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Meet Our Featured Student

Melissa Bleininger

RESIDES: In Dover.
MAJOR: Melissa is an Honors Program student with a double major - Sociology and Criminology and Justice Studies
FUTURE EDUCATION GOALS: "I would like to work in the Criminal Justice System, either in an administrative capacity or a quantitative research component. Two other areas I am looking at include one of the TRIO programs preparing other undergraduates for research and/or graduate studies. The other, which is my ultimate goal, is to teach at the university level."
CAREER CHOICE: "Careers in Criminal Justiceنظ on focering social equity and justice for all."
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: Throughout her collegiate experience, Melissa has been active in and held leadership positions in student government and the Criminology and Justice Studies Club.
HONORS AND AWARDS: Due to her excellent academic record, Melissa has been on the Dean’s List, received many scholarships and inducted into several honor societies. She has also received numerous awards and honors, among them are: Kent State University Undergraduate Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Honorable Mention Award and Presentation Award 2016; Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium Presentation Award 2016; Kent State University Graduate Research Symposium Presentation Award 2016; Senior Honors Thesis, Successful Defense and Honors Medallion 2016; Kent State Tuscarawas Student Research Colloquium Presentation Award 2015; Overall Best Poster from Kent State East Liverpool African Culture Fair 2015; National Society of Leadership and Success National Engaged Leader Award 2014; Kent State Tuscarawas Student Leadership Award 2015; Kent State Tuscarawas Student Leadership Award 2016; and McNair Scholars Program Scholar 2014-2016.

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Presenter: Joshua Menefee
Mentors: Dr. Chris Fenk and Dr. Don Gerbig

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Presenter: John Xavier Barrow
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