

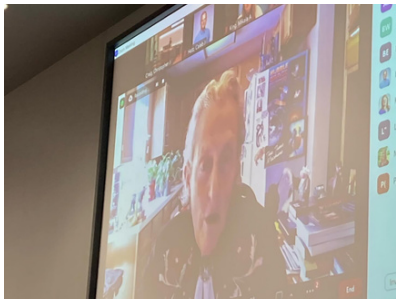
BEAR POWER

December 2023

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Topic

Dr. Temple Grandin became a prominent author and speaker on both autism and animal behavior. Today she is a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. She also has a successful career consulting on both livestock handling equipment design and animal welfare. She spoke to MSU students and schools/students in Greene County were invited to join via Zoom. Bear POWER students were encouraged to attend and to ask Dr. Grandin questions! For more information on Dr. Grandin, visit her website: <https://www.templegrandin.com/templehome.html>



Internship Spotlight

MSU Telecommunications, Paul's internship site, celebrated his work and graduation with a lunch out!



Lunch Social



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 4th: Get crafty - PSU 12-3pm
- Dec. 4th: White Elephant Gift Exchange 6:30
- Dec. 6th: Haylor Party - PSU 7-9 pm
- Dec. 7th: Destress Fest - PSU 7-9 pm
- Dec. 8th: Graduation party - students 6-8 pm
- Dec. 14th: Graduation party - families & MSU faculty/staff 6-8 pm
- Dec. 15th: Graduation 10:00 - Great Southern Arena



ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

As the semester is winding down and we enter into the last month students are completing their projects, writing reflection pieces for their semester, presenting to their class, and having fun! The students studying "Community Engagement" are presenting their projects about how they would use their privilege, power, and voice to help a community agency that helps marginalized identities. Some of the organizations discussed have been the following: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, and GLSEN (i.e. a group that supports LGBTQIA+ in schools). We are proud of our students for deepening into how they can help their community. The students studying "Reading and Writing Comprehension" have created storylines for books, invented fun engaging characters, and illustrated their books. The students not only have worked on formulating their books, but also working on their presentation skills; they present to the class their books and answer any questions posed. Next semester we are excited to have our Alyssa Johnson, Bear POWER Graduate Assistant, teach Cohort 5. Alyssa is getting her masters in School Counseling and just passed her exam to teach - she will do a phenomenal job!

Congratulations Cohort 3, 4, and 5 - you have done a phenomenal job this semester!!

Congratulations Cohort 3!

Paul, Madison, and Jacob have worked hard for 5 semesters and graduate this month! We are so proud of all of you!



Internship Spotlight

Dagim's current dream job is to work on a cruise ship post-graduation with event setup and planning. We are happy to continue our partnership with MSU Residence Life! Dagim is able to be a part of a welcoming team, help with event set up and planning, prep tour rooms, and work on customer service skills with the front desk. The photo is Dagim working on a poster for MSU Homecoming! Way to go Dagim - we are proud of you!



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We couldn't help support students and give them opportunities to engage on campus without donor's financial support. If you can help support our program, please scan the QR code or go to <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1691/foundation/interior.aspx?sid=1691&gid=2&pgid=1053&cid=1991> to make a donation!



Thankful

Students were asked what they were thankful for:

- "I am thankful for family and friends and for having a house."
- "I'm thankful for making new friends and my kind instructors."
- "I enjoy being in that program because we get to go a lot of places to eat & also go to the game places & I have enjoyed meeting the ten students in the group over the May August September October November and December!!"
- "I'm thankful for my mom...my family...for choosing MSU...Go Bears!"
- "I am thankful that I was able to find Bear POWER and get the support I need to thrive in college!!!!"
- "I am thankful for this year is new bear power students and my ga and bear power staff and almost done with school"
- "I'm thankful for my family helping me have the opportunity to come to college and get an education that I've been looking for and wanting"
- "Family and friends"
- "I'm thankful for life"
- "I'm thankful for my family and friends"
- "I'm thankful for my mom and dad"