

Wooster High School Alumni Spotlight



Nikki Edgerton

Graduation Year: **2015**

Current Location:

- Columbus, OH

Occupation:

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University

Key Accomplishments:

- Recipient of Lois P. Shinkle Memorial Scholarship for undergraduate history students (2016)
- Recipient of Dr. John T. Von der Heide Scholarship for undergraduate history students (2018)
- Treasurer of the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies undergraduate honorary society (2018-19)
- Worked on a team of undergraduate students conducting research with the Columbus Public Health Department on the status of sexual health education in Columbus' public schools (2018)
- Winner of Robin Wiehm Writing Award through the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (2019)
- Graduated summa cum laude from the Ohio State University in spring of 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Began graduate program in the Ohio State University's Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate program in fall of 2019; forthcoming Master of Arts degree (expected May 2021)
- Presenter of sexual health and wellbeing educational programs for Ohio State students and staff (fall 2019-present)

- Co-president of Intersections, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate honorary society (fall 2019-present)
- Worked as Virtual Voter Engagement Organizer for the nonprofit URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity, campaigning to improve relations between police forces and communities in Ohio and providing information to Ohioans to encourage voter participation in the 2020 presidential election (summer-fall 2020)

How did your experience and education in the Wooster City School District help impact your career path or shape your future?

- I attended Wooster City Schools my entire childhood, and so many of the teachers and mentors I had showed me the value of educating and leading with purpose, passion, and compassion. Thanks to all of them, my love of learning has blossomed into a love of teaching. From English teachers to lacrosse coaches, so many of my educators at Wooster taught me that real growth comes from stepping outside of your comfort zone, and this has proven to be an invaluable lesson for both my personal and professional growth.

What is your favorite Wooster memory?

- Senior night for the girls lacrosse team is probably my very favorite Wooster memory. Getting to see each and every one of my class of 2015 teammates score a goal and smile ear-to-ear was so special! I'll always cherish the lessons in leadership, teamwork, and sisterhood that my years on the lacrosse team gave me.

Once a General, Always a General.

