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Shawn is graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting degree and a Bachelor's degree in Spanish. She started her career in auditing in October 2019 with the Kansas Department of Revenue. In the future, she would like to use both her accounting and Spanish background to develop and promote Kansas, and to work with a nonprofit organization supporting locals, immigrants, and refugees to establish financial security.

She has been committed to her campus and community throughout her college career. Her efforts include organizing a regional conference of IMA hosted on campus in 2016 and national conference for Washburn's IMA Chapter where she and three other members represented Washburn in Texas. With Washburn's Spanish Club, she helped organize a Christmas shopping charity event in conjunction with the Topeka Rescue Mission to translate for local Hispanic families. For three years she represented Topeka and the University by volunteering as a presidential ambassador for Washburn's international students where she supported new students during orientation and helped them to adjust to life at Washburn. Furthermore, Shawn promoted Washburn while completing two study abroad programs in Spain and Mexico.

While studying, Shawn completed the International Education Washburn Transformational Experience, participated in Washburn's Choir for three years, worked on an outside research project concerning Power BI with Professor Harnowo, and worked with Professor Gonzalez-Abellas on creating a thesis.

Shawn also served as President of IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) Washburn chapter, Director of Community outreach for Washburn's Spanish Club, and a Presidential Ambassador for International students. Additionally, she has been honored with the Departmental Award for Excellence in Spanish in 2017, the Dale C. Marcoux Donor Scholarship in 2016, first place in the study abroad photo essay contest in 2016, the Dean's Scholarship from the J. Fern Black Scholarship Fund in 2017, the President's Honor Roll, and top ten percent of the 2019 Business School class Major Field Test.