

CYTOTECHNOLOGY CLASS OF 2019- STUDENT BIOS



Lindsey Whittaker, is from Fort Smith, Arkansas. She graduated with her Bachelors of Science in Biology in May of 2015 at University of Arkansas Fort Smith. She has been a Histotechnician since 2015 focusing on gastroenterology, dermatology, and podiatry. She received her Histotechnician licensure on July 2017. Wanting to further her expertise in pathology, she is now enrolled at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the Cytotechnology program. She is expected to graduate in August 2019 with her Bachelors of Cytotechnology. Lindsey enjoys reading, amusement parks, and traveling to new exciting places.



Makenzie Pierce, is from Hamburg, Arkansas. She graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 2018 with her B.S. in Biology and B.S. in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry. While at UAM Makenzie assisted with a research project which were funded by NASA. She also played softball for the UAM Cotton Blossoms and tutored in Chemistry and Statistics. She was secretary of Biology club, the Sigma Zeta Math and Science Honor Society and Scholarship Chairman for her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha. She volunteered several years with the Special Olympics and coached summer league softball. She is also a member of Who's Who among Colleges and Universities in America. Makenzie enjoys watching softball and baseball games and of course, shopping.



Taylor Jackson, is from Dallas, Texas; The Lone Star state! She earned her B.S. degree in Biochemistry and Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana. As a budding physician scientist, she fell in love with research early on in her undergraduate career. She was recommended and gained acceptance into Xavier University's Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement program (RISE) and worked in an organic synthesis lab towards the treatment of breast cancer for three years. Upon graduating from Xavier, Taylor began the UAMS Cytotechnology program to further her interest in cytogenetics and molecular diagnostics. Taylor's ultimate goal is to become a Pediatric Geneticist and conduct research that will hopefully lead to groundbreaking discoveries to heal, and impact children all across the globe.



Mamie Jennings is from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She graduated from The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in the spring of 2017 with her B.S. in Biology Pre-Medicine and a minor in Chemistry. During her time as an undergraduate student she was actively involved in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Scholars Academy, Tau Iota Mu Honor Society, The Minority Association for Pre-Health Students (MAPS) and The Vikette Society Incorporated. After Graduation she mentored undergraduate STEM Students for two years and served as an Ameri Corps Vista for one year. She has also spent time job shadowing several nurse anesthetist, CNA's, and medical assistants. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, horseback riding, watching Grey's Anatomy, and crafting.



Kaci Chapman is from Georgetown, Texas. She graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor with a B.S. in biology with a molecular cellular biology concentration and a minor in clinical psychology. While in college, she became a national member of the biology honor society Tri-Beta and the psychology honor society Psi-Chi. She currently attends the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the cytotechnology program. She fell in love with molecular biology and cell biology during undergrad and has always had the desire to work with cancer. She enjoyed working in regenerative medicine research while in undergrad. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her dog Nelly, being on the lake, and spending time outdoors on the family ranch in Texas.



Sydney Reed, is from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She graduated from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 2017 with a B.S. in Chemistry. During her time in undergrad, she studied abroad in Shanghai China at Fudan University learning about the culture and language. She also completed a Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Alabama studying Ruthenium Complexes as potential anticancer products. For the past two years, Sydney has worked as a Patient Care Technician in Cardiac ICU at St. Vincent hospital serving the Little Rock community. She enjoys sewing and cooking unique recipes from Pinterest!



Chelsea Grasser, is from Conway, Arkansas. She graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a B.S. in Health and Behavioral Sciences where she was a member of the Psychological Society. She served on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee from 2016-2018 at UCA and is currently a member of the American Society for Cytotechnology. She has clinical experience in medical/surgery, labor and delivery, NICU, and mental health. She enjoys reading, swimming, spending time with family and friends, and traveling.



Hanna Hathorn is from Huntsville, Arkansas. She attended Northwest Arkansas College where her love of cytology grew out of her microbiology and cell biology undergraduate studies. She is a current member of the American Society for Cytotechnology and has spent many hours volunteering the UAMS student run clinic facilitating pap tests for women in need. Hanna is looking forward to a lifetime career in cytology! In her down time she enjoys being outdoors kayaking the buffalo river, going to baseball games and spending time with my family and friends.