

BAYLEE WOLF  
FALL 2021 SIBBERSON AWARD FINALIST  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Baylee is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, with a minor in Leadership Studies. Baylee's next stop is the Lawrence and Kansas City areas to work for a year and a half while she checks out graduate schools for Higher Education and Educational Leadership Studies. In the meantime, while she searches, she plans to be in a line of work in which she can utilize her love for and skills in leadership, planning, and people, possibly event planning, mental health advocacy, or mentorship). After graduate school, she would like to do what Washburn's Leadership Institute does here, at another university. Baylee wants to teach others about leadership and guide college students in their journeys of self-discovery and leadership capability-building, while promoting mental health and community. She plans to pursue her Ph.D. in this area, too. Baylee would like to eventually pursue motivational speaking and/or life coaching.

Baylee is a member and 2021 President of Delta Gamma, member and founder of Best Buddies *Washburn*, member and Secretary of Psi Chi, member of the Washburn University Leadership Institute, EcoBods, URGE, Psychology Club, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Mortar Board. She was identified as a 2021 WU's Who of Washburn, placed on the President's List of Honorees all seven semesters of her undergraduate career, and was nominated for the Commitment to Diversity SOAR Award in 2019 and 2020 and the Delta Gamma Mary Hutchinson Congeniality Award. She is the recipient of her sorority's 2019-2020 Outstanding New Member Award, a recipient of its Sister of the Week award, Anchor of Knowledge award, and Dorothy Herrick Fink Award. She was also nominated for the Leadership Institute's Emerging Leader Award in 2019 and 2021's Ichabod's of Honor.

As a freshman, Baylee began developing a student organization called Best Buddies *Washburn*, a collegiate chapter of the international nonprofit organization, Best Buddies. Best Buddies creates true friendships between those with and those without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Baylee's goal in this endeavor was to knock down the barriers that society puts up between adults with and without IDD and to decrease misconceptions, stereotypes, and stigmas about IDD. She realized that everyone needs a true friend and wanted to make Washburn University a place where that could happen. She succeeded with almost a year of activity before COVID-19 hit, putting a halt on the engagement of ninety individuals involved, all of whom she personally recruited. This is one of Baylee's proudest accomplishments.

Additionally, Baylee is involved in Topeka's Big Brothers Big Sisters. Last summer and fall, Baylee took on an internship with the Topeka affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She introduced multiple Shawnee county area high schools to a mental health initiative called *Say It Out Loud* and laid the groundwork for another student organization, NAMI on Campus, which was active years ago but disbanded. Baylee has also ensured that this will carry on and become more active once she is an alumna herself.

Throughout her collegiate years, Baylee has earned the "Right Away and All At Once" Greg Brenneman Series Scholarship, Washburn University Leadership Institute Scholarship, Delta Gamma Merit-Based Scholarship, Washburn University General Academic Scholarship, and the Morris-Williams Scholarship twice.