
KRYSTAL ARCHER

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC *Expected May 2026*
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Minor, English and Classical Civilizations
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Enid High School, Enid, OK *May 2022*
Graduated as Valedictorian
Cumulative GPA: 4.33

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Bass Connections Project *August 2024- Present*
Undergraduate Research Assistant
Duke University

What Is Hope? Bridging the Gap Between Lived Experience and Research

Principal Investigators: Dr. Patty Van Cappellen, Ph.D., Dr. Erin Johnston, Ph.D.

- Expanding the understanding of hope through semi-structured interviews of community members.
- Assisting in literature review, interview design and execution, participant recruitment, data collection, data analysis and interpretation, and academic writing.
- Utilizing social science research methods, analytical skills, and critical evaluations of previous theories of hope.
- Anticipated outcomes: online repository, project website, academic publication, scientific presentation for foundational work on hope

Duke Identity and Diversity Lab *September 2024- Present*
Undergraduate Research Assistant
Duke University

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sarah Gaither, Ph.D.

- Works to advance diversity and inclusion within the Duke Community and field of psychology.
- Assists in conducting studies with adults and children, participant recruitment, data collection, data analyzation, and academic writing.

John Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health *June 2024- Present*
Undergraduate Research Assistant

John Hopkins University x Cherokee Indigenous Nation

Cherokee Nation Storybook: Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health

Principal Investigators: Dr. Ashleigh Coser, Ph.D., Dr. Victoria O'Keefe, Ph.D.

- Developing a culturally rich storybook to support Cherokee children's mental wellbeing.
- Assists in literature review, community consultations, grant application preparation, participant recruitment, literature searches, data interpretation, and academic writing.
- Collaborates with Cherokee Elders, cultural keepers, community members, and mental health providers through Community-Based Participatory Research.
- Empowers Cherokee children with culturally relevant coping strategies and resilience-building tools.

American Indians into Psychology (AIIP) *May 2024*

Summer Fellow

Oklahoma State University (OSU)

Director: Dr. John Chaney, Ph.D.

- Completed a 2-week intensive program providing didactic experiences (research, clinical, cultural) to assist students in graduate training.
- Attended professional development seminars, presentations by Native American psychologists, and visits to tribal mental health facilities.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Oklahoma Academic All State Scholar,** *2022*
Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence
- Recognized for academic excellence as one of 100 high school students across Oklahoma.
- Chickasaw Higher Education Scholarship,** *2022- Present*
The Chickasaw Nation
- Chickasaw Nation General Scholarship,** *2022- Present*
The Chickasaw Nation
- Theodore W. Minah Scholarship,** *2022- Present*
Duke University
- Weatherspoon Memorial Scholarship,** *2022- Present*
Duke University
- Duke University Dean's List,** *Fall 2023, Spring 2024*
- 4.0 GPA, top 10% of undergraduate students
- Psi Chi International Honor Society Member,** *2023- Present*
- Required to maintain a 3.5 GPA and rank in the top 35% of students.
 - Aims to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology.

MENTORING AND SERVICE

- Volunteer at National Alliance for Mental Illnesses (NAMI),** *April 2024- Present*
- Advocates for better lives for individuals with mental illnesses.
 - Participates in Mental Health advocacy walks, works fundraising and information booths.
- Mentor at Duke LIFE,** *August 2023- Present*
- Peer mentor for first-generation low-income students
 - Gives advice and assists in the transition from high school to college in a challenging academic environment.
- Mentorship Ambassador for the Mentorship Collective,** *January 2023- Present*
- Advocates for the importance of mentorship and increased mentorship across universities.
- Duke Annual Fund Phonathon Supervisor,** *January 2024- Present*
- Manages a team of 10-15 fellow students, provides positive feedback, and fosters a culture of engagement and philanthropy within the Duke community.