

Some Lafayette Engineering award winners:

Kristen Cirincione '19, a mechanical engineering major, was trained as a gymnast throughout her childhood, and channeled her abilities into dance after injuries left her unable to continue gymnastics. At Lafayette she combines her love of dancing with her interest in engineering. She is captain of the dance team, and she and the team's co-captain choreograph all of the dances themselves. Kristen also joined the Marquis Players, a student-run theatre organization which donates 100% of all earnings to Easton-area organizations, and participated in the production of *Cabaret*. A resident of Hopewell Junction, New York, she plans to move to California or New York City and work on the mechanical side of movie set design or Broadway set design after college. "This way I get to marry the two things I love, engineering and the arts, like I am able to do at Lafayette," she said.

Mechanical Engineering and Economics major **Joaquin Font '19** is a native Spanish speaker from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Joaquin works with the department of Foreign Languages to help students improve their skills in various Spanish classes and serves as a Spanish interpreter for an introductory level physics course in mechanics. He is treasurer of ASME and co-leader of Strato-SAT rocketry club. He is also a resident advisor and a Lafayette tour guide. "I was always passionate about learning. The wide range of opportunities available at Lafayette has allowed me to break out of my comfort zone and my passion for learning has continued to grow here." Joaquin is working with Assistant Professor Alex Brown on research in the controls lab to build a driving simulator for future modeling of animal-vehicle interactions. In addition he is pursuing a certificate in financial policy and analysis and is a member of Lafayette's investment club. He would like to pursue a graduate degree in the future and plans to return to Buenos Aires to use his skills to improve infrastructure and access to quality education in his native country.