

# Meet the May 2022 Graduates



## Valerie Browne

Shortly after graduating I will be traveling to Kyrgyzstan, where I'll study Russian intensively over the summer as a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholar. After that I head to Poland, where I'll have the opportunity to work with displaced Ukrainians as well as my host community as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.

Studying language, literature, and writing at WVU has been an illuminating, life-changing, and life-giving experience. I am thankful for all of the professors who poured so much passion and labor into creating challenging/engaging course content and fostering a collaborative, idea-rich class environment.



## Haley Cochran

I plan to find a job where I can use my skills as an editor and publisher to find a job using those skills. I am taking a break from school & eventually going back to get a business degree. I hope to one day to open a publishing company of my own.

My favorite professors would be Dr. Erin Carlson & Christa Parravani. I enjoyed all the classes they taught me. They believed in my writing skills & taught me more than I ever thought I could.

My favorite project was the website that I created for my capstone this past semester. I worked hard on it. I really enjoyed Professor Woods teaching me the ways of my capstone as well.

In my time as an English major, I learned a lot about my writing. I learned that you have to dig deep into yourself for my writing to be truly great. I also learned how to be an editor when I really didn't know what editing really was. I learned how to be a technical writer when it comes to writing my articles.



**Rayna Demay**



**Katrina Goodlin**



**Kimberly Gray**



**Kelsey Greene**



**Paige Greenfield**



## Grace Hagerty



### David Hayhurst

“My favorite classes taken in the English department were the workshops. Workshops have the perfect environment for coming out of your shell and letting peers read and give feedback on your work. The amount of useful critique and information you receive in a workshop environment were crucial to putting the finishing touches on my own pieces. Professor Glenn Taylor offered the best workshop that I took in my four years of college and was only ever helpful and encouraging to all his students in his feedback.

After graduating, I have ambitions to become an author in my own right and possibly work in the publishing industry to be apart of the writing world, but at the moment I am working wherever I can to afford rent and buy groceries.”



### Christina Hinerman

My experience as an English major at West Virginia University was an overwhelmingly positive one. The professors in the English department are so knowledgeable and kind, and they are truly invested in helping their students thrive. Each and every class I took, from American Literature to Editing to Shakespeare, inspired me and made me gain a deeper appreciation for my major.

Though it was a challenge, my most favorite class I took was ENGL 221: The English Language with Dr. Kirk Hazen. By taking this class, I received the opportunity to become a research assistant with the West Virginia Dialect Project (WVDP). Being a part of the WVDP under Dr. Hazen was by far the most enriching and memorable aspect of my journey as an English major.

After graduation, I plan to attend graduate school for special education and eventually become an educator in the Pittsburgh, PA area.



**Cali Hudnall**



**Ian Hyde**



**Emilee Jedlicka**



**Rachel Killough**



**Peter Krch**



**Zoe Markou**



**Maggie Miker**



**Annamarie Miller**



**Tucker Nadeau**

Next fall I will be attending the University of Victoria on Vancouver Island in Canada to pursue an MA in English, with plans to work in education at either the secondary or collegiate level, and I will also be joining the university's rugby team. I loved every single professor in the English department that I had in my time here, and two of my favorite projects were the research I did into the differences in usage of the word "whenever" inside and outside Appalachia for Dr. Hazen's Appalachian Englishes class and also my capstone paper on imagery of mushrooms in *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson.





**Carson Nelson**



**Tristen Nichols**



**Emily Paugh**

“Entering college, one can easily feel confused and have a lack of direction, but I found a purpose, and home, in the WVU English Department. The faculty aided in my learning and equipped me with skills that prepare me for work post-graduation. I especially enjoyed taking British Literature with Dr. John Lamb as well as all of my Professional Writing & Editing courses with Dr. Jill Woods.

I will be putting my degree to use as I begin my working career in Washington D.C., and although leaving Morgantown is bittersweet, I am lucky enough to have made amazing relationships and memories here that makes parting so hard.”



**Cassi Smith**



## Kristi Snodgrass

After graduating from WVU, I plan to spend the summer relaxing and picking up freelance editorial work when I can. As of right now, I am working on a copyediting project for military history publisher Helion & Co. When summer starts winding down, I will look for a more stable job that better aligns with my dream of editing young adult fiction romance books.

The highlight of my English experience would be my involvement in WVU's undergraduate literary journal *Calliope*. I had barely heard of the journal before I began my first year, but now I can look fondly back on how I started out as a fiction reader, rose to the position of co-fiction editor, and spent my last year as the editor-in-chief. I met and worked with so many amazing individuals and was fortunate enough to have my own artwork and fiction piece published in two volumes.



## Maxwell Stewart



## David Tinch



## Dustin Travis



**Hayley Turcotte**



**Craig Weimer**



**Lillian Wright**