



# MEET THE FELLOWS

First Pres Fellows Colorado Springs elevates the next generation of leaders to live out a passion for Christ and a vision for His Kingdom. Learn better how to think clearly, care deeply and act courageously to help bring light and life to our cities and communities.



## FIRST PRES FELLOWS CLASS OF 2021



### CALVIN CONN

**Hometown:** Chattanooga, Tennessee

**University:** The University of Tennessee

**Field of Study:** Biosystems Engineering

**Internship:** Crossfire Ministries

**More about:** I guided mountaineering and rock-climbing trips with Noah's Ark for five seasons. Just finished a 12-month internship with College Life, a college ministry with Fellowship Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. I once did a 200-mile cross country bike ride on a sunshine yellow tandem bicycle.

**Interests:** Backpacking, rock climbing, reading, playing guitar and messing with Liza.



### LIZA CUNNINGHAM

**Hometown:** Knoxville, Tennessee

**University:** University of Tennessee

**Field of Study:** Advertising with a minor in Business Administration

**Internship:** Touch of Love International

**More about:** Studied abroad in Sydney, Australia, where I worked for the Sydney Film Festival. Discovered a newfound relationship with Christ through Hillsong United Church. Studied Advertising Ethics from an intercultural perspective in Rome, Italy. College of Communication and Information Ambassador, Advertising Club Vice President, Student Advisor to the Provost, and recipient of the Chancellor's Extraordinary Professional Promise Citation.

**Interests:** Painting, baking, country music, traveling, cycling, drinking copious amounts of coffee, and watching *The Office*.

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### PETER DILLON

**Hometown:** Richmond, Virginia

**University:** Virginia Tech

**Field of Study:** Financial Planning

**Internship:** Paraplanner at Petra Financial Advisors

**More about:** Was a Young Life leader and track coach at a local middle school in college. I studied abroad throughout Central Europe; it was a business in culture study abroad trip, and we moved cities every few days. We went to Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany. Currently pursuing the CFP designation.

**Interests:** Loves to travel, hike and ski.



### JACK HEBERT

**Hometown:** St. Cloud, Minnesota

**University:** University of Minnesota Duluth

**Field of Study:** Marketing and Graphic Design

**Internship:** Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance

**More About:** I guided rock climbing and mountaineering trips for Noah's Ark in Buena Vista, Colorado, and spent last summer as the Rock Climbing Program Director. Worked the last four years as a freelance photographer and graphic designer. Extremely passionate about my grandmother's apple crisp.

**Interests:** Rock climbing, photography and stringed instruments.



### EMMA HILPERT

**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Florida

**University:** University of Florida

**Field of Study:** Marketing with a double minor in Nonprofit Organizational Leadership and International Studies

**Internship:** COSILoveYou

**More about:** I have a heart for justice, serving people and making disciples. Studied abroad in India and Nepal to observe and empower local nonprofits serving people's needs across the country. Traveled to Cap Haitian, Haiti with Projects4Haiti to use education as a tool for ending poverty and to raise up future leaders.

**Interests:** I love spending time in the outdoors!

You can usually find me with a cup of coffee in my hand. If I'm not traveling, reading, running or spending time with friends then I'm probably at a concert.



### ROSE MAXWELL

**Hometown:** Jackson, Mississippi

**University:** Washington and Lee University

**Field of Study:** Psychology, Religion, Poverty and Human Capabilities Studies

**Internship:** Dream Center's Mary's Home

**More about:** At Washington & Lee, I was head of the Peer Counseling Program and was tapped for ODK leadership society. I love to sing and enjoyed leading the worship team for RUF as well as singing in the choir—University Singers. I led freshmen on backpacking trips throughout the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia and can't wait to explore Colorado.

**Interests:** Exploring new places, climbing, baking, watching movies, harmonizing, attempting to play new musical instruments.

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### ISAAC NORTON

**Hometown:** Beaufort, South Carolina

**University:** Belhaven University

**Field of Study:** Business Administration, minor in Mathematics

**Internship:** Keeney and Company Real Estate

**More about:** I was a member of the Dean's Circle, an FCA Huddle leader and Pine Lakes College ministry leader. I traveled and led with my church on multiple short-term mission trips to Mexico, France and Brazil.

**Interests:** Hiking, weightlifting, drawing, watching movies and reading at my local coffee shop.



### ABBY PUTZ

**Hometown:** Cookeville, Tennessee

**University:** Auburn University

**Field of Study:** Biomedical Sciences

**Internship:** Colorado Springs Health Partners

**More about:** I was President of Delight College Ministries at Auburn University 2018-19, have nine years of Spanish language experience and will attend Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee, after Fellows.

**Interests:** Hiking, running, climbing and reading.



### RALEIGH SCHMIDT

**Hometown:** Madison, Alabama

**University:** Birmingham-Southern College

**Field of Study:** Religion major/Biology minor, Pre-Health Concentration

**Internship:** Medical Technician

**More about:** I'm an aspiring Physician Assistant, was a college cross country runner and on RUF servant team. I traveled to Tanzania for a month and hope to return sometime soon. I'm training to bike to the top of Pike's Peak if the altitude doesn't kill me first.

**Interests:** Running, biking, hiking, making funny videos for my friends' enjoyment.