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Meet Our New Castle Scholars Director

Jeanine Castagna

On August 1st, all of the Castle Scholars received an e-mail learning the news of our new program director. After about a year and a half into her term, Professor Meghan Freeman resigned as the Director of the Castle Scholars Program, and Professor Nimish Adhia assumed the position. He is a professor in the Economics department, and I had the pleasure of interviewing him for all of us to be able to get an idea of what’s to come for the program and learn more about our new director.

Interview:

JC: Tell us a little bit about your background.

Prof. Adhia: “So, I teach international economics and economics of developing countries. I teach Global Economy, which is an international studies course. So, International Economics is basically my field. “

JC: How did you earn the position?

Prof. Adhia: “Well, different people do it every three years, but sometimes certain directors step down from their role sooner than their three year term has passed, and its time to have another one. So, we just take turns in those situations. I taught an Honors title course Intellectual History of Capitalism and, therefore, I was familiar with the program. So, the Dean asked me to take over when Professor Freeman stepped down.

JC: Now, with your new role, what is your vision for the program? Do you see it going in a different direction? Are there any changes or cool things you want us to look forward to?

Prof. Adhia: “I want to step up the programming outside the classroom like the field trips. We had an awesome field trip last semester and not a lot of people showed up. We had Professor Saleeby-Mulligan give a tour of the Met, which is really awesome because she used to work at the Met. So, I want to increase attendance in field trips and have more exciting field trips.”

JC: Do you have anything for us to look forward to in terms of field trips or other plans you want to reveal?

Prof. Adhia: “We will go to the Tenement Museum again, but it’s for everyone, not just the Capitalism class. We will do that next semester. We are trying to get more Science professors to teach Castle Scholars courses. So, we have Professor Ellis teaching History of Geometry next semester, and we’re going to have a Chemistry course taught by Professor Jonston. She’s a Chemistry professor, and she’s going to be teaching a course on poisons. “

JC: Do you have any plans to build some of the Castle Scholars traditions (Honors Commons, Presidents Dinner, Student Council, Castle Voices)?

Prof. Adhia: “Well I’m trying to make the Blackboard site, our Castle Scholars website, more useful. You will be able to use the Blackboard site to check how you’re doing in terms of meeting requirements. You will be able to use the Blackboard website to get all of the information that you need about the program, get past copies of newsletters, just like the students used to when they were in the program.”
information about field trips. Right now, we don’t have one singular place where you can go to for everything that you need to know about Castle Scholars and how you’re doing in it, so I want to build the Blackboard website to serve that purpose. So that’s my winter break project. I also want to make it more useful for the administrators, where they can find all the resources they need to administer the program.”

JC: Is there anything else you would like to share?

Prof. Adhia: “We are always looking for interesting courses to offer, and it will be great if students could recommend certain topics for courses to offer, and I can take those topics to professors to see if they would be willing to build a course around it. If a suggestion comes from a student, then we know at least there’s some interest. So, I am always open to receiving topics on courses to offer.”

If you would like to suggest a course topic, field trip, or give any other input, please e-mail Professor Adhia at any point at Nimish.Adhia@mville.edu.

Castle Scholars End-Of-Year Senior Dinner
Professor Saleeby-Mulligan

On Thursday, May 2nd, Castle Scholars Graduating Seniors joined four faculty members for a lovely evening of delicious food and fun at Trattoria 632 in Purchase. Our annual senior dinner is a wonderful tradition where we get a chance to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our seniors. We were so happy to cheer them and wish them well as they head toward graduation. Professors Nimish Adhia, Deborah Saleeby-Mulligan, Kyoko Mona, and Liz Cherry joined five seniors: Tamara Bogoljubskij, Brooke Hadgraft, Waad Hassan, Amanda Martinez Veloz, and Markus Schwarz for an eventful dinner. It was a great opportunity to look back and discuss the joys and challenges of being a Castle Scholar, but most importantly, it all ended with nutella pizza!

We look forward to having another opportunity to cheer our distinguished graduates at Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies.

Photo Courtesy: Professor Saleeby-Mulligan
Field Trip: Tenement Museum  

Gabrielle Kazlow-Johnson & Daneil Chambers

Last March, Professor Adhia took a group of Castle Scholars to visit the Tenement Museum in the Lower East Side. All years came, from freshmen who were new to the program, to seniors wanting to take their last Castle Scholars trip. Five other students and I went on the Building on the Lower East Side tour, one of the museum’s many neighborhood walking tours.

Our tour guide Ali took our group—filled with a mixture of students, local residents, and tourists—around the lower East side. First, she provided a background of the neighborhood around the museum and how it came to be there. Founded in 1988, the museum was created by Ruth Abram and Anita Jacobsen, who saw a rich history and an opportunity for education in an old tenement building. From there, their passions for restoring it into a place of learning about the past grew, and they bought another building: 103 Orchard Street (where the main building of the Tenement Museum still stands).

Ali took us around the neighborhood, showing us the history of how the neighborhood was in the past and placing it against the present backdrop. She explained to us the cultural shift that took place that required these tenements to be built, and how that impacted the community as well as the architecture, political sphere, and the people who have lived there throughout the years.

As we walked and learned more about one of New York’s most historic neighborhoods, people that lived in the area dropped in on our tour group to listen or give insight as to how they saw their neighborhood. From a woman waiting for her bus, we learned how the newer housing complexes impacted the previously rooted communities and how the innovation of those building caused strife and controversy, just as the historic tenement buildings.

Walking around the neighborhood and learning about the streets and buildings around us was eye-opening. Most of the students in our group had grown up around the city, being Westchester residents, but never knew about the rich history below the facades of shops and restaurants that fill the streets now. Afterwards, during lunch, the whole group of Castle Scholars got together to talk about our trip and share the insights we gained from the two tours. One thought we all had in common was that the trip to the Tenement Museum showed us another side of New York that many knew nothing about.

Daneil Chambers

The Tenement Museum in New York City’s Lower East Side allows visitors to take a step into history as if nothing has changed, today. We were allowed to visit 97 Orchard Street, which was home to thousands of people from various nations between 1863-1935. These people came to America to fulfill the American Dream—a better life with greater opportunities. The Tenement Museum shares the stories of families that lived in 97 Orchard Street and shared businesses that existed within the tenement. We learned about a couple that ran from 1865-1886 Lager Beer Saloon, Schneider’s Lager Beer Saloon, but faced several challenges, which ultimately ended in tragedy. Additionally, we learned about other small business owners including their successes and failures within this tenement. The 97 Orchard Street indoor tour provided us with stories of hope and highlighted the bonds found in these tenements; these families went through hard times but were able to create a path for future generations to come. Overall, this experience was extremely wholesome and valuable to understanding the American Dream from a global perspective. The Tenement Museum is a wonderful place for anyone interested in shared stories and finding our commonalties as humans.
Fall 2019: Castle Scholars Courses
Jeanine Castagna

All information retrieved from Student Planning

Castle Scholars Capstone
Meeting Times: W 9:20AM-10:35AM, Professor Hannum
Description:
“'This capstone course, utilizing Manhattanville's signature Atlas pedagogy, assists Castle Scholars in integrating and synthesizing their honors experiences and relating them to their future academic, professional and personal plans. Through readings, guest speakers, discussions, interviews, research and writing, Scholars will analyze and reflect upon their learning across the curriculum and beyond, identify what participation in the Castle Scholars Honors Program has added to their personal skill set and broader understanding of the value of a liberal arts education, and present it in a public ePortfolio.'"

Castle Scholars Fall Service
Meeting Times: M 10:45AM-12:00PM, Professor Yeung-Cheung
Description:
“'The Castle Scholars Service Learning Seminar, is a 1.5-credit seminar offered every fall semester In this class, students will organize the annual Human Rights Awareness Day. The objective of this seminar is for students to learn about Manhattanville's history of social action, participate in organizing events to continue this tradition, and tie their experiences to readings on human rights and social justice in a short research and reflection paper. Enrollment in this class is limited to Castle Scholars, and Manhattanville College students whose GPAs are 3.6 or higher.'"

Beatles in Their Context
Meeting Times: M 4:20PM-6:50PM, Professor Comberiati
Description:
“'The Beatles emerged as an unprecedented popular music phenomenon. They were central players in the sixties cultural rebellion and they represent a significant instance of popular entertainment attaining the status of high art. This course will examine the music and lyrics of the Beatles, focusing on their work as songwriters and record makers.'"

Thinking Overthinking
Meeting Times: W 10:45AM-1:15PM, Professor Redding
Description:
“We are often told not to "overthink" an important decision or to "overanalyze" a personal issue that is causing acute emotional stress. This course investigates the wisdom of that advice. If the aim of education is "critical thinking," then how do we decide what constitutes thinking too much? When does sustained analysis help to clarify our problems and enhance our pleasures, and when does it lead to morbid curiosity, excessive self-absorption, delusional obsession, or complete social paralysis? This course will explore this tension as it occurs in detective fiction, short stories, contemporary novels, literary theory, philosophy, psychotherapy, and film.'"
Castle Scholar DIII Athletes At Manhattanville College

Brooke Hadgraft
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Ali Howard #4  Junior / Women’s Ice Hockey  Alex Rowella #15  Freshman / Men’s Ice Hockey

Ameerah Thomas #6  Junior / Field Hockey  Brooke Hadgraft #7  Senior / Field Hockey

Connor Yetman #1  Freshman / Men’s Basketball  Elaina Nacinovich #00  Sophomore / Goalie

Advice to New Castle Scholars

Time management is key.
Favorite CSCH Class
Castle Scholars Spring Learning Service

Advice to New Castle Scholars

Do not be afraid to get more involved or take on new tasks/responsibilities on campus. You are here in this position because you can handle it!
Favorite CSCH Class
Senior Capstone

Advice to New Castle Scholars

Get involved right away! Begin your Castle Scholars courses as soon as possible. Try to take one CSCH course per semester or year, so you do not fall behind! There is always an interesting course offered, so definitely go outside of your comfort zone and try them.
Favorite CSCH Class
Power, Authority, Leadership, and Ethics (P.A.L.E.)

Advice to New Castle Scholars

CSCH provides a lot of benefits and looks great on your resume. Being a Castle Scholar allows for priority class registration which makes picking classes less stressful.
Position: Forward
Favorite CSCH Class
Power of Prejudice

Advice to New Castle Scholars

Make sure you check in with the requirements so you don’t fall behind on the courses you need to take!
Favorite CSCH Class
Power of Prejudice

“Once a Valiant, Always a Valiant.”
Advice to New Castle Scholars:
Take advantage of the Honors Commons room and make friends with other Castle Scholars.

Favorite CSCH Class:
Shakespeare’s World

Advice to New Castle Scholars:
This program is a great way to be involved with other members of the Manhattanville College Community. Everyone who I have met through the Castle Scholars program has been kind, supportive, and has challenged me to further my academic abilities. There are times where it is hard to juggle with regular classes and athletics, but it is definitely worth it to join!

Favorite CSCH Class:
Shakespeare’s World

Advice to New Castle Scholars:
Don’t be intimidated, if you put your mind to something, anything is possible.

Favorite CSCH Class:
Shakespeare’s World

Advice to New Castle Scholars:
Just ask! Everyone is able and willing to help you. Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge our faculty provides and build relationships with them.

Favorite CSCH Class:
Power of Prejudice

Advice to New Castle Scholars:
We aren’t as scary as we look!

Favorite CSCH Class:
Salem Witch Trials Seminar
Congratulations to All of Our Graduating Castle Scholars!

Senior Spotlights

Amanda Martinez Veloz

Major: Psychology
Minor: Mathematics

Involvement on Campus: Vice-president of Residence Hall Association, Vice-President of Reimagining Our Campus Culture (ROCC), Writing Tutor at the Writing Center, Peer Tutor at the Academic Resource Center, Peer Mentor at the Mentor Program, Resident Advisor/Leader at the Office of Residence Life.

Favorite Castle Scholar Memory and Why: The opening of the Castle Scholars Honors Commons lounge and having a space that belongs to just us, where we can truly focus and also meet other Castle Scholars who I would not have met otherwise.

What Being a Castle Scholar Means to You: Being a Castle Scholar means being part of a community that appreciates and acknowledges hard work, knowledge, and success.

What Being a Valiant Means to You & What Manhattanville Means to You: M’Ville has been a place where I have found my voice and have become confident in who I am and what I want to be. It has also been a place where I found some of my closest friends and strengthened past friendships. By coming to M’Ville as an international student, it showed me how resilient I (and my peers) can be by embarking on this scary and exciting journey.

What are Your Plans Post-Graduation, if any: I plan to take a year off to work and save money before applying to grad school and hopefully attending, in the 2020-2021 school year, a Clinical Neuropsychology PhD program.
Brooke Hadgraft

Major: Double Major in Secondary Education English (Lit.)

Involvement on Campus: It is safe to say that I will graduate Manhattanville College regretting nothing! One of my biggest goals aside from doing well academically and athletically was to: GET INVOLVED! College certainly is costly, and I will be responsible for my student-loans post-graduation, so I made a promise to myself that I was going to make the best out of college and my time as a Valiant. Although I was involved in a number of clubs and extracurricular activities, it was never about how many things I did. It was always about how I can make the best out of my time, make a difference, and leave an impact.

Favorite Castle Scholar Memory and Why: My favorite Castle Scholar memory is a tie between two things. My favorite experience as a Castle Scholar was working with Professor Freeman to found the Castle Voices newsletter. This newsletter is special to me because in our first year of publication, we placed 3rd nationally. I can't wait to see how the newsletter develops overtime. My second favorite memory is the field trip to the Alamo movie theater. The theater is a dine-in movie theater. We were able to eat a meal and watch A Quiet Place for one of our trips. It was a big turn-out and so much fun to collaborate with students and staff off-campus.

What Being a Castle Scholar Means to You:
Many who aren't a Castle Scholar envy the benefits one gets. Yes, it is nice to have priority registration for classes, but being a Castle Scholar is so much more than how it benefits us. To be a Castle Scholar is a hard-earned privilege and honor. It goes beyond maintaining a specific GPA. Being a Castle Scholar has challenged me to go out of my comfort zone and take a different style of classes CSCH offered. For example, as someone with zero musical talents, I took Music and Politics. I was able to take my passion for finding deeper meaning in symbols to a new level. I enjoyed challenging myself and holding myself accountable. Being a Castle Scholar opened so many opportunities for me to take my passions of reading, writing, and learning to a new level. Being a Castle Scholar helped me find my identity as a Valiant, which leads into the next question.

What Being a Valiant Means to You & What Manhattanville Means to You:
Being a Valiant to me means, very similar to the literal definition, "to be determined to find yourself". College is a place of learning, growth, and identity. Like the original Manhattanville quote that is portrayed on the back cover of our newsletters, "To the Valiant of Heart, Nothing is Impossible", I believe we all have an identity as a Valiant. Whether we come into Manhattanville knowing our major or enter as Undeclared, we all have passions and interests unique to us, but what binds us is our identities as "Valiants". To be a Valiant to me means that we are one who is determined to leave our mark here at Manhattanville. College is a privilege; leave your mark and make every ounce of your tuition not go to waste. Get the college experience and create memories. Manhattanville, to me, symbolizes a pathway. Manhattanville is a beautiful campus with numerous opportunities being it is a smaller campus. It's been the pathway between student and career. Manhattanville is home; I have learned how to be independent and continue to overcome the positive and the negatives that come my way. I will truly miss Manhattanville, but a Valiant is forever, this doesn't end at graduation.

What are Your Plans Post-Graduation, if any:
After graduation, my plans are to apply for Grades 5-12 ELA teaching jobs. I plan to be dual certified in CT and NY. My goal is to earn a full-time teaching position, or at least begin a substitute teaching job. I plan to pursue a Master's Degree in the next year. It's beautiful to see my fourth grade dream of becoming a teacher blossom into reality, all in thanks to the support of Manhattanville
Marco Fiumara

Major:
Musical Theatre

Involvement on Campus:
Peer Mentor, Peer Tutor, Resident Advisor, Troupe member of the Peer Education Theatre-Troupe

Favorite Castle Scholar Memory and Why:
My favorite Castle Scholars memory was planning the Undergraduate Research and Achievement Fair. It was a great satisfaction to see such a large scale event come to fruition, even with some bumps in the road.

What Being a Castle Scholar Means to You:
Being a Castle Scholar is being a part of a group of students who value academics as much as you.

What Being a Valiant Means to You & What Manhattanville Means to You:
Being a Valiant is knowing how to navigate and making the most of every experience. Manhattanville has acted as my launch pad. Giving me all the support and strength that I need to follow my dreams.

What are Your Plans Post-Graduation, if any:
Post-graduation, I will begin to audition and pursue a profession in the Arts as an actor, singer and dancer.
Markus Schwarz

Major/Minor: Double Major in Business Management and International Studies; Minor in Economics

Involvement on Campus:
- NCAA athlete - 2 year goalkeeper on the Manhattanville Men’s Soccer Team
- Representative of the Castle Scholars on the Student Leadership Advisory Council
- Duchesne (Clark Scholar) for 4 years
- Supplemental Instructor for Professor Adhia’s “Global Economy Class”

Favorite Castle Scholar Memory and Why: I have two distinctive memories: Discussing possible campus improvements on the student leadership advisory council with President Geisler in the past fall. We were successful in encouraging the president to upgrade the internet connections to fiber across the entire campus and improve vending machines to function more efficiently and include braille. Secondly, I remember the field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with my fellow castle scholars around two years ago. Not only were the exhibitions amazing and included dinosaurs, space, etc. but I also learned more about my classmates who were part of the castle scholar program and forged friendships for life.

What Being a Castle Scholar Means to You: It means being a role model not only for people on the Manhattanville College campus, but also for the wider community. I always try to represent Manhattanville in the best light possible, whether it is during internships, community service or other activities. By having worked in three different countries, I also bring a sense of international acceptance to the college's community and try to encourage people to become more open-minded and confident.

What Being a Valiant Means to You & What Manhattanville Means to You: I will never forget the role that Manhattanville College played during my undergraduate career. After all, the college gave me the opportunity to study in the United States and start when I was only 17 years old! The EMF department in particular (especially Professor Adhia, Derrell, Perkins, Rivera and Mona) has enabled me to pursue my passion and every Professor in that department has been a mentor and (I would like to think) a friend. The international and friendly campus community has also provided me with an environment that enhances learning and has made me more multicultural than I already was. I am very thankful for the high level of education that I received over the past 4 years and I am proud to call myself a Valiant!

What are Your Plans Post-Graduation, if any: As an international student, I have decided that it will be beneficial for me to have two plans: #1: I applied to Bocconi University (Italy), Peking HSBC Business School (China) and UCLA (California) for a master’s degree in applied economics. These are all highly competitive graduate institutions and I will hear back from them by April 31st. #2: Since the acceptance rates of these universities are below 10%, I also applied for OPT, which will allow me to stay in the United States for an additional 12 months, in order to work for a U.S. company. Two summers ago, I completed an internship at the Vision Financial Group in Iowa (wealth management) as an Investment Research Projects Intern and they have already informed me that they would be glad to have me on board for one year of additional work experience.
Rachel Troy

Major/Minor:
Double Major in English Literature and Secondary Education. Minor in Film Studies

Involvement on Campus:
I have been on the editorial staff for both Castle Voices and literary magazine and a staff writer for the newsletter.

Favorite Castle Scholar Memory and Why:
My favorite Castle Scholars memory is the field trip to Alamo Draft house. This field trip was for a simple purpose to hang out and have a good time with other Castle Scholars. There are so many people in the program, but usually we only see each other in class or on field trips where we are going on a tour, so the opportunity to just have fun with the group really stands out as one of the best experiences.

What Being a Castle Scholar Means to You:
Being a Castle Scholar means having the chance to be a part of a leaning community dedicated to their education and challenging yourself to explore outside of your academic discipline to learn for the sake of learning.

What Being a Valiant Means to You & What Manhattanville Means to You:
Being a Valiant means being part of the community, both at Manhattanville and outside using what you have learned here to benefit others.

What are Your Plans Post-Graduation, if any:
I'm in the process of applying for graduate school and I will hopefully be teaching in the Fall.
Waad Hassan

Major/Minor:
Double Major in English Literature and Creative Writing

Involvement on Campus:
Peer Mentor, Writing Tutor, Math Tutor, Office Assistant, Co-President of Daughters for Life Club

Favorite Castle Scholar Memory and Why:
My favorite memory with Castle Scholars is the first dinner with the President. It was my first time spending time with fellow Castle Scholars which made me immediately feel like a part of a strong community. It was interesting to meet scholars from all different places and majors.

What Being a Castle Scholar Means to You:
Being a Castle Scholar means challenging yourself to do more than the bare minimum throughout college. It means dedicating time and effort to grow as a student and an individual. On one hand, the scholar has to commit intellectually to take classes that take them out of their comfort zone, while on the other hand, there is a commitment to the Manhattanville society as a whole to participate and innovate.

What Being a Valiant Means to You & What Manhattanville Means to You:
Being a Valiant means adopting a set of values that work on a give and take basis: to take all you could from the opportunities provided to grow further whilst giving back to the community that nurtured you. As for Manhattanville, as well as an international student, this college is the center that adopted me for four years and allowed me to achieve things beyond my status.

What are Your Plans Post-Graduation, if any:
I will be pursuing an MA degree in English at Brock University in Canada.
Polls: The results are in!

Rachel Troy

* Percentages based on the responses of 38 Castle Scholars *

1.) What’s your degree in?

![Degree Pie Chart]

2.) Which semester do you prefer: Fall or Spring?

![Semester Pie Chart]

or

3.) Do you prefer the cafe or the pub?

![Cafe vs. Pub Pie Chart]
4.) Are you watching the final season of Game of Thrones?

- Yes, best show ever
- No, I don't watch Game of Thrones

81.6% of respondents said yes, and 18.4% said no.

5.) Read the book or watch the movie?

- Read the book
- Watch the movie
- Do both and then compare

52.6% read the book, 31.6% watch the movie, and 15.8% choose to do both.

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Your Director Says...

1. What’s your degree in?

PhD in International Economics

2. Which semester do you prefer: Fall or Spring?

I prefer the Fall, because our minds are so fresh.

3. Do you prefer the cafe or the pub?

The cafe, because I am a big fan of Starbucks (yay corporate coffee chains)!

4. Are you watching the final season of *Game of Thrones*?

I couldn’t get into *Game of Thrones*. Sorry. The shows I like best are *Breaking Bad* and *Better Call Saul*.

5. Read the book or watch the movie?

Read the book, for sure. Always read the book, as I tell my students.

Especially the textbook!

-Professor Adhia
Hello to all! — It is with great honor that I present to you Vol. 4 Issue 1 of our Castle Voices newsletter.

This issue is our fourth release ever.

If you couldn’t tell by the above photo, I am graduating this May of 2019. Let me tell you— four years FLIES by. Although my time at Manhattanville College went rather fast, I know I will toss my cap in the air and pay off my student loans these next few years with zero regrets. Being a Castle Scholar opened my eyes to all of the opportunities Manhattanville College has to offer, both in and outside of the Castle Scholars Honors Program. I remember being a scared high school senior at the Open House meeting Professor Cherry at her table. I asked many questions eager to do well, but nervous I would not complete the requirements. And, here we are. I did it! It is very possible and doable to graduate as a Castle Scholar. You can either complain that you have no time in your schedule or… MAKE TIME! If you want to graduate with Honors, it is possible, but you need to manage your time and stay ahead. In previous newsletters, one may find a tentative layout I created. I am absolutely honored to have served as the Student-Representative of the Honors program this past year and to have been a Castle Scholar for the past four years. As Editor-in-Chief, I would like to reflect on Castle Voices. In the Spring of 2017 blossomed our first ever release of the newsletter, and in its first year running, we placed third nationally.

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Editor’s note
Brooke Hadgraft

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Faculty/Administrator/Student - Electronic
1st: Indiana State University, Honors College Newsletter
2nd: Texas Southern University, Freeman Honors
3rd: Manhattanville College, Castle Voices
I couldn’t be more proud to be a part of the beginning of our Honors Program’s first ever Honors newsletter at Manhattanville College. With that being said, as I graduate, I will be stepping down from Castle Voices. I have served for two years as Design Editor and Staff Writer, and the Editor-in-Chief for the past one-and-a-half years. Although my time is coming to an end on Castle Voices editorial staff, I can confidently announce that rising-senior Ashley Thomas as your 2019-2020 Editor-in-Chief of Castle Voices. Ashley has served as an Associate Editor since the birth of Castle Voices and an active Staff Writer. I completely trust placing Castle Voices in her hands and look forward to upcoming releases of the newsletter.

If any of you are reading this and would like to be involved in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley: thomasa5@student.mville.edu for more information on how to get involved with Castle Voices next year!

Words could not describe how humble I feel to reflect on my four years at Manhattanville College. This year, I became the strongest female-athlete in the history of Manhattanville College with a combined total of 1,087# (Back Squat: 352#, Clean: 200#, Bench: 215#, and Deadlift: 330#). I have pursued USAW olympic weightlifting at New York Weightlifting Academy. I completed four-years of Division III Field Hockey and led my team as Head-Captain during my senior year. I scored my first collegiate goal and career defensive save in my senior year and was a three-year starter with the second-highest amount of playing time in minutes. I earned the 2019 Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award (Athletics). I will be earning Outstanding Service in the Honors Program at Baccalaureate Ceremony prior to graduation. I have earned my N.E.L.A. Award in the National Society for Leadership while serving as SNT Coordinator and Secretary on the Executive Board for two-years. In Student Government, I served as the Junior Class President in 2017-2018 and as the Athletic Representative in 2018-2019. I was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society. I worked as an Office Assistant part-time at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for Manhattanville College. I am also a published writer on two platforms: The Odyssey Online and Thought Catalog. I probably forgot something along the way, but let me tell you, I got involved! I was busy and loved every second of it. I couldn’t have asked for a better experience at Manhattanville College: educationally, academically, socially, you name it! I will miss my Valiant home. It is time for Princess Brooke to leave her castle, but she is forever a Valiant: “Once a Valiant, Always a Valiant!”

Thank you Manhattanville College for changing my life and preparing me for the future. You have given me all of the resources and confidence I need (and soon the degree) to become the teacher I always dreamed to be...

Farewell, Brooke Hadgraft

Castle Scholars Student-Representative

Castle Voices: Editor-in-Chief, Design Editor, Staff Writer

Senior at Manhattanville College: Bachelor of Arts—Secondary Education-English (Literature)
“To the Valiant of Heart, Nothing is Impossible!”

~ Thank You ~