

## **LAUREN EVANS**

Lauren is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English (Creative Writing) and minors in Religious Studies and Women's and Gender Studies. In August 2020, she will begin a Professional Writing program at Southeast Missouri State University. She is looking forward to continuing to refine her writing skills, learning more about the publishing industry, and hopefully teaching her first semester of undergraduate composition. Lauren is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Tau Delta, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. She served as the social media officer for Sigma Tau Delta and has enjoyed participating in and helping plan events within the English Department. As a sophomore in 2017, Lauren joined Washburn University's Queers and Allies. The following year, she was voted in as the organization's secretary and communications officer, and in 2019 was voted in as the organization's president. In the past year, she has enjoyed her role as president by organizing bi-monthly meetings and helping organize events such as showings of movies, and the annual drag show and area youth summit. Lauren worked as a peer advisor in the Advising Office at Washburn University. She also served as co-editor-in-chief of Inscape, Washburn University's literary journal. For her Scholarly/Creative Washburn Transformational Experience, Lauren attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs' conference in Portland, Oregon in March 2019. It was at this conference that she began to seriously consider graduate school, and found even wider support for her academic interests and creative writing through the other students and faculty involved in the conference. Lauren has received the Young Scholarship and the Kansas Sheriff's Association Scholarship on three occasions, and the Richey Scholarship, the Finnup Scholarship, the Tuchscherer Scholarship, and an academic scholarship from Washburn University.