# Scholarship Gala



# FLO WAVREIL '19

"I chose C of I because I was interested in going to a small college for a sense of community and having professors that you get to know and they get to know you. I was also attracted by the idea of pursuing more than one interest through the PEAK curriculum. While I knew biology was my main interest, I was happy to be able to continue learning another language and also learn a completely new skill to me with computer science. I had also heard of the possibility of doing research with professors, which fit into my goal of pursuing a career in biomedical research."

"I have worked with three different professors on three different projects, which has allowed me to see different aspects of research. I have had the chance to go to several undergraduate research conferences, which culminated with me winning a first-place poster award this past summer at the Idaho INBRE conference. I have also been involved in the writing of a scientific article that has just been published with me as a co-author. Without the Davis Scholarship, I would never have come to study at C of I. I would not have been able to be so involved with research as a university student if I had not come here, nor would I have been able to live and learn about another culture. As an international student, this scholarship is very important to me. I am also a Gipson Fellow and the funds I got through that program allowed me to study abroad for Winter term going to Ecuador with the biology and Spanish departments to learn about the healthcare system there."

**Major:** Biology
**Minors:** Computer Science, Psychology, Spanish

**Hometown:** Brussels, Belgium

**Interests:** Biomedical research on the effect of electronic cigarettes on bone health with Dr. Heggland for the past two years

*"Flo inspires me to be a better teacher. Her endless energy for learning and discovery makes her shine in the classroom and research lab. I have no doubt Flo will be an outstanding leader and contributor in her scientific field of study."*

-Sara Heggland, Biology Professor

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