



**GRADUATION  
UPDATES**

**OUTSTANDING  
ADVOCATES**

**CELEBRATE OUR  
GRADS**

## APRIL PROGRAM UPDATES

*by Hannah Peak,  
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*Life is divided  
into three  
terms - that  
which was,  
which is, and  
which will be.  
Let us learn  
from the past  
to profit by the  
present, and  
from the  
present, to live  
better in the  
future.*

WILLIAM  
WOODSWORTH

Welcome to the final “Bear With Us” Bear POWER Newsletter! of the Spring 2021 semester! This is a series of monthly newsletters that we will be sent to students, Ambassadors, parents, MSU faculty and staff, and community partners. The team is excited to be sharing programmatic updates with you. Thank you for your continued support of Bear POWER at Missouri State University.

**Graduation:** Graduation is right around the corner! We are so excited to see the amazing things that our students will accomplish after they walk across the stage.

Graduation will be on Friday, May 14th starting a 5 PM. Students will be allowed to have up to 4 guests in JQH Arena and all guests will have to be masked to enter. There is no ticketing or RSVPs for guests for the event. Bear POWER staff will be providing a short walkthrough before the event on Friday. During the week of graduation, there will be events for Bear POWER students and their families.

The first event is a **Bear POWER Photoshoot** for current students and staff. A professional photographer from the Missouri State Visual Media department will be shooting student headshots and graduation photos in commencement regalia. The photoshoot will be occurring on Study Day: Friday, May 7th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM outside of Hill Hall.

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*Photo description:  
Bear POWER  
Girls pose in  
front of the  
PSU Bear  
Statue*

The second event is a **Bear POWER Graduation Dinner and Dance**, where students will have the opportunity to dress up and dance their hearts out! Bear POWER will be providing dinner from Bambinos and dessert from Andy's Frozen Custard for a fancy celebration of their successes. This event will be occurring on Study Day: Friday, May 7th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Mosque. Students must have RSVP'ed by April 18th to participate.

The third event is a **Bear POWER Graduation Celebration**. This event is open to all students, families, staff, Ambassadors, and community partners! Cupcakes will be provided and Bear POWER will be giving gifts to the graduating students. This event will be occurring on Graduation Day: Friday, May 14th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Phelps Grove Park Pavilion.

**Outstanding Advocates:** At the end of each semester, we open nominations for Bear POWER Outstanding Advocates to be nominated by students, Ambassadors, and staff. Those who are selected as Outstanding Advocates are Ambassadors, faculty, staff, and campus departments who have gone above and beyond in the inclusion and support of Bear POWER students on our campus. Congrats to our Spring 2021 Outstanding Advocates!

**Staff:** Ms. Lindsey Bell, MSU Career Center  
**Ambassador:** Ms. Julianna Vogt, Secretary  
**MSU Campus Partner:** MSU Child Development Center  
**MSU Campus Partner:** MSU Speech and Language Clinic  
**Faculty:** Ms. Debbie Goodale, Business Instructor



*Photo description:  
Students pose  
in a silly way  
in front of the  
PSU Bear  
Statue*

## OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE PHOTOS



*Lindsey Bell, MSU Career Center*



*Julianna Vogt, Ambassador*



*Child Development Center*



*Speech and Language Clinic*



*Debbie Goodale, Business  
Instructor*

# CELEBRATE OUR STAFF AND AMBASSADOR GRADUATES!



Rachel Heinz, Director  
Interdisciplinary Studies



Hannah Grills, Graduate Assistant  
Speech-Language Pathology



Hannah Peak, Graduate Assistant  
Student Affairs in Higher Education



Grace Aman, Ambassador  
Communication Sciences and Disorders; Pre-  
Occupational Therapy



Abigail Ludwig, Ambassador  
Psychology; minor in Disability Studies



Julianna Vogt, Ambassador  
Child and Family Development; Pre-Occupational  
Therapy