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Scholars Work Published Elsewhere

Some 2018-19 Scholars do not have work included here because they are working with their Mentors to publish their work in a peer-reviewed professional journal. Additionally, Chandani Mitchell, Jessica Stevens, and Tim Smith completed Honors Theses this year.

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