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Victoria Fisher (OC '21) is very excited to present the 20th issue of *The Synapse*, her first issue as one of the editors-in-chief. In this issue, we explore components of our world as small as amphetamine molecules traveling through our brain and as large as cosmic events like eclipses. She is very proud of the hardwork and dedication from everyone our contributors - especially those who may have stepped out of their comfort zone by taking on another role. She hopes you enjoy the final issue of this academic year and continue supporting *The Synapse* through your readership and contributions!

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**Maria Altier**  
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After growing up in a little town of central New York called Freeville, Maria Altier came to Oberlin College. Having contributed to a grand total of eight issues, Maria has been an artist for *The Synapse* since 2017. You can find her illustration for the article, "*The Pill*" Problem, on page 20 of this issue. One of the reasons she loves the magazine is that it doesn't place art and science in opposition. Drawing and adventuring through Dungeons and Dragons are some of Maria's favorite pastimes (she particularly appreciates acting as Dungeon Master). If you see someone that looks like her on campus, then you've probably found her twin sister who also goes to Oberlin! With a major in Art History and an intended minor in Chemistry, she hopes to one day become an art conservator.



**Elizabeth Toigo**  
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A native Ohioan, Elizabeth Toigo is a psychology major with a neuroscience concentration at Denison University. She has worked as a writer and as the Denison Outreach Coordinator for about a year. In addition to her contributions for *The Synapse*, Elizabeth serves as the president of the volleyball club, a peer mentor, a tour guide, and an active member of Sigma Xi, Psi Chi, and the Phi Society. She appreciates *The Synapse* for giving students a platform to explore their interests within the science community, so that we can stay aware in spite of jargon commonly found in most scientific literature. She is also a huge fan of Disney movies because they inspire people of all ages. After graduation, Elizabeth wants to go into the medical field and potentially become a physician assistant in neurology.

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