

Brianne Bachman, Health Sciences, Spanish, Class of 2022

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"It is hard work, but it is worth it to learn a second language."



Brianne Bachman is a senior at WKU originally from Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a member of the WKU dance team, and she is studying Health Sciences and Spanish. After college, Brianne will attend nursing school in Cincinnati, and she hopes to work in a hospital as an Emergency Room nurse. Downtown Cincinnati is a very diverse area, so Brianne believes that being able to speak Spanish will give her the opportunity to communicate with a more diverse group of people and allow her to help more people.

Before college, Brianne had dedicated lots of time to studying Spanish. She attended Spanish before-school programs from first grade until sixth grade, and she took Spanish courses in school from eighth grade until she graduated high school. She continues to pursue Spanish in college because she feels being bilingual will help her in the working world. She said, "It will allow me to be able to help and communicate with more people. I also have studied Spanish my whole life and wanted to continue in college because it is something I love." Even though she had been studying Spanish for several years before coming to WKU, she said her "speaking skills have improved immensely because of the program." Her favorite class in the Spanish program was Spanish 370, Spanish Conversation, because she loved to spend the whole class talking to her classmates in Spanish.

Due to COVID, Brianne did not have the opportunity to travel abroad during her time at WKU. One day, she hopes to have the opportunity to travel to Spain. She said, "I have learned so much about it through my classes, and I think it would be so exciting to be able to go to a place I know so much about."

She encourages other students studying a language to remember that their hard work is worth it and will pay off when they achieve proficiency in another language. She believes that the ability to speak another language makes you stand out to future

employers and allows you to communicate with more people. She says she has learned everything that she had hoped to so far, and she is excited for the opportunities to use her Spanish skills in the future.

