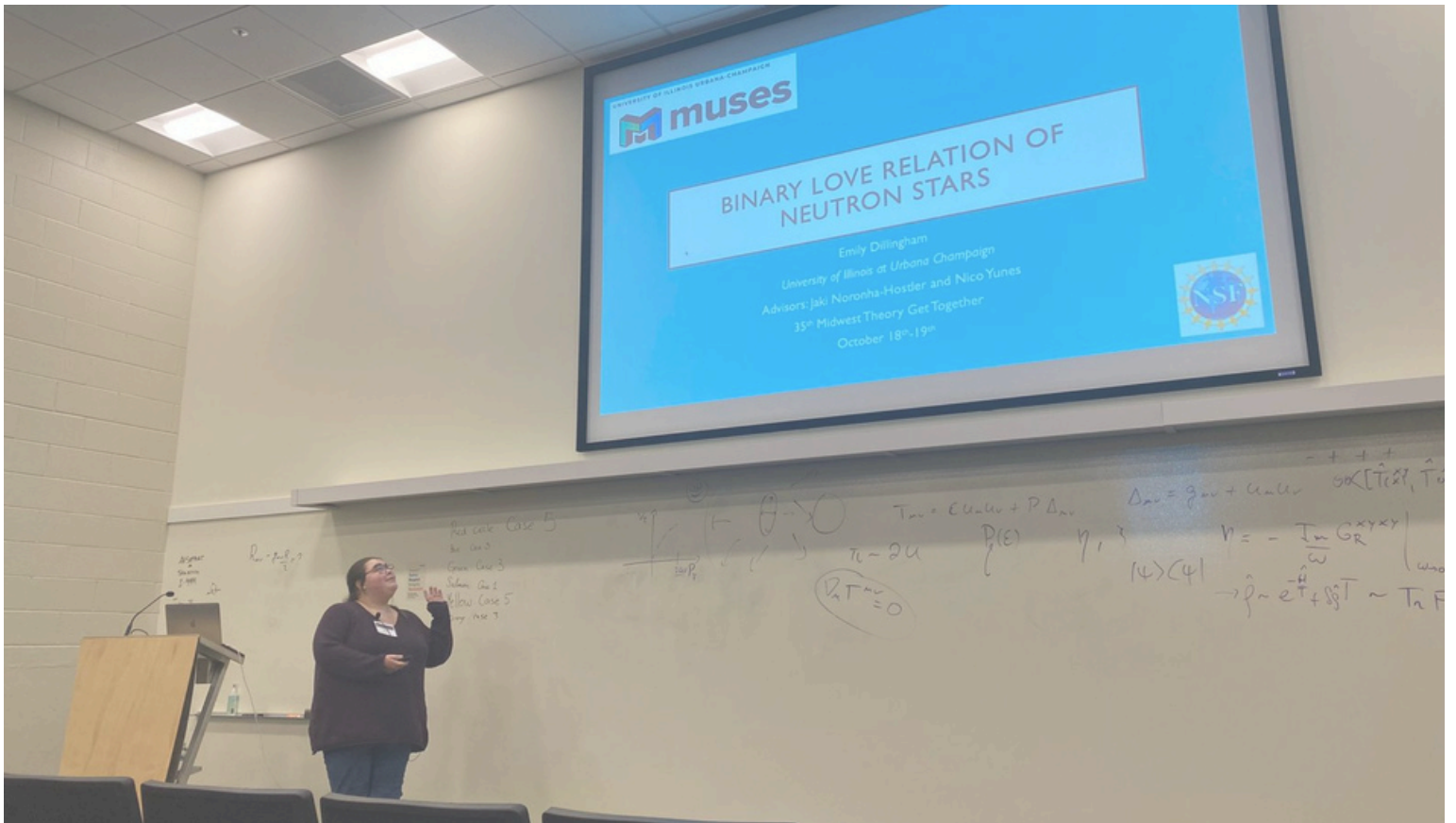
Zach Frederich at graduation from Columbia

Zach Frederich (Bellarmine 2011) earned his MBA from Columbia Business School in New York City and has returned home to Lexington. He recently launched The Faro Fund, focused on acquiring and operating a small business with a long-term outlook. After more than ten years away from Kentucky, he is excited for this next chapter and looks forward to carrying forward the legacy of a local business.

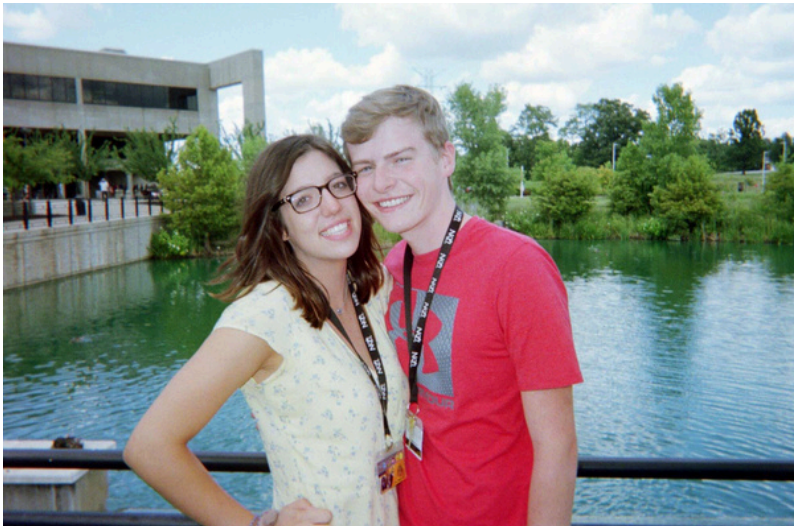
Brian Tussey (GSP-Centre 2011) earned an Ed.S. in School Leadership from University of the Cumberlands.

Wyatt Wells (GSP-Murray 2017) recently launched a company that makes natural electrolyte drink mixes with a focus on women's hormone health. The company was featured in *Wellness* magazine.

Emily Dillingham (GSP-Murray 2018) was awarded a 2024 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in physics and astronomy to continue her nuclear physics research on neutron stars and outreach work as a graduate student at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.



Emily Dillingham presenting her research on Neutron Stars



Una Mijatovic and JT Mills at GSP-NKU in 2018

Una Mijatovic (GSP-NKU 2018) and **JT Mills (GSP-NKU 2018)** got married on July 12, 2025. JT and Una met at GSP-NKU in 2018 and have been inseparable ever since. They first connected at a group breakfast, then hung out all day at the Cincinnati Zoo field trip and the Reds baseball game, and the rest is history! A girl from Lexington and a guy from Belfry (Eastern Kentucky) probably never would have had the chance to meet if it were not for GSP. They will always remember the late nights playing cards and stargazing, exploring campus, and sharing laughs with friends! Currently, JT is pursuing a PhD in nuclear physics and Una is pursuing a PhD in French and Francophone Literature.

Clint Draper (GSP-Morehead 2019) is an aspiring singer-songwriter living outside Nashville, TN.

Addison (Woods) Norris (GSP-Morehead 2021) recently got married, started working for the GSP Central office in Frankfort.

Lily Cecil (GSP-Murray 2023) is a Sophomore at Western Kentucky University majoring in Biology and an area in Pre-Physician Assistant. She finished her Freshmen year on the President's List at WKU. She is active in the BCM at Western and has spent the summer as a Camp Counselor at Crossings.



We would love to hear about the great things our Alumni are doing these days. If you have an update you would like to share, please submit it here to be featured on the Alumni Updates page which will be updated with the next newsletter.



Una Mijatovic and JT Mills in 2025



Logan Cherry at Murray State University

Logan Cherry (GSP-Centre 2022) has finished his second year as a music major at Murray State University. During the summer of 2025, he completed a study abroad trip in Austria as part of the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS). He has been a member of the Murray State Racer Band (mellophone section leader), wind ensemble, pep band, and horn choirs.