

Delylah Mordecai
Fall 2024 Sibberson Recipient
College of Arts and Sciences

Delylah is graduating with a Bachelor of Integrative Studies degree, with plans to pursue an associate's degree in Mortuary Science starting in the fall of 2025.

Throughout her time at Washburn University, Delylah has been committed to both her academic growth and community service. She has actively applied her knowledge from pharmaceutical and counseling courses to enhance her skills for her future career as a funeral director, focusing on the importance of care, compassion and support for grieving families.

While at Washburn, Delylah balanced a full-time academic schedule with professional responsibilities. She worked multiple jobs, including positions at a local coffee shop, a pharmacy, and the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, where she served as a senior administrative a licensing analyst. Her experiences outside the classroom shaped her interactions with her peers, allowing her to bring unique insights to her assignments. From writing about her personal experience with pharmaceutical companies and insurance, to seeing how the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts stands up compared to other Kansas organizations, she has put real world applications into her work.

Beyond her academic life, Delylah devoted time to her church, where she volunteers and participates in community service initiatives.

As a first-generation student, Delylah's educational journey was not typical. She worked while attending school full-time, got married, moved several times and supported her husband during his deployment to East Asia. Delylah maintained strong academic performance and built lasting connections within the Washburn community.

As Delylah moves forward in her career, she is committed to continuing a life of service. Delylah has received the Transfer Academic Scholarship.