

Ambassadors



Abby Hull

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Year: Sophomore

Major: Early Childhood Education

Hometown: Chelsea, Mich.

Madonna Clubs/Organizations/Sports: FYE Peer Mentor in UNV 1010, Student body representative on the Trustee Committee of Academic Administration, Member of Madonna Early Childhood Club, Member of Society of Future Teachers, Tutor at Madonna Writing Center

Hello, my name is Abby Hull. I am in my second year at Madonna, and have absolutely loved my experience thus far. I am a graduate of Washtenaw Technical Middle College (a charter high school within Washtenaw Community College) in Ann Arbor, Mich., but was homeschooled for nine years of my life. My first impression of Madonna was a bit of uneasiness since the campus and student number were so small. After some time I realized that this was undoubtedly a blessing rather than a burden. I have easily been able to personally get to know professors, faculty, and many other students throughout this small community.

I absolutely love reading, napping, working with children, traveling, and playing/listening to music. I plan to teach preschool or kindergarten/1st grade one day. Being at Madonna has helped me to discover in more depth what **exactly I want to do with my life. Through the Ambassador's Program I hope to help future students to discern and investigate what they truly hope to do in both their college career and future.**



Anna Dreslinski

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Year: Freshman

Major(s): Vocal Performance

Madonna Clubs/Organizations/Sports: Ambassador Program

I am a Vocal Performance major, but love more than just singing. I enjoy reading in my spare time as well as spending good quality time with family and friends. I work at the Madonna University Writing Center, live in the residence hall at Madonna, and also participate in various activities around campus. I have been performing throughout my entire life in one way or another. I have traveled internationally to train and compete in the sport of Rhythmic Gymnastics, trained with members of the Cirque du Soleil, and performed in musicals in Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Waterford, Mich. Aside from performing, I also choreograph many productions; creating the song and dance to musical numbers, or forming a dance routine for those studying dance. My passion lays in teaching the performing arts through various forms, but I also greatly enjoy tutoring/studying literature and language arts. I hope to continue teaching forms of the performing arts throughout my future, and I also plan to perform for a short while before starting a family. I am well informed in many areas; if you have **any questions, please don't feel shy to contact me! If I can't answer your question, the social butterfly will at least get you in touch with the right people who can.**

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De'La McClendon

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Year: Sophomore

Major(s): Sign Language Studies and Broadcast & Cinema Arts

Hometown: Detroit, Mich.

Madonna Clubs/Organizations/Sports: UG Ambassadors, No Strings Attached, SLS Club, Madonna's Pen, Broadcast & Film Club

Hello all (^_^). My name is De'La (day-la). I am a bubbly person who likes to laugh and smile more than anything. On the average day I enjoy reading, listening to music, or spending time with loved ones. I am a transfer student to Madonna University and am currently in my sophomore year. I feel very blessed to have been accepted to join the Madonna family. I am a full time student, and a part time actress. I chose a double major of Sign Language Studies (SLS) and Broadcast & Cinema Arts (BCA) – two of my greater passions, learning a language, and film. I am excited to learn the different workings of BCA, and ASL. Since joining Madonna I feel that many doors have been opened to me and I love the family/friendly atmosphere here. **I'm excited beyond measure to see where this new journey will take me, and who I'll meet along the way. I am currently participating in a student singing group No Strings Attached, Madonna's Sign Language Studies group, and Madonna's Pen. In the winter semester I will begin my term as a part of the Broadcast and Film Club :-). So many new people to meet, and I can't wait. Until then this is me De'La.**



Desmond Thompson

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Year: Freshmen

Major(s): Communications

Hometown: Detroit, Mich.

Madonna Clubs/Organizations/Sports: Bridging Lost Gaps (BLG), Cross Country Team

I am a hardworking young man from the eastside of Detroit. I am a preacher and teach youth Sunday School and Bible Class. I played football for many years and believe that helping people is the key to life.

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Elizabeth Miller

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Year: Junior

Major(s): Nursing

Hometown: Novi, Mich.

Madonna Clubs/Organizations/Sports: Madonna University Student Nursing Association (MUNSA), Student Ambassador Program

Hi Everyone! My name is Elizabeth Miller and I am currently a junior in the Nursing program. I chose to attend Madonna University after taking a tour. I soon thereafter discovered the Nursing **program's highly respected reputation** and my decision was final – Madonna is the place for me! I enjoy the small class sizes and the student-to-faculty ratio. The professors here are always able to answer questions and work one-on-one in the lab if you ask. The environment **here isn't comparable to anything else...** everyone here is so nurturing, helpful and enthusiastic. The academic programs are structured for students to develop and transition professionally. Aside from learning, Madonna has something for **everyone no matter where you're from!**



Gwen Higgins

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Year: Junior

Major(s): English and Communication

Hometown: Livonia, Mich.

Madonna Clubs/Organizations/Sports: I work at the Financial Aid office as well as the Writing Center. I am involved in Campus Ministry (sub-groups Respect Life and Tota Pulchra), MU Fitness, and Madonna Lyric Theater Program

I am in the midst of my junior year, and it is a very busy as well as exciting time. I am a full-time student majoring in English and Communication as well as **working at Madonna's Writing Center, Financial Aid office, and Aeropostale.** I graduated from Ladywood High School and have lived in Livonia, Mich. my whole life. I am grateful that I am able to attend Madonna, and I love the fact that it is a small Catholic university close to home. My freshman year I went on **Madonna's alternative spring break** through Campus Ministry to South Carolina. I spent my sophomore year living on campus, and that is when I really became involved at Madonna. I joined the Lyric Theater Program and we performed the spring musical, "Guys and Dolls." **Through the different organizations I've joined** at Madonna, I have met several people who I am now friends with. I started out at Madonna with an undeclared major. I explored several different fields, and after changing my major numerous times finally settled on English and Communication. In my free time I enjoy reading, relaxing, and hanging out with friends. I love traveling and am very excited to study abroad in France this spring!

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Lisa Hursin

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Year: Sophomore

Major: Dietetics

I grew up in Canton, Mich., but spent my last few years of high school in the town of Port Austin, Mich. I graduated from Bad Axe High school, being only the second student from my school to attend Madonna (the first was my sister). Growing up in a small town, I knew I wanted to further my education after high school in a tight-knit community. From the small class sizes to the friendly professors and staff, Madonna has been a second family for me. Plus, being **passionately Catholic, I've been** able to grow in faith through Campus Ministry and meeting other people who share my faith. Madonna has given me the tools for success not only in my future career as a registered dietitian, but also as a **leader. Since coming on campus I've started a tennis club, which has been the** most fortifying experience to gain confidence and enhance my leadership.

I'm the co-founder and president of the Madonna Tennis Club. Additionally, I'm the secretary of Nutrition Network and a new inductee of Sigma Zeta. Living in the residence hall for the past two years has introduced me to numerous clubs and events on campus. I am an active member of Campus Ministry, including being a part of the subcommittee, Respect Life. **I'm also a FYE mentor for incoming freshman on campus. I've recently joined the swing dancing club** this year as well. I have two jobs on campus: one as a student food service assistant for the dining hall and the other as a student secretary assistant in the **Registrar's Office. I'm very excited to say that this summer I will be studying for three weeks in Pontlevoy, France!!**



Michelle Levy

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Year: Junior

Major(s): Nursing

Hometown: Westland, Mich.

Madonna clubs/organizations/sports: Madonna University Student Nursing Association (MUNSA), Student Ambassador Program

Hello all, my name is Michelle Levy. I am currently a junior in the Nursing **program. When I'm not studying, I enjoy hiking, running,** camping and anything outdoors. Aside from these activities, my interests include music, fashion and photography.

I chose to enroll at Madonna University because I felt that it would be a good environment conducive to learning in which I would receive individualized interaction. I felt that I would be viewed as a name, and not just a number among thousands. Each professor, advisor, and student I have encountered has been helpful, supportive and motivating. They all have the same goal in mind: your success, not just as a student, but as a person.

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Molly Bailey

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Year: Sophomore

Major(s): Nursing

Hometown: Coldwater, Mich.

Madonna clubs/organizations/sports: Center for Personalized Instruction Tutor, MU Technology Learning Center Staff, Red Cross Club.

Hi! My name is Molly Bailey, a sophomore Nursing student, from Coldwater, Mich. In my hometown I am a lifeguard and water safety instructor (teaching kids 6 months to 15 years how to swim), and have also worked in a nursing home as a nurse aide. I have a passion for people and love to find different ways to help them through the various stages of their lives. Whether it be through swimming lessons, nursing, or now through the Ambassador program, this is what I love to do!

Through this program I hope to tell as many people as I can about why I chose to attend Madonna, and how it has become one of the best decisions I have ever made. Living on campus and being an active member of the Madonna community has allowed me to grow into an educated and cultured young adult. I am proud of the person Madonna has helped me become. In the past three semesters I have fallen in love with this school, and am very excited to share that love with prospective students!

I hope to be used as a tool for prospective students and students alike. Whether you have questions, concerns, or just need an open ear, feel free to contact me through email or through the admissions office!



Tywonn Mitchell

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Year: Sophomore

Major(s): Criminal Justice

Hometown: Detroit, Mich.

Madonna clubs/organizations/sports: Student Life, Residence Assistant (RA), Member of Bridging Lost Gaps (BLG), FPE Peer Mentor

My name is Tywonn Mitchell. When I am not doing school work or the other various things associated with school, I really like to play sports. I am a sports fanatic; I love them all. My favorite sport though is football. I have been playing since I was 13. **I like to call football "my first love" because that was the first thing I really got attached too. I think I like it so much because it's a great way** to relieve some anger. Other than watching or playing sports, I like to just relax in my free time. Maybe catch up on some sleep, if I don't have any homework to do!