

## Program Information

In the fall of 2023, the Boettcher Foundation launched Boettcher Connect, a mentorship program designed to connect Alums with current Scholars and young Alumni. **The spirit of this program is to facilitate a structured, mutually beneficial relationship between a member of the Boettcher Alumni Community (Scholars, Investigators, Fellows, etc.) and a young Scholar to advance that Scholar's personal and professional growth.** We hope this new program promotes certain attributes, namely:

- The ability to create a customized mentoring relationship that allows the mentor and mentee to define the goals of the relationship and the frequency that they meet,
- Advancing Scholars on their professional/life journey, and
- Giving Alums the opportunity to share their life advice and have a tangible impact on a current Scholar's experience.

Mentorships can be done in-person or virtually, and the Boettcher Foundation will provide pairs with various materials including a mentorship agreement, goal setting tools, a list of best practices, and more.

**We are currently looking for mentors!** Take a look at the Scholar profiles on the following pages and email Floyd at [floyd@boettcherfoundation.org](mailto:floyd@boettcherfoundation.org) if you'd like to mentor any of these Scholars in the fall.

## Program Requirements

- The expectation is that you meet at least once a month for a minimum of six months.
- All mentors must sign the Foundation's "Code of Conduct for Engaging with Scholars."
- All mentors must complete a background check (must only be completed once every 2 years).

## Key Dates

- April 17 – Deadline for Scholars and Young Alums to apply for the program.
- **May 1 – Alums can begin signing up to mentor Scholars.**
- **June 14 – Deadline for Mentors to sign up.**
- Mid-July – Pairs introduced to each other.
- Friday, August 9 – Optional in-person mentorship launch at Scholars Experience.
- September 15 – First meeting due, Mentorship Agreements due to the Boettcher Foundation.
- October 15 – Second meeting due and check-in from Boettcher.
- November 15 – Third meeting due.
- December 15 – Fourth meeting due and check-in from Boettcher.
- January 15 – Fifth meeting due.
- February 15 – Sixth meeting due and program survey delivered.
- March and after – Relationship can continue if desired.

## **(TAKEN) Josue Acevedo, 2019 Scholar**

**New Graduate from Metropolitan State University**

- ✧ *“I strongly believe that improvement comes from watching those more experienced and skilled than yourself. I want to keep being an asset to my community and in order to do that I want to seek out those who have already found success in the community and learn from them.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Applied Math, Computer Science

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/josue-acevedo-528410257/>

**Hobbies:** Reading Educational Books, Hiking, Community Service

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Business Management
- Education
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Geographic Proximity

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Hybrid (Colorado - Grand Junction)

## **(TAKEN) Aaron Aguero, 2015 Scholar**

**Mechanical Design Engineer at Kiewit**

- ✧ *“I would like to have greater personal connection and interaction with a mentor which I seek to use to increase discipline, productivity, and networking connections.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Mechanical Engineering, Business

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <http://www.linkedin.com/in/aaronaguero/>

**Hobbies:** Architecture, Engineering, Business Development & Entrepreneurship, Building Development, Real Estate

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Art
- Business Management
- Design and Creative Arts
- Engineering

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Lived Experiences, Similar Career Interests

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** In Person (Colorado – Denver Metro)

## **(TAKEN) Ellison Black, 2021 Scholar**

**Student at Colorado State University**

- ✧ *“I feel like when I graduated high school, I had a general plan of what I would do. It feels like there are a lot of options after college even though I have a general idea of what I want to do. I think having a mentor would be beneficial in helping me along this path.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Biomedical Sciences, Spanish

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ellison-black-2428b6286/>

**Hobbies:** Agriculture, Working Out, Personal Training, Outdoor Activities

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Health and Medicine
- Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** In Person (Colorado – Fort Collins)

## **(TAKEN) Jasey Chanders, 2020 Scholar**

**New Grad from CU Boulder**

- ✧ *“I am going into this next year thinking a lot about how I want to design the next stage of my life once I graduate from my masters. There are a ton of factors but to name a few I’ve been thinking a lot about how do I truly make an impact while also building a happy and sustainable life for myself. I’d love to work with a mentor who is excited to engage with me on the more meta side of early career decisions.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Computer Science

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.jaseychanders.com/>

**Hobbies:** Outdoor Activities, Dance, Human Psychology, Technology

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Engineering
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- Technology and Computer Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Geographic Proximity, Similar Career Interests

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** In Person (Colorado – Boulder)

## **Camryn Daidone, 2017 Scholar**

**Medical Student at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine**

- ✧ *"I am currently preparing to transition from medical school into residency and am working to structure a residency application, preparing for the process of interviews etc. I would appreciate having the opportunity to discuss my future career goals as well as interview strategies and the transition from graduate school into professional life."*

**Majors/Minors:** Human Development and Family Studies, Chemistry, Medical School

**LinkedIn/Bio:** n/a

**Hobbies:** Medicine and Public Health, Cooking, Baking, Dogs

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Health and Medicine
- Science
- Social Work and Human Services

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Educational Background, Similar Career Interests

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Virtual

## **(TAKEN) Kellyn Dassler, 2016 Scholar**

**Senior Software Engineer & Creative Technologist at frog**

- ✧ *"I am in desperate need of a mentor, especially being a woman in computer science and someone with hopes of going to graduate school for art and tech. I have never had a formal mentor and would really love to find one."*

**Majors/Minors:** Computer Science – Software Engineering and Human Centered Computing

**LinkedIn/Bio:** [kellyndassler.com](http://kellyndassler.com)

**Hobbies:** Creative Coding, Writing, Travel, Rock Climbing, Reading

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Art
- Design and Creative Arts
- Engineering
- Technology and Computer Science
- Creative Robotics
- Coding (tech + art)
- AI Ethics
- Tech Policy

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Lived Experiences

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference

## **Camden Dempsey, 2021 Scholar**

### **Student Athlete at CU Boulder**

- ✧ *“I want to be able to connect with more Boettchers in the entrepreneurship space- I am always looking for new connections, and would love to expand my network within the Boettcher community! I am heading into my senior year and would love advice on Masters/Job and Career paths post college, and someone to stay in touch with post- graduation!”*

**Majors/Minors:** Business Finance and Marketing, Leadership, Entrepreneurial Studies

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/camden-dempsey/>

**Hobbies:** CU Football, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, Working on a Startup, Mandarin Chinese, Travel, Scuba Diving, Hiking, Food and Cooking, Formula 1

### **Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Business Management
- Entrepreneurship

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Hybrid (Colorado – Boulder)

## **Sophia Feghali, 2022 Scholar**

### **Student at CU Boulder**

- ✧ *“I am a hard-working, confident, pre-medicine student who is passionate about medicine in underrepresented, underserved communities, and striving to become a reconstructive cosmetic surgeon after my undergraduate career. I am arriving at a point in my undergraduate career where I am considering what the next phase of my life will look like in medicine. As I am about to begin this new medical school journey with unknowns and challenges, having the chance to learn from someone who has been through the process, to listen to, to ask questions, and guidance from, would be an invaluable resource.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, Minors in Leadership Studies and Music

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sophia-feghali/>

**Hobbies:** Presidents Leadership Class, Leeds Consulting Group, Global Medical Brigades, research, travel, studying new languages, piano, flute, creative writing, chef, outdoors

### **Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Health and Medicine
- Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference

## Abigail Fennell, 2019 Scholar

**Biomedical Engineering PhD Student at Johns Hopkins University**

✧ *“I want to learn about what careers look like for people with STEM PhDs, and a mentor is a great way for me to learn about this and envision my own future.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Biomedical Engineering, Chemical and Biological Engineering

**LinkedIn/Bio:** [linkedin.com/in/abigailfennell](https://www.linkedin.com/in/abigailfennell)

**Hobbies:** Science Policy and Advocacy for historically excluded groups in STEM

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Education
- Engineering
- Health and Medicine
- Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Virtual

## (TAKEN) Etash Kalra, 2019 Scholar

**Software Engineer at Rippling**

✧ *“One of my goals is to start developing relationships with folks ahead of me in my career. I aim to cultivate a more mature, knowledgeable mindset in my career, as well as to learn what areas of my life I can/should invest more energy into as someone in their early 20s. I’m also juggling working a full-time job and working on a startup on nights and weekends and would really appreciate the opportunity to talk to someone about how to sustainably continue what I’m doing.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Computer Science, Applied Mathematics

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/etashkalra/>

**Hobbies:** Skiing, Motorcycling, Reading, Cooking Indian Food

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Business and Management
- Technology and Computer Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference

## **Kaylene Khosla, 2016 Scholar**

### **Associate Attorney at WilmerHale**

- ✧ *“As the first attorney in my family, I have been really searching for a mentor who understands my career field, while also sharing a public-interest background. It’s hard to find mentors at my firm who come from similar backgrounds and/or have the same goals as I do, so it’d be nice to have someone that has been through similar career and life experiences to guide me through the next phase of my career. It would be particularly beneficial to have a mentor who has worked in a legal capacity outside of Colorado, especially in NY or California, as the legal communities are quite different. I hope to transition back to a public-interest or government field in the next 2-4 years.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Political Science, Business Administration, Leadership

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kaylene-khosla/>

**Hobbies:** n/a

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Criminal Justice
- Legal Studies

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Virtual

## **Liz LaJoie, 2018 Scholar**

### **Medical Student**

- ✧ *“I am looking for a mentor that helps me to be successful in all areas of my life. My previous mentors have been very specific to my career. While those relationships were very valuable, I am hoping to find someone who is both my mentor and friend, and can guide me personally and professionally. I would love to meet regularly in person and connect through one of our shared hobbies. I am so excited to further connect with the Boettcher community!”*

**Majors/Minors:** Spanish Language

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/elizabeth-lajoie/>

**Hobbies:** Pickleball, Yoga, Running, Cooking, Baking, Skiing, Board Games, Country Music

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Health and Medicine
- Language and Linguistics
- Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Hobbies

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** In Person (Colorado – Denver Metro)

## **Syd Levy, 2015 Scholar**

**Mechanical Engineer and Data Analyst**

- *“I am considering changing careers out of engineering and applying to medical school. I am looking for a mentor who could a) help me think clearly about the decision and b) give me some advice as to how to become a competitive applicant. ”*

**Majors/Minors:** Mechanical Engineering

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/syd-vicious/>

**Hobbies:** Thru-hiking, whitewater, skiing

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Health and Medicine
- Technology and Computer Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Medical Experience, Career Change Experience

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference

## **Molly Jordan Little, 2018 Scholar**

**J.D. Candidate at New England Law**

- ✧ *“I’m entering my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of law school in the fall, and the world is my oyster! I am unsure which direction I want to head and would love to start figuring out what’s next...”*

**Majors/Minors:** Psychology, Political Science, Leadership, Public Health

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/molly-jordan-little/>

**Hobbies:** Paddle Boarding, Travel, Golden Retrievers

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Business and Management
- Criminal Justice and Legal Studies
- Education
- Health and Medicine
- Political Science
- Social Work and Human Services
- Sports and Exercise Management

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference



## **(TAKEN) Emma Logan, 2020 Scholar**

### **New Graduate from Colorado College**

- *“Since freshman year I have been both vocal and adamant about my drive to work in the public sphere and social sector. I am looking to learn from mentors and co-workers as essential resources in my continued understanding of how changemaking successfully happens and what the different ways nonprofit/legal work might look! I don't think I want to go to graduate school for a number of years, but when I do am considering either a Masters in Public Policy or a Law degree, but don't actually know much about these programs and their pros/cons. I would also love guidance on things like the possibility of moving out of Colorado, how do you really decide what you want your career to focus on, and how to make those decisions! In this vein, I would love to maybe connect with someone who relocated to Chicago from Colorado and could share that journey with me. Thank you!”*

**Majors/Minors:** Majoring in Political Science & History, minoring in Education

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/emma-logan-colorado/>

**Hobbies:** Stand-Up Comedy, Movies

### **Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Criminal Justice and Legal Studies
- Nonprofit Work
- Public Administration

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Lived Experiences

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Hybrid (Colorado – Colorado Springs, Denver Metro)

## **(TAKEN) Emily Reynolds, 2019 Scholar**

### **Recent Master's Grad in Linguistics at CU Boulder**

- ✧ *“I'm graduating with my MA in Linguistics this spring, and while I have a summer job lined up, I'm unsure of how to gain momentum on finding a job that excites and challenges me. Right now, I'm focusing on getting better at networking. Finding a mentor would not only directly help me expand my network, but could also help me learn better ways of networking that are suited to my personality and goals. I'm not really a hardcore, "climb the ladder" type of person. I would better connect with a mentor with strong personal values and a commitment to work-life balance.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Anthropology, Linguistics, Spanish, Writing

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/emily-c-reynolds/>

**Hobbies:** Crafts, Knitting, Guitar, Learning, Travel, Reading, Cooking, Baking

### **Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Education
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- Humanities
- Interdisciplinary and Liberal Arts
- Language and Linguistics
- Social Sciences
- Oral History

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interest, Similar Lived Experiences

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Hybrid (Colorado – Boulder)

## **(TAKEN) Ashwini Shrestha, 2021 Scholar**

**Student at Colorado School of Mines**

- ✧ *“As I am entering my last year of undergrad, I will need assistance with grad school apps and decisions, as well as guidance for my future goals and endeavors. I could also use more friends/people in my life who know what life is like in your mid-20s.”*

**Majors/Minors:** Civil Engineering, Public Affairs

**LinkedIn/Bio:** n/a

**Hobbies:** Exercise, Hiking, Art, Crafting, Movies/TV/Music, Cooking

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Engineering
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Lived Experiences

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference

## **(TAKEN) Kenna Stephen, 2021 Scholar**

**Student at University of Denver**

- ✧ *“Wise people talk to wise people. Understanding the path of someone who might be in a similar to field to that which I want to enter could help me better navigate the process, as well as give me clarity on what I want to pursue. I love international studies, but often feel torn about the ethicality of certain careers that come along with it. I want to have real and open conversations with someone who might have had similar concerns and could offer me their perspective on how they navigate the field.”*

**Majors/Minors:** International Studies, Geography, Spanish

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kennastephen/>

**Hobbies:** Running, Hiking, Advocacy, Crafting, Modeling

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Criminal Justice and Legal Studies
- Entertainment and Media
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- Humanities
- Interdisciplinary and Liberal Arts
- Political Science
- Social Sciences
- Social Work and Human Services

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Hobbies

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** No Preference

## (TAKEN) Sam Stoltz, 2019 Scholar

**EFL Instructor in Mohammedia, Morocco**

- ✧ *"I'm in a transition phase as a recent graduate. While I do have a short term plan for my life, I'm about to start making another set of decisions for my future such as whether I will apply to grad school, if I will continue living abroad after my two years in Morocco, and what direction I want to start moving in professionally."*

**Majors/Minors:** Political Science, International Studies

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/samuel-stoltz/>

**Hobbies:** Reading, Horror Movies, Coffee

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Interdisciplinary and Liberal Arts
- Language and Linguistics
- Political Science
- Social Sciences

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Similar Educational Background

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Virtual

## (TAKEN) Emily Winn, 2019 Scholar

**Investment Banking Analyst at J.P. Morgan**

- ✧ *"One of the major things I am thinking about right now is how to fit passion into my professional life, or if finding passion is something I should focus on outside of the office. I am now almost a year into my career and it would be great to find someone who can be a springboard for ideas I have / career development. I am in an industry that is very intensive and many people leave after 2 years on the job. I am also new to the Bay Area so I would love to build a relationship with a Boettcher in the area."*

**Majors/Minors:** Marketing Finance

**LinkedIn/Bio:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/emily-winnn/>

**Hobbies:** Time Outside, Running, Hiking, Skiing, Biking, Reading, and Learning to Cook

**Career Interests (in alphabetical order):**

- Business Management
- Technology and Computer Science

**Looking For a Mentor With:** Similar Career Interests, Geographical Proximity

**Virtual/In-Person Preference:** Hybrid (Bay Area), with flexibility for evenings and weekends