

Sophia Baczak

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Profile

Passionate about advocating for the needs of individuals with special needs. Eager to use the power of art/storytelling to assist with communication and self-expression. Skills include creativity, time management, communication, and team collaboration. Seeking internships in therapy and counseling.

Education

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

Bachelor of Arts, May 2028

Double Major: Studio Art; Psychology

Related coursework: ASL 101; General Psychology; Foundation Art; The Thinking Mind & Body, ASL 102; Abnormal Psychology; Lifespan and Developmental Psychology; Introduction to Art History

Oswego East High School, Oswego, IL

Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

2020 – 2024 | *Honors:* Summa cum laude

Related coursework: AP Statistics; 3D Art; Honors Anatomy & Physiology

Skills/Honors

- Published in Teen Inc., American Library of Poetry, New Lenox public library
- Scholastic art/writing poetry competition – 2 gold and 1 silver keys; national qualifier

Employment Experience

Swim Instructor | *British Swim School*, Oswego, IL

June 2022 – Present

- Manage courses and instruction for youth and adults, ages 3 months to 70 years old, to learn swimming techniques and safety
- Communicate with parents to discuss skill development, goals, and conflict resolution for their children
- Partner with supervisor to coordinate schedules around my availability and needs of clients, adapting to changing circumstances based on client load

Customer Associate | *Sages Meat Market*, Oswego, IL

June 2021 – Present

- Balance all roles in the store, such as cashier, food preparation, order calls, and inventory
- Gain a better understanding of adaptability and time management in a fast-paced retail environment
- Organize schedules with the team to ensure appropriate coverage of all store hours

Babysitter | *Self-employed*, Aurora, IL

June 2021 – Present

- Manage kid's schedules provided by the parent
- gain a better understanding of adaptability to sudden tantrums/moods, and time management
- Organize my schedule with the parents, and maintain communication/ updates throughout babysitting

Campus Involvement

IWU Track & Field Team/Pole Vault

August 2024 – Present

- Gain community skills and learn to work as a team
- Balance the health of my mind and body

Dining Services Employee (Saga/Bertholf Commons)

January 2025 – Present

IWU Titan Arts Club

August 2024 – Present

IWU Peace Garden

August 2024 – Present

Art National Honor's Society

August 2023 – May 2024

Science National Honor's Society

August 2022 – May 2023

Oswego East High School Track & Field Team

August 2020 – May 2024

Oswego East High School Spoken Word Club

August 2022 – May 2024

Community Involvement

Oswego East High School

August 2021 – May 2024

- Assisted with coordination of events, such as football games, concessions, and school dances