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EDUCATION

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

B.A. Speech and Hearing Sciences, December 2022

Overall GPA: 4.06 Major GPA: 4.13

- Dean's List: 6 semesters
- President's List: 4 semesters
- CSD Departmental Honors Student
- Member of the 2022 University of Iowa Homecoming Court
- University of Iowa Student Employee of the Year-Certificate of Distinction Recipient

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CSD Departmental Honors Thesis, September 2021-Present

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Learned about research practices, writing academic papers, and explored potential thesis topics. Explored individual differences in reading ability and how that relates to the cognitive process of chunking. Submitted an IRB application, analyzed data, drew conclusions, and wrote the honors thesis. Presented thesis in poster form at the University of Iowa Fall Undergraduate Research Fair.

Lab Assistant, September 2020-May 2021

Audiogenomics Research Lab, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Collaborated with other lab assistants to transfer questionnaires relating to the genetic influences of tinnitus to a virtual platform.

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Assistive Technology Presentations

Nevada School District, Nevada, IA, August 2021

Marion Homeschool Assistance Program, Marion, IA, December 2021

- Prepared a presentation explaining how to implement assistive technology in the classroom and for individual students. Presented information to groups of educators and answered questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Created handouts explaining presentation topics to further clarify questions.

Decoding Dyslexia Iowa Conference, October 2021

Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, IA

- Listened to talks discussing various aspects of literacy. Staffed a booth advertising the Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC). Talked with educators about the IRRC and assistive technology and directed them toward resources for their students.

Iowa Library Association Conference, October 2022

- I staffed a booth advertising the IRRC and prepared materials to present assistive technology to conference attendees.

Poster Presentation, November 2022

Fall Undergraduate Research Festival (FURF), The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Presented my undergraduate honors thesis in poster form at FURF. Created a poster that summarized my introduction, methods, results, and discussion to explain to attendees of FURF.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) STAR Scholarship, May 2019

Pacelli High School, Stevens Point, WI

- This \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to exceptional high school graduating women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution. Selection is based on excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success, as displayed through a written essay and interview.

Anne Hartman Memorial Scholarship, May 2019

Pacelli High School, Stevens Point, WI

- This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who exhibits academic excellence as well as characteristics honoring Anne Hartman.

National Scholars Award, August 2019-Present

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Granted the National Scholars Award of \$5,250 per semester by The University of Iowa. Scholarship amount is based on outstanding academic merit and ACT score coming into college. Maintained enrollment and GPA requirements to receive this award for all seven semesters.

Wisconsin Access Award, August 2019-Present

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Granted the Wisconsin Access Award of \$1,500 per semester by The University of Iowa. Maintained enrollment and GPA requirements to receive this award for all seven semesters.

Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates Fellowship, April 2022

Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates, Iowa City, IA

- Granted a fellowship of \$2,500 by the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates for my honors thesis project. In the application, I described the intended research work, the motivation for applying, how the honors thesis fits my future career path, and the goals I intended to meet through my project.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistive Technology Coordinator, September 2019-Present

Iowa Reading Research Center, Iowa City, IA

- Serving as an individual public-facing figure for the Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC), I learned over ten different assistive technology apps, extensions, and software to present them effectively. Scheduled appointments and met with families whose children had reading/writing deficits, speech-language impairments, ADD, ADHD, Autism, and multiple other learning disabilities. Fostered strong interpersonal skills and catered appointments to meet the individual goals and needs of the families. Developed methods for communicating the service to the public and created documents for families and educators explaining step-by-step instructions for using the technology.

Office Assistant/Garden Center Employee, May 2020-August 2022

Shulfer's Sprinklers and Landscaping, Plover, WI

- Worked as an office assistant who answered phones and dealt with customer inquiries and complaints. Managed invoices and entered sales receipts in Intuit QuickBooks and other miscellaneous office work. Assisted and connected with customers in the garden center, watered flowers, and checked customers out.

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Private Tutor, June 2020-August 2020

Private Residence, Plover, WI

- Tutored a 2nd-grade student on reading and writing activities to improve skills and foster more confidence. Facilitated articulation drills focusing on target sounds. Drafted lesson plans each week and made progress notes for the parents.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, January 2019-January 2020

Catholic Worker House, Iowa City, IA

- Prepared and served a meal to the people at the Catholic Worker House, including marginalized populations, the homeless, and immigrants. I also cleaned up around the house and organized donations to better the environment for the people living in the house.

ADDITIONAL INVOLVEMENTS

Secretary of Device Advice, April 2021-Present

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Met with older members of the Iowa City community to help them with technology questions. Thoughtfully addressed concerns and became more comfortable working with older adults. Scheduled volunteers to sign up for sessions and communicated news over email as the secretary.

NSSLHA Member, September 2019-Present

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

- Attended NSSLHA meetings related to professional and social development in the field of CSD. Made connections within the major and sought out mentorship to aid in preparation for graduate school. Participated in social events like movie nights, advocacy events like anti-racism meetings, and personal development opportunities.