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Rebecca Fenselau is thrilled to present the 28th issue of *The Synapse*. Covering topics ranging from medically induced comas to how COVID-19 has catalyzed the increase in hate crimes towards Asian Americans, *The Synapse* aims to make scientific information interesting and accessible to all, regardless of their background. As Editor-in-Chief, Rebecca Fenselau (OC '22) works to plan new initiatives to expand the magazine's impact and to make *The Synapse* a sustainable, impactful organization. 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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Holly is a first-year Oberlin College student from Louisville, KY. Holly loves how *The Synapse* seamlessly blends her two favorite subjects: science and art! Holly appreciates that *The Synapse* takes time to recognize the importance of art, and not just that of science. She has contributed art pieces for Issues 26-28. While her major is still undecided, Holly is considering an East Asian Studies minor. Outside of her academic life, Holly enjoys drawing, playing guitar, and baking. You can check out her art for "Dancing to Unleash Creativity" for this issue on page 26.



Featured Contributor

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Sydney is a first-year Environmental Studies major at Oberlin College. Sydney loves *The Synapse* because it is a venue for undergraduates to write about their passions in science. She has contributed to *The Synapse* as a writer and content editor since the Fall of 2020. In addition to her role as an avid contributor to *The Synapse*, she is part of Oberlin's Students for Energy Justice group, which raises awareness of environmental issues primarily in Ohio. In her free time, Sydney loves going on hikes and playing with dogs. She currently does not have plans for after college and is enjoying this time of uncertainty. The pandemic has helped her adopt a lifestyle living day-by-day. Be sure to check out her fascinating article "How Much DNA Do Identical Twins Really Share" on page 10 of this issue.

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