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SPEAKER BIOS

JACK FABRIZIO

Jack graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2013 and is currently a 4th year Plant Breeding and Genetics PhD student at Cornell University. Jack first became interested in plant biology in Mr. Garrett's Honors Biology class. He received an undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and worked in a molecular biology lab under Dr. Marta Laskowski studying lateral root development in Arabidopsis thaliana. After graduating from Oberlin, Jack worked in a plant pathology laboratory under Dr. Awais Khan as a research associate studying the genetic architecture of Fire Blight resistance in apple rootstock, and then for the USDA under Dr. Genaro Fazio to aid in the development of new apple rootstock varieties with improved calcium translocation. At Cornell University, Jack's research is focused on gene mapping and genomic prediction.

SIERRA SANDER

Sierra graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2018 and entered into the 5-year Physician Assistant program at the Rochester Institute of Technology. She is currently in her 5th year which consists of ten clinical rotations in various fields of medicine, with exams at the end of each 5-week rotation. Sierra will be graduating in May 2023 with a Master degree and will be taking the board exam in June. Sierra was first exposed to the Physician Assistant field in high school when she shadowed multiple medical providers through the Job Shadowing Program that Skaneateles offered. Those opportunities confirmed that she wanted to enter into the medical field and obtain her Physician Assistant degree. Sierra is thankful for her experiences thus far and is looking forward to what is next as her career begins!

CALVIN BOHRER

Calvin graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2014. After graduation, he lived in Budapest, Hungary as a part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Upon Calvin's return, he decided to live at home and study at Onondaga Community College. Calvin transferred from OCC to Northeastern University in Boston in the fall of 2016 where he studied Business and Finance. After graduation in 2019, Calvin moved to New York City and took a position in sales. He first worked as a Sales Development Representative for a human resources technology company. About a year later, he took a new position at Intapp, a legal technology company, based in Charlotte, NC. In August of this year, Calvin continued his career in the legal technology field and started a new position as an Account Executive at Litera.

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GABRIELLA WHITING

Gabriella graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2012 and moved to New York City to study Theatre Arts at CUNY Manhattan. From there, Gabriella was cast in Legally Blonde the Musical on the Norwegian Cruise Line and performed for six months cruising the Caribbean. After that, she continued to work in regional theaters across the U.S. performing in shows including: Sweet Charity, The Addams Family, and Sister Act. Gabriella toured with the National Tour of Saturday Night Fever and Broadway's National Tour of Motown the Musical. After touring, she started to transition to tv / film appearing on MTV, Comedy Central, Broadway HD, and an indie film, Finding Ophelia. When the pandemic hit and the entertainment industry came to a standstill, Gabriella found a creative outlet in posting Tik Tok videos. After moving to LA, she signed with a management team and has worked with brands including Disney, The History Channel, Skittles and Live Nation. Gabriella was recently selected from over 1000 applicants to work as a creator with Buzzfeed, Huffpost, and Meta creating information and fun content while continuing to grow her own platforms.

MOLLY KERSTETTER

After graduating from Skaneateles High School in 2015, Molly went on to attend Syracuse University. At Syracuse, Molly majored in Math and Economics and minored in Spanish. In 2019, Molly graduated from Syracuse and moved to New York City where she took a position at Morgan Stanley in the Operations Division. Molly worked at Morgan Stanley for about two years before moving to Charlotte, NC. She now works for Verum Partners, a wealth management firm, based in Charlotte and is currently a Senior Client Partner.

JOSH LUCE

Josh graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2017 and is currently a project manager at Keena Healthcare Technology (formerly known as EHR Integration Services), a healthcare IT firm based out of Skaneateles. Josh started at St. Bonaventure University for three semesters in 2017 before taking an internship at NextGen Healthcare in Rochester in which he worked as an implementation and business analytics intern. In December 2020, Josh finished his college career at Ithaca College with a BS in Finance and a minor in Business Analytics. In the same year, he also became a founding partner of Kinetic Energy Ventures, a renewable energy company based out of Skaneateles. Josh is currently moonlighting with a startup called Special Faces out of Boston and developing a couple other companies of his own as well.

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ALEXANDRA DITCH

After graduating from Skaneateles High School in the class of 2017, Alexandra went on to attend Fordham University in New York City. She knew that she wanted to go to college in the city, but also wanted the campus experience that Fordham was able to provide. After internally transferring into Fordham's Gabelli School of Business during her Freshman year, Alexandra dove into Marketing & Fashion. A career class that was required during her freshman year, had a huge impact on where she is today— For an assignment, Alexandra cold-emailed a Fordham alum who worked at Vogue Magazine, and became completely enthralled by everything she taught her about the brand. After volunteering for Vogue events throughout college and making many, many connections, she achieved what had become her dream, and landed a job at Condé Nast (the parent company of Vogue and many other brands). Alexandra is a Marketing & Experiences Associate, and has learned so much from working in the media industry for almost two years now.

NICK KOCHAN

Nick graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2013. During his time in high school, Nick was active in music and theater extracurriculars, ran track, and volunteered in church. He took AP courses and leaned into science, math, and engineering courses as well. Nick was a bit of a goofball, but decided to study at the University of Rochester where he met many smart, deeply motivated individuals. Nick changed his mind about his major a couple of times, and was consistently surprised by how much he could learn from his classmates. This was his greatest growth in college. Nick finally settled on a Major in Optics, which led him into graduate research focusing on how to make smaller and more powerful imaging lenses (like camera lenses and eyeglasses). Nick now holds the role of Principal Scientist at Physical Sciences Inc, an R&D firm in the greater Boston area.

ALEX WULFF

Alex graduated from Skaneateles High School in 2017 and went on to attend Harvard University where he studied electrical engineering. Alex was originally going to graduate in 2021, but decided to take his senior year off to create a startup with two friends from school. He eventually went back to school to finish his degree while continuing to work on the startup, and recently graduated this past May. Alex and his team raised a seed round for their start up in June and now has an office in New York City and are starting to hire their first engineers. His startup creates devices that provide situational awareness in the radio spectrum for Department of Defense customers.