

MAKENZIE HEFFERNON- MODERN LANGUAGES AMBASSADOR



My name is Makenzie Heffernon and I am a senior from Stilwell, KS majoring in Spanish and minoring in Anthropology. My very first elective I ever took in Kindergarten was a Spanish class and ever since then, it has always been a language and culture that I get excited to learn and teach others about. Getting to start my language learning at such a young age really taught me the importance of language and cultural relativism and how they can be incredible means of connection and diversity which are so important in our world. After I graduate this up-coming May I will be attending grad school here at K-State in the Modern Language Department for Second Language Acquisition so that I can further my language studies with the amazing faculty here. I have been a TA for Cultural Anthropology for the last two semester which has opened my eyes to a plethora of cultures, and it has been such a fun experience to teach my students about the topics covered in this course and help them see the world with fresh, curious eyes! In the future I hope to obtain a career that allows me to combine both Spanish and Anthropology through either research or potentially teaching. A little bit more about me is that I love traveling, hiking, backpacking, some classic reality TV, and a fun fact is that I would love to write Anthropological children's books someday