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# Education

## EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY: 2016-PRESENT

* **Major:** Pre-ASL and English Interpretation
* **Dean’s List:** Fall 2016, Spring 2017, and Fall 2017, Fall 2018
* **President’s Award:** Fall 2017
* **Current GPA:** 3.65

# Employment

## Lead server-trainer/shift leader | cracker barrel old country store | 2009-present

* Responsible for the training of new servers and the continued coaching and improvement of all employees in our store as well as direct guest relation obligations regarding complaints and the correction of improper food service.

## dsp (Direct Support Professional) | the arc of iroquois county | 1999-2008

* Served in a variety of positions in this company, beginning as a dishwasher in the kitchen of The ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) residential facility.
* DSP (Direct Support Professional) for nearly 8 years, first in the larger residential facility and then later in CILAS (Community Integrated Living Arrangements where I facilitated everyday life activities ranging from partial to full assistance. Job duties fluctuated from full assistance with bathing, toileting, and the administration of medicine to planning and assisting participation of residents in community interactions and events.

**GBYS (GUIDE-BY-YOUR-SIDE) | KENTUCKY HANDS AND VOICES | 2019-**

* Serve as a parent guide to assist hearing parents of children who have been diagnosed with hearing loss. My job is to provide information, resources, support, and networking throughout the families’ journeys.

# Affiliations

* **Member of ASLA at EKU**
* **Member of Kentucky Hands and Voices**
* **Member of Parent Café (an organization to create awareness and help parents of children with hearing loss to connect and find resources for facilitating communication in various modes)**
* **Member of RID (student member)**
* **Volunteer at Deaf-Blind Retreat 2018 and 2019**
* **Volunteer at Deaf Awareness Day at Louisville Zoo 2018 and 2019**