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BEAR POWER

January 2025



Congratulations!

Cohort 4 graduates, Luke, Riley, and Everett participated in the commencement ceremony in December! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!



Bear POWER Ambassadors: A Vital Part of Our Community



Photo: Kim Roam



Photo: Dr. Xiaoning Sun



Photo: CW Tillman

Bear POWER Ambassadors are dedicated student volunteers who meet weekly paired Bear POWER student. Each student typically has up to three ambassadors they get involved on campus, assist with homework, and provide friendship and support. The Bear POWER program deeply appreciates our ambassadors for their commitment. We couldn't do it without them!

This semester brings a bittersweet change to our leadership team. Our longtime advisor, Kim Roam, who has been with Bear POWER since its inception, is stepping down. She takes on additional faculty responsibilities. We are incredibly grateful for her guidance, support, and care.

Moving forward, Dr. Xiaoning Sun and CW Tillman will be sharing the advising role. They have big shoes to fill, but we are excited to support the program.

Thank you to all our ambassadors for making a difference!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Interviews for newest applicants in February and March!
- Bowling event - coming soon in February
- Feb. 17th - no classes, campus closed - President's Day
- Open House - March 28, 9:00 am - 12:00pm
Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qRUa2NUddi>



Photo: Easton working with a resident at his internship.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

Cohort 5 – Community Engagement and Advocacy

The students have been learning about Community Engagement and Advocacy this semester. The class includes four units: Community Engagement, Disability History, Disability Disclosure, and Advocacy. They have also learned about MSU's Public Affairs mission, which focuses on Ethical Leadership, Cultural Competence, and Community Engagement. As part of their learning, they will be volunteering in the community.



Cohort 6 – Time & Money Management

Topics will include:

- Time Management:
 - Calendar, scheduling
 - Self-care
 - Prioritizing
 - To-do lists
 - Procrastination
- Money Management:
 - Future goals
 - Planning to save
 - Spending plans (make/manage)
 - Income & Taxes
 - Paying bills
 - Credit
 - Living on your own



Photo: Cohort 6 in class

Photo: Cohort 5 listening to guest speaker, Alex Johnson
(Director - Center for Community Engagement).

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>



Monthly Newsletter

Internships

All students this semester will have internships! Some are in the following areas/businesses:

MSU Child Development Center, MSU Meyer Library, Wonders of Wildlife, Foster Recreation Center, Turners Rock (senior living), MSU Bear Pantry, MSU-West Plains, and many more in development. We can't wait to see what students learn over the semester!

Some pictures of graduation

