

Former Alexandrian Authors

Beginning with the 2021 volume, the Alexandrian includes updates on past contributors and student editors. Each year we will highlight alumni whose work appeared in the Alexandrian to find out what they have been up to since graduation.

This year, we catch up with Abena Adaboh, whose article “The Conflict between Medical Science, Public Health, and the Antivaccination Movement in Nineteenth Century England,” was published in the 2018 issue. Ms. Adaboh graduated that same year with a bachelors in Biomedical Science and her minor in Philosophy and Religion. She is currently attending medical school at UCLA.

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I completed my article for *The Alexandrian* only months before graduating from Troy University. Four years later, I look back on this experience as one of my most immersive scholarly activities from college. Like many Biomedical Science students, I spent more time mechanically memorizing facts than reflecting on their real-world application. When this order was flipped in graduate school, the research and analytical writing skills I practiced while working on my piece for *The Alexandrian* contributed to my early success. Moreover, I have been able to apply the insights I gleaned from delving into the beginnings of the antivaccine movement in England to my understanding of the present controversies surrounding vaccination.



Since graduating from Troy, I have obtained a master’s in Medical Microbiology and Immunology from Creighton University and enrolled in medical school at University of California Los Angeles. I am currently leaning towards an internal medicine sub-specialty like cardiology or infectious disease, but only time will tell where I end up.

I am especially grateful to Dr. Karen Ross for sparking my interest in history and encouraging me to write for *The Alexandrian*. I hope more students from non-humanities backgrounds take advantage of the amazing opportunity that Troy University’s history department offers to incisively explore different historical topics and get published.