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An advocate for redefined and redesigned education. I am a campaigner for educational opportunities focused on preparing the most under-represented in the classroom (PK-12; higher education), whilst simultaneously letting all excel— not an easy goal, but one of which I am passionate of. My primary focus lies in wellbeing, and its ability to impact the educational experience of every single student. I believe that everyone has a right to be the brightest in the classroom, but many are refused the opportunity.

Education

Bachelor of Arts | Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA
Major(s): Business: Marketing
Minor(s): Communication Studies

Graduated May 2021

Experience

Advisor and Coordinator | Seattle, WA

Oct. 2023 – present

Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Washington

- Advise and support undergraduate students throughout their research careers, from engaging with their first research space to presenting nationally and internationally.
- Support marketing, abstract review, and volunteer processes for the Undergraduate Research Symposium, an annual event slated to host 1,000 undergraduate students to present their research findings.
- Collaborate with internal stakeholders to lead social media engagement and website marketing, including content creation, analytics and analysis, and planning.
- Oversee the Undergraduate Research Conference Travel Award process, from review to awarding, with support from the URCTA committee.

Research Consultant, R15 Grant | Liberty, MS (remote)

May 2021 – July 2023

NICHD, National Institutes of Health

- Developed and assisted in collaboration with the Primary Investigator various data collection instruments including novel measurement tools.
- Prepared and led in the development of paper publications and presentations on findings of generalizable knowledge contributing to the advancement of learning curriculum for ELs in rural communities.
- Performed other administrative research duties, including gathering of source material, grant application support, and figure and image development for novel tools.

Research Program Planner | Omaha, NE

Feb. 2023 – Oct. 2023

Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, Creighton University

- Assisted and supported both students and faculty seeking research opportunities by implementing mentorship programs, hosting and facilitating research-oriented information sessions and meetings, and collaborating cross-departmentally and across schools and colleges.
- Developed and led strategic advertising and promotional campaigns towards current and prospective students, faculty and staff, donors, Board of Trustees, and the Omaha community through social media, graphic design, web design, and other channels of communication.
- Planned, coordinated, and aided in oversight of key engagement opportunities including National Undergraduate Research Week, University Research Week, Admissions Student Days, scholarship and fellowship submissions, and other workshops and one-off events.
- Acted as instructor for CUR 500, an undergraduate research leadership course that supports the center's student ambassador program. This course aids these students in developing their leadership, communication, and professional skills to prepare them for future careers in research.

IRB and IBC Specialist | Omaha, NE

Sept. 2021 – Feb. 2023

Research Compliance, Creighton University

- Served as a resource and source of guidance for researchers/registrants, CU learners, and clinical research office inquiry regarding human subjects research and/or biohazardous safety matters; answering federal, policy and procedural, and other inquiries.

- Implemented directives and processes identified by the Director of the IRB as it relates to education, templates, guidelines, internal work instruction, and other initiatives and training and educational programs.
- Administratively supported all aspects of the University's two Institutional Review Boards and the Institutional BioSafety Committee, including Board management, convened meeting participation, and determination preparation and finalization.
- For both the IRB and IBC, performed *technical* review/assessment of incoming submissions for completeness.

Management Intern | Custer, SD

May 2021 – Aug. 2021

Game State Lodge, Custer State Park Resorts

- Engaged in various leadership and supervisory roles across the resort, including roles within housekeeping, through front and back of restaurant, banquet/event planning, reservations and front desk, and the local retail/grocer.
- Ideated and collaborated with general and assistant management team to enhance various procedures and duties within the resort to encourage higher efficiency, outputs, and greater guest service and support.
- Performed research on the topics of college students, their affiliations with stress/depression, and the impacts of environment/nature on coping abilities and personal and professional growth.

Project Coordinator, R15 Grant | Storm Lake, IA

Aug. 2019 – May 2021

NICHHD, National Institutes of Health

- Managed a team of 20 undergraduate researchers over 2 years while facilitating delegation of data collection, entry, and management throughout all research phases.
- Prepared data and assisted with data's transition into academic research papers, presentations, and publications across various journals and national conferences.
- Worked closely with affiliates, including primary investigator, to develop appropriate working models, tables, images, aims, and hypotheses, for R15 Grant application process (Grant ID: R15HD092922).

Academic Assistant | Storm Lake, IA

Apr. 2018 – May 2021

Buena Vista University Honors Institute

- Assisted faculty and administration of the Institute in core curriculum design as well as strategic planning initiatives that foster global citizenry and leadership.
- Aided 6 cohorts, over 60 students, in designing research questions, bodies of supporting literature, and then executed methodologies presented to an Honors committee and on BVU's Scholar's Day each spring as completed Honors thesis and research.

Intern to the Vice President for Finance and Administration | Storm Lake, IA

Aug. 2020 – Dec. 2020

Buena Vista University Office for Finance and Administration

- Worked directly with the Vice President for Finance and Administration to develop research-based solutions for various oversights including department staffing, employment benefits, campus sustainability, and historic landmark grant opportunities.
- Presented and hosted various meetings that allowed the reporting and in-depth discussion of various research findings and proposals to the VP.

Resident Assistant | Storm Lake, IA

Jan. 2019 – May. 2021

Buena Vista University Residence Life

- Involved students in alumni-student mentorship pairings to help in discovery, engagement, and belonging to BVU and overall community.
- Monitored and facilitated communications of more than 30 constituents across the United States.
- Designed and discovered opportunities that allow students to further-develop as global citizens and leaders.

Director, Mentoring Program | Storm Lake, IA

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Research Assistant, Operations | Storm Lake, IA

Feb. 2019 – May 2019

Buena Vista University, University Development and Alumni Engagement

- Worked with Director of Operations to help keep database of University's constituents up to date.
- Updated and managed prospect data to ensure a healthy relationship between the University and person(s).

- Used Blackbaud, AlumniFinder, and LinkedIn software and services to locate accurate information to ensure timely communication with Alumni, current, and prospect students.

Field Research Assistant, R15 Grant | Storm Lake, IA
National Institutes of Health, NICHD

Jan. 2019

- Led both group, and individual, battery testing of over 300 rural, EL, middle grade students.
- Entered test data into a database to evaluate performance and identify at-risk children for literacy and knowledge retention.
- Facilitated a classroom while reading verbal instructions to children of an age-range of 10 to 12 years.

Conferences and Publications

Daniel, J., Barth, A., **Ankrum, E. R.** (2024, January). Multicomponent reading intervention: A practitioner's guide. *The Reading Teacher*, 77(4), 473-484. DOI: 10.1002/trtr.2265.

Barth, A., **Ankrum, E. R.**, Thomas, C. (2023). Inference instruction for students with reading disabilities. Inference instruction for students with reading disabilities. *Rural Special Education Quarterly*.

Barth, A., Thomas, C., Kincaid, H., **Ankrum, E. R.** (2022). Error patterns in the knowledge-based inference-making of less skilled middle-grade readers: An exploratory study. *International Journal of Research in Learning Disabilities*, 5(2): 18-35.

Barth, A., Daniel, J., Roberts, G., Vaughn, S., Barnes, M.A., **Ankrum, E. R.**, Kincaid, H. (2021, May). The role of knowledge availability in forming inferences with rural middle grade English learners. *Learning and Individual Differences*, 88.

Barth, A., Daniel, J., Vaughn, S. R., **Ankrum, E. R.** The role of knowledge availability and accessibility in forming inferences among rural, at-risk, English learners. (*under review*).

Barth, A., Daniel, J., & **Ankrum, E. R.** | PCRC, Coronado Bay, CA

Feb. 20-22, 2019

- Presentation: Knowledge-based Inferencing Among Middle Grade ELs
- Poster: *Differences in Forming Knowledge-to-Text Inferences Among EL and Non-EL Middle School Students*

Academic Experiences

Member, Social Sciences Division, Council on Undergraduate Research, June 1, 2024 – present

Member, Martin Family Honors Scholarship, July 1, 2024 - present

Member, UW Mary Gates Endowment Research Scholarship Review Committee, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Member, UW Barry Goldwater Scholarship Review Committee, Fall 2023

Member, Creighton University Undergraduate Research Program Director Search Committee, Fall 2023

Member, Creighton University Barry Goldwater Scholarship Review Committee, Fall 2023

Research Interests

Reading and Literacy

Learning Science

Human Dev. & Cognitive Function

Nature and Wellbeing

Philosophy

Curriculum Development

Awards and Recognitions

Class of 2021 Student Commencement Speaker

Received April 25, 2021

- Speech: *A note on resilience*; a speech provided in-recognition of the Class of 2021's struggles with societal issues, a global pandemic, and evolving academic environment.

Ottoman Research and Internship Fund

Received April 29, 2019

- Awarded to investigate college/university-aged students' ability to cope with chronic stress, anxiety, and depression and the alleviation nature provides.
- Awarded with the intent to bring back various knowledge in respected areas to help improve student development at Buena Vista University.

Service in Leadership: Student Senate

Received April 27, 2019

- Recognized outstanding leadership.

- Represented the student body in institutional policy, student concerns, and student organization allocations.