

BEAR POWER

April - May 2025

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Graduate Assistants 2025-26



We are happy to announce that Olivia will be returning as a GA and we have hired a new GA, Kenneth! Please read their bio's to learn more about these great people!

My name is Olivia Eggleston, and I am a second year Doctor of Audiology student at MSU. In my free time, I love to cook, craft, and travel. I am beyond excited for another great year with Bear POWER!



Kenneth K. Guantai
Program - Master of Science in Education Technology

I am currently a graduate student in the Master of Science in Education Technology program, specializing in technology integration in learning and curriculum design. I am passionate about advancing teaching practices through the effective use of educational technology. My goal is to enhance student learning by designing innovative, tech-supported instructional strategies. I have a strong interest in curriculum development, digital learning tools, and instructional design, and I am committed to helping students make the most of technology in their education. In my free time, I enjoy playing soccer and reading.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Application for Fall 2026 opens August 1, 2025
- SOAR - August 14th
- Welcome Weekend August 14-17
(<https://www.missouristate.edu/Welcome/full-schedule.htm>)
- August 18th - First day of classes



2024 Advocate Awards!

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary an advocate means, "one who supports or promotes the interests of a cause or group". Advocacy doesn't require specialized training or knowledge. It just requires working towards a solution for a purpose to help others. Bear POWER appreciates all MSU students, staff, faculty, and community members that advocate for our students and others that have disabilities.

These people were nominated and voted on by MSU Bear POWER students, MSU Ambassadors, and staff.

We want to acknowledge these people as Advocate Award winners from Bear POWER! Thank you for your commitment to advocate for individuals of all abilities and support of students in the Bear POWER Program at Missouri State University.

Ambassador



Addie Murphy

MSU Staff



Abigail Hardwick,
BP tutor

MSU Faculty



Wajeana White,
faculty, Hospitality



Laine Cordell,
faculty, Theatre &
Dance

Community Member



Jazelyn Herrera,
SAC

*Thank
you!*

An anonymous donor has generously pledged \$10,000 per year for 5 years to the Bear POWER scholarship fund and we are extremely grateful! This will be need and motivated based and awarded mid-semester. This very generous gift will break some of the financial barriers our students have experienced.

Along with this gift, Jordan Heinz, State Farm Insurance, has also donated \$1,000 per year to the scholarship fund! Thank you for your donation Jordan and Rachel Heinz!
<https://jordanheinzinsurance.com/>

These gifts are going to help change lives!



SUPPORT BEAR POWER

Our students benefit from your support to give them opportunities to engage on campus and in the community. If you can help support students with a donation towards scholarships or to the 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>



Internships highlights!

Asher and Henry had good experiences with their internships this semester and we wanted to take a moment to highlight them! Asher (top) worked at the Foster Recreational Center. "Asher has been an amazing student worker this entire semester! He has shown the importance of our Bear POWER program, represented their mission for inclusive higher ed, and made strong connections with everyone at the rec. Thank you Asher for all your hard work!"



Henry (bottom) worked with the Springfield Dream Center and their Community Nights. "Henry showed up each week with a great attitude and he is a professional friend maker! He was very including to others that he worked with and friendly to new guests. It was fun watching him grow in his friendships during his time here and he was a great community connector."

