

President's Innovation Challenge Participants Fall 2021

At the start of the challenge, we asked students to introduce themselves. Here's what they shared:

Bangor Savings Bank Group

Alexis Bowman '20, MBA '21



Hello, my name is Alexis! I am a graduate MBA student here at Thomas. In December of 2020, I finished my undergraduate degree in sport management. During my time here at Thomas I have participated in many clubs including JMG, music club, Alpha Chi, SAAC, and student tutoring. I am also a member of the field hockey team, and this year I am a co-captain of the team. I am finishing my time here at Thomas in December of 2021, and I feel as though my experience in college has prepared me for a career in business within multiple industries. I am excited to participate in the innovation challenge, and I look forward to learning skills that could help me enhance my design thinking abilities!

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Emily Reed '22



Hello, my name is Emily Reed (she/her). I am a Political Science major with a minor in Diversity set to graduate in May 2022. I am very passionate about human rights work and advocacy which is where I would like to go in my future career. I also enjoy in my free time watching crime shows and going to greenhouses (I love house plants). I'm very excited about the innovation challenge as I have never participated in a project like this one. I'm very good about replying to my email as well as working my schedule around the commitments of others. I look forward to working with you all!

CGI Group

Colton Harding '24



Hello, my name is Colton Harding. I am a Computer Science major scheduled to graduate in May of 2024. I love reading, gaming, and engaging in club activities in my free-time. Though I admit that I'm quite nervous about this project (I've never done anything like it before), I am very happy and grateful for the chance to work with and get to know all of you!

Jacob LaPierre '22



Hello, my name is Jacob LaPierre. I am a Sophomore at Thomas College and I am majoring in a Bachelor's in Computer Science and a Bachelor's in Cybersecurity. I like to swim, play cornhole, ride my bike, play video games and learn about new things. I enjoy helping others that may need help. I also really enjoy coding in programming languages like Python and C#. I have a passion for computers and have very much knowledge in technology in general. I am very excited to get to work on a project with a team and I am looking forward to what the project CGI has us doing for my teammates and me.

Scott Coningford '22



Hello all! My name is Scott Coningford and I am a senior here at Thomas majoring in management with a minor in marketing and advertising. I come to Thomas from KVCC where I obtained a associates degree in marketing. During my free time between working as a vault teller for a credit union and taking six classes, I like to ski, tube and really anything in the snow. I also love to travel and will also try to cook and or bake just about anything; and am running my small business.

JMG - Group 1



Apiyo Charles '24

My name is Apiyo. I am a sophomore/junior. I love dancing, and writing. I like making friends and having conversations! I am excited to meet other people and be a part of this project!

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Achen Charles '24

Hi my name is Achen Charles and I am a second year student at Thomas College. I am majoring in psychology and have a minor with international relations, I'm a part of JMG, international club, TRIO and the 3 year program with the Keist Morgan scholarship. I love to get creative and think of how we can make our environment better each day. There are many issues that go on in our every day lives, and being able to find solutions makes me happy in every way possible.

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Luul Hassan '24

Hello, my name is Luul I am a sophomore at Thomas College majoring in communications with a minor in business. I am also involved in JMG, TRIO, and the international club. I love music, hanging out with friends and shopping.

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Saron Aber '24

My name is Saron and I am a sophomore at Thomas. I am a criminal justice major. One thing I like to do is make people laugh. I enjoy making people smile. I also like to listen and dance to Afro-beats.



Britha Akimana '22

My name is Britha Kentha Akimana. I am a criminal justice major. I am a Mitchell scholar, Kiest Morgan scholar, part of TRIO and a member in the international club. I love making new friends and spreading positive energy. I am very happy to be part of the President's innovation challenge because this is an opportunity to use creativity and teamwork to find positive solutions to our issues.

JMG Group 2

Emma Mora '22



Hi! I'm Emma Mora (She/Her). I am a senior and a Global Policy (Interdisciplinary Studies but I just named my major yay!) major. This summer I was a Judicial Intern at the Waterville District Court where I got to shadow the judge, record the hearings and trials, and do legal research and writing. I work full time as a bartender and a server in Hallowell. I also have a three year old brother, along with 4 other siblings so when I am not working or at school, I am hanging out with them! I am married and live in my own apartment off campus. My husband has been deployed for over 200 days in Africa. He has seen a panther, wild camels, monkeys, many types of birds, and other animals! So it is always fun to get a phone call from him because I know he will have a fun story to tell me. I also enjoy running in my free time (I know, weird. I actually do like it), cooking, and online shopping (even though my bank account does not enjoy it as much as I do).

Jackie Gordon '24



My name is Jackie Gordon, pronouns she/her. I grew up in a small Maine town called Wayne. Some of my hobbies include field hockey, working and traveling. I am a student athlete here studying Forensic Psychology and playing field hockey. I am so blessed to be on the team because playing field hockey here at Thomas has always been a dream of mine. I enjoying taking psychology courses the most and I have been a part of the JMG program since high school.

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Kaysee Leary '22



Hi everyone! My name is Kaysee Leary and I am a senior here at Thomas. I am currently studying forensic psychology and I am lined up to graduate in May of 2022. I am a captain on the Girls Track & Field team at Thomas and I was an Early Start tutor this past August. I enjoy working out, watching sunsets, listening to music, and hanging out with friends. The easiest way to reach me is through email. I am looking forward to being a part of the President's Innovation Challenge and working with my team and of course seeing what everyone else comes up with!