

# Abbie Giunta

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Alabama (UA)**, Tuscaloosa, AL (2019-2023)

- Junior completing Dual Degrees in French (B.A.) and Biology (B.S.), Cumulative GPA: **3.974**

**L'Université Catholique de Lyon (UCLY)**, Lyon, France (1/2022-5/2022)

- Completing one semester of intensive language study at the Institut de Langues et de Culture Françaises
- Placed into the C1 level (CEFR); anticipated C1 level language certificate by 5/2022
- Living with a host family

## HONORS

**James McCann Lamar Award for Excellence in French** - 4/2022, Honors within the French Department at UA

**Cardinal Key Honors Society** - 5/2021-Present, An honors society for juniors at UA, focused on leadership and service

**Outstanding French Major** - 4/2021, Honors recognition within the French Department of the University of Alabama

**Randall Research Scholars Program (RRSP)**- 2019-Present, A selective research-focused honors program at UA

**National Merit Finalist**- 2019, A nationwide distinction for select PSAT test takers in the top 1%.

## EXPERIENCE

**Fulbright Canada Mitacs-Globalink Research Internship - Territorial policy instruments in local governance context**, *Research Intern* (To be completed summer 2022) 6/2022-8/2022

- Selected by Fulbright Canada and Mitacs to participate in a 10 week research project with Dr. Christine Paulin at the Université de Moncton in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada
- The internship takes place at a French-speaking university and the research will be carried out entirely in French

**Reed Laboratory - Genome Annotation and Genome Evolution**, *Research Assistant* 8/2020-Present

- Pursuing a research project as part of the Pathways Project of the Genomics Education Partnership under the supervision of Dr. Laura Reed at the University of Alabama
- Utilizing public databases and BLAST software
- Analyzing RNAseq data to identify orthologs of genes of interest within the Insulin Signaling Pathway of *Drosophila*
- Statistically analyzing the gene's evolution with dN/dS analysis

## ACTIVITIES

**Pre-Law Student Association**, *Member* 1/2021-12/2021

- Exploring the field of law, getting involved in law-related volunteering and activities

**Randall Research Mentorship**, *Mentor* 8/2021-12/2021

- Guiding and helping a freshman in RRSP develop professional skills and present their research

**Le Cercle Français**, *Member* 9/2020-12/2021

- Exploring and discussing francophone culture, history, current events

**RRSPRO- Community Dimension**, *Leader* 7/2020-5/2021

- Engaging the community of Randall Research Scholars by implementing community events
- Connecting freshman to upperclassmen mentors

**Journal of Science and Health at UA (JOSHUA)**, *Co-Editor* 9/2019-Present

- Revising and critically reading scholarly research papers for publication.

## VOLUNTEERING

**French Language Exploration Program (FLEX)**, *Volunteer teacher* 9/2021-12/2021

- Teaching the French language and culture to 2nd grade students in Tuscaloosa by engaging them in interactive lessons each week

**READ Alabama**, *Volunteer mentor* 1/2021- 5/2021

- Guiding elementary-aged students in Tuscaloosa through reading activities each week.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Visual Art, Artist** - Onalaska, WI

5/2020-10/2020

- Crafting artwork for clients, handling communication and payment, meeting deadlines
- Portraiture, landscape art, urn painting, shirt design

## SKILLS

- **French Language**, *advanced ability speaking, writing, listening, and reading*
  - Anticipated C1 level (CEFR) certificate from the Catholic University of Lyon
  - Language immersion through living with a French host family
- **Programming and debugging**, *C# and Fortran 90*
- **Microsoft Office Suite**, *Excel, Word, PowerPoint*
- **Written Communication**
  - Strong writing skills, ability to argue effectively and synthesize information
- **Creativity and visual art**