Katherine Keegan

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Education

Bachelor of Science, Honors

Aug. 2018 - May 2022

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

- **Major:** Applied Mathematics; **Minors:** Physics, Leadership Studies (Community & Social Change emphasis), **GPA:** 4.00/4.00
- Relevant Coursework: Linear Algebra, Math & Programming, Ordinary Differential Equations, Numerical Analysis & Computing, Real Analysis, Complex Analysis, Discrete Mathematical Structures, History of Math, Multivariable Calculus I & II, Statistics I & II
- Honor Societies: Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honors Society, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honors Society, Alpha Lambda Delta First Year Honors Society
- Began college at age 14 through Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, will graduate at age 18

Research Interests

Scientific computing; linear algebra; numerical methods; machine learning; dimension reduction; imaging; applications in healthcare and space science

Research Experience

Applications of the Singular Value Decomposition

- Summer research project through "Fast Learning Algorithms for Numerical Computation and Data Analysis" program at Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics (ICERM) located at Brown University; mentor: Dr. Minah Oh
- Applied principal component analysis (PCA) to COVID-19 dataset, analyzing trends among states and creating 3-D interactive visualizations of principal components to illustrate results
- Assisted with development of modified SVD-based watermarking scheme and constructed plots to illustrate improved efficiency and extraction accuracy of scheme in images, video, and audio

Modeling and Solving Aircraft Response to Elevator Deflection

Fall 2020

- Completed as course paper for final project in Ordinary Differential Equations
- Modeled elevator deflection on Boeing-747 under cruise flight conditions using MATLAB
 Simulink Aerospace Blockset and mathematically illustrated the perturbation's effect on system

Applications of Hilbert Spaces

Spring 2020

- Completed as course paper for honors project in Linear Algebra
- Explored mathematical properties of Hilbert spaces and their scientific applications

Presentations

"SVD and its Applications." Shenandoah Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics conference, James Madison University, December 2020.

Work Experience

Tutor

Jan. 2020 - Present

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

• Providing individual instruction and guidance with Physics, Japanese, and Mathematics courses

Teaching Assistant

Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2020

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

• Assisted with teaching and grading of Precalculus in Fall 2019 and Calculus I in Fall 2020

Extracurricular Student Pilot Activities

Sep. 2019 - Present

Blue Ridge Aviation, Weyers Cave, VA

• With funding provided from Mary Baldwin University's Experiential Learning Grant, began flying lessons with goal of obtaining a private pilot certificate

Math Club President

Sep. 2019 - Present

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

Managing club communication; working on expanding scope of club to assist those struggling in math classes across the campus community; held secretary position from 2019-2021

Baldwin Honors Scholars President

Sep. 2020 - Present

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

 Working with other student leaders with coordination of activities for students in the honors program at Mary Baldwin University; held vice president position from 2020-2021

Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership

Jan. 2020 - Present

Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA

- Member of the only all-female corps of cadets in thenation, a university program led by military staff preparing women for leadership positions in both military and civilian careers
- In 2020-2021, held second-cadet-in-command position as the Executive Officer, responsible for the coordination of specialized staffs to support the education of ~100 cadets
- Anticipating completion of the VWIL Advanced Leadership Certificate in May 2022

Selected Honors & **Awards**

- Advisory Board of Visitors Capstone Fellowship (funding for senior projects based on research proposal application) at Mary Baldwin University (2021)
- Craig Hanson '74 Memorial Scholarship (given to a rising VWIL junior demonstrating high academics and respect of peers) (2020)
- First Year Calculus Award (given to freshman with highest average in Calculus I & II) (2019)
- Mary Baldwin UniversityExperiential Learning Grant (2018)
- Mary Baldwin University President's Scholarship (2018)