

BEAR
POWER

February 2025



Graduate Assistants

Graduate Assistants play a crucial role in the support and success of students in the Bear POWER program. They are going to college full-time in their respected fields, working with Bear POWER students one-on-one for multiple hours a week, supporting other students in Bear POWER as needed, and are helping in our community! We'd like to take a moment to celebrate these great individuals!



Brooke is pursuing her doctorate degree in Audiology.

Olivia is pursuing her doctorate degree in Audiology.



Kayla is pursuing her master's degree in Occupational Therapy.

Award

Dr. April Phillips, Director of Bear POWER, was recently selected to receive the Inclusive Excellence Award for Community Engagement on behalf of Bear POWER! This award celebrated significant contributions to fostering inclusive excellence.



New Staff

Bear POWER now has 2 additional tutors to support Bear POWER students! Please welcome Keshav and Abigail to the team. They available through the week and students can sign up for additional help on assignments.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Brick City Gallery Feb. 28th – April 6th
- Basketball games – Women's March 6th, Men's 6th
- Lunch social March 3rd (12:00)
- Spring Break – March 15-23 (no classes)
- Andy's – March 25th
- Kahoot Games – MSU event March 11th 2-4pm



ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLASS

Cohort 5 – Community Engagement and Disability Advocacy: Students are currently working on a volunteer project and will be completing community service of their choice. They have begun to learn and discuss disability rights and advocacy. Part of this learning has been through watching and discussing the documentary, Crip Camp.

Cohort 6 – Time and Money Management: Students have focused heavily on what time wasters are and how to avoid them. They have discussed and practiced to-do lists, how to avoid procrastination, and learning about effective breaks. Sherry Elkins with the Career Center presented about job searching and gave the students tools to use. They can use the website Handshake to help them search for jobs and industry's they'd like to work in. Next they will work on money management.



Open House

Bear POWER is holding our Spring 2025 Open House on March 28th from 9 am – 12 pm. Following the Open House you'll be able to take a tour of campus from 12 pm – 1:15 pm. At Open House, you'll get a chance to learn more about Bear POWER, hear directly from students in the program, meet campus representatives from Residence Life, Counseling Center, Foster Recreation, Disability Resource Center, Bear CLAW (tutoring center), Career Center, MSU Library, and more! Scan the QR code to register.



Giving Day

Welcome to the BEAR era!

We invite Bears and Grizzlies from all generations to help shape a new ERA of Missouri State University. Join fellow Bears and support the areas that mean the most to you.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Sign up to be a Giving Day Ambassador.
- Plan a match or challenge gift to increase your impact.
- The QR code goes directly to help Bear POWER Scholarships!

Giving Day is an opportunity to remember the faculty and staff who guided you, the friends you made and the experiences that defined your journey. It starts at 10am on March 25 2025 until 10pm March 26, 2025 and find one or more areas to give. To give by phone, you may call (417)836-4143.

