

BEAR POWER

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Graduate Assistants

Welcome back, everyone! Bear POWER staff would like to showcase our GAs!

My name is Alyssa Johnson, and I am a school counseling graduate student. A few things I enjoy doing in my free time are drawing, running, and playing with my puppy. Also, I have been married for almost two years to my husband.

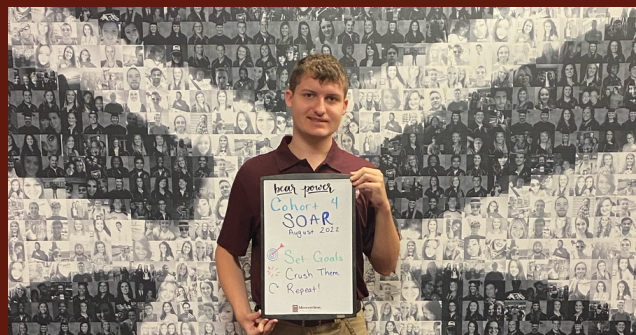


Left to right: Alyssa, Brooke

My name is Brooke and this is my second year with Bear POWER! This program and these students hold such a special place in my heart. I am from Kansas City and plan to move home post-graduation. I am currently in the third year of my Doctor of Audiology program. When I graduate, I hope to work with kids with cochlear implants. In my free time, I love to watch sports, cycle, and go on walks with my dog, Briggs!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bear POWER would like to introduce you to Luke! Luke is from Kansas and is about to start his second semester at Missouri State. Luke chose MSU because it looked like a fun place to be at. Since being on campus, he has enjoyed watching movies in the PSU theater and eating at Hutchens Dining Hall. His favorite thing about Bear POWER is how it has helped him feel like he is at home even while he is away at college!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 1: Lady Bear Basketball game-6:30 (free with Bear Pass) free t-shirt night
- Feb 2: Music Trivia-7-10 pm- PSU
- Feb. 9: Night of Dance-7:00-8:30 Learn Ballroom dancing in the PSU
- Feb 14: Cookie Decorating in PSU
- Feb. 20th: No School (offices closed)
- Feb 21: Lunch in the PSU-time to be determined
- Mar. 24th: Open House. Register here:
<https://www.missouristate.edu/BearPOWER/bear-power-open-house.htm>

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

Spring 2023 semester has begun and we are so thrilled to have students back with us on campus! Academic Support will continue to be divided up between cohorts; Cohort 3 will be learning about "Transition to Employment" and Cohort 4 will be learning about "Interpersonal Communication". Within both of the cohorts, we have partnered with Missouri State University Occupational Therapy (MSU OT). MSU OT students will work with Program Coordinator Caleb Hatz to pair their learning goals (e.g. Social, Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual, Physical, Environmental, Financial, and Occupational) with Bear POWER's theme for Academic Support and devise various groups to achieve these goals. We think this will be a great pairing for all parties involved.

All students are also starting their internships for Spring 2023! We are excited for Cohort 4 to begin their internships within their respective areas. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the following internship locations: MSU Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, MSU Telecommunications, MSU Child Development Center, MSU Library, MSU Residence Life, MSU Maintenance, and Stormdar Connect.

INTERNSHIPS

PJ started his paid internship with MSU Telecommunications in the Fall of 2022! Telecommunications has been a wonderful partner to work with -- they do a phenomenal job to support our students to make MSU a more inclusive space. Some job task PJ is in charge of is updating firmware on phones and prepping phones for deployment, recycling (remnants from phone prep), stock inventory, clean phones for redeployment.

Madi has been employed with MSU Child Development Center for over a year! Madi has a paid internship with MSU CDC and we are so thrilled she is able to work within her field of study at MSU. The MSU CDC has been a strong partnership since Bear PWOER began! Some job tasks Madi works on are planning and instructing activities in the infant room, creative thinking, communication, and leadership.



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We are currently accepting applications for the next cohort! Please visit this website for further information and directions on how to apply!
<https://www.missouristate.edu/BearPOWER/first-steps.htm>