

KAYLEY TAYLOR  
FALL 2023 SIBBERSON AWARD FINALIST  
SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES

Kayley is graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree in Elementary Education. She plans to take a full-time substitute position at Kennedy Primary in her hometown, Abilene, KS for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. She completed her student teaching semester there and enjoyed her time. She hopes to obtain a position in the same district for the next school year. In the future, she plans to pursue a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Kayley gives back to her school and students by volunteering at the After School Program in the district she student taught at as well. She believes it is important for students to have a safe place to be after school.

Kayley is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Washburn Next Generation Educators. She has volunteered with Washburn Next Generation Educators at the Mathes Learning Center Fall Festival and Donuts for Donations Homecoming Fundraiser and helped run the Washburn Next Generation booth at WU Fest. Kayley was Washburn Next Generation Educators Administrative Assistant Spring 2023 semester.

Kayley is passionate about education and believes all students have the ability to learn, but every child is unique and learns in their own way. Kayley holds herself at a high standard of creating lessons that cater to all different types of learners and giving students different experiences. Her goal is to challenge her students daily with learning that is meaningful, engaging, and purposeful. Kayley also believes in creating a positive learning environment and fostering a joy for learning in her students.

Kayley received the Keith Glatt Scholarship for four years, WU Alumni Association Scholarship WEA for four years, Gary & Rebecca Heidrick Education Scholarship, Fensch Education Scholarship, and the Clella Hahn Memorial Scholarship.