

# BEAR POWER

November 2022



## Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Bear POWER partners with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) to help support our students to gain competitive employment within your area of interest. VR is here to help you further with gaining a paid internship and paid employment post-graduation. They are a great resource for you!

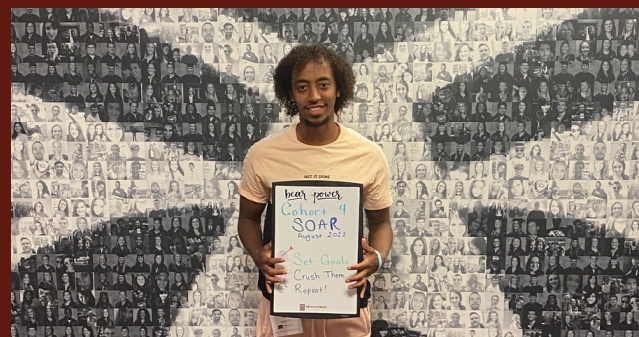
To start with VR, you will need to fill out their paperwork. Luckily, they can send you and your parents/guardians the paperwork online. This will make it more accessible. If you haven't completed this paperwork, please do ASAP!

Contact Kristina Johnston, MS | Regional Manager | 417-895-6400  
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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bear POWER is excited to introduce you to Dagim! Missouri State intrigued Dagim because he liked the town of Springfield. So far, Bear POWER has helped Dagim build his self-confidence and become more independent- two of the goals he had before coming to MSU! In his free time, Dagim enjoys watching movies, meeting up with friends on campus, and studying for his driver's test. Outside of Bear POWER, Dagim is involved in worship groups on campus. He says these groups help improve his English and confidence. We're so glad you're here with us, Dagim!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hot Chocolate Bar/Cookies @ The Hive Dec. 1st @ 6pm
- Applications are due Dec. 1st for priority consideration. Applications will be accepted after this date.
- Last day of the semester Dec. 8th
- Winter break Dec. 22, 2022 - Jan. 4, 2023
- Check out of Hutchens - December 15th
- Finals Week: 12th - 15th
- First day of class Spring 2023: January 23rd



# ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

As the semester quickly winds down, we shift how Academic Support is presented. We transfer from lecture and hands-on activities to project-based performance. This is a fun, inventive, and lower-stress way for the students to showcase their strengths combined with what they have learned throughout the semester. Cohort three has been learning about time and money management – their project was to showcase how they budget life expenses, create money goals, determine if an expense is a “need” or “want”, prioritize tasks (e.g., critical, important, can wait), add various task/meetings to their calendar, etcetera. Cohort four has been learning about reading and writing comprehension – we partnered with the Citizenship and Service Learning (CASL) office on a project called the “Million Word Gap”. Our students created a children’s book to help close the literacy gap for children all over the world. We are so proud of ALL our students and the growth they have had this semester! Looking forward to Spring 2023!

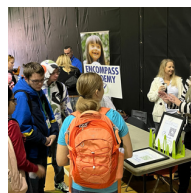
## SUPPORT BEAR POWER

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!



## 1st Inclusive Job Fair!

Bear POWER recently participated in the 1st annual Inclusive Job Fair at Missouri State University in collaboration with BLAST, SPS, Encompass Academy, local businesses, and many support agencies! Here are some pictures!



## School Visit



Students from Ewing Marion Kauffman School came to MSU recently! We had a great time explaining Bear POWER and a small campus tour.