

# Kaniya Hester

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## EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
B.A., Human Communication Sciences  
Minor in Spanish

Expected June 2023

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bilingualism, bidialectalism, code-switching, psycholinguistics, psychological trauma and communication disorders, music therapy for communication disorders, dysphagia

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Research Assistant**

November 2019-present

Bilingualism and Psycholinguistics Research Group, Northwestern University

- Transcribe, code, and analyze data from Rochanavibhata's study on Thai-English mono/bilingual mother-child dyads using CHAT software
- Position awarded through the Early Research Experience Award (EREA), a program placing first-year Human Communication Science majors in the School of Communication directly into lab experiences with faculty mentors.
  - Award Amount: \$2000

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### **Lawrence Township School Student Foundation**

August 2017-June 2019

- Served as co-president by organizing and managing community events involving students from all schools, grades ranging from K-12, in the Lawrence Township area
- Organized and lead biweekly foundation meetings
- Gave presentations reporting progress of Student Foundation to its parent foundation-- The Lawrence Township School Foundation

### **Lawrence Central Performing Arts Program**

August 2015-June 2019

- Served as a cellist in the premier Symphony Orchestra
- Earned gold rating for orchestral performance at ISSMA, an annual orchestral state competition, throughout the duration of membership
- Served as the Symphony Orchestra's co-marketing manager by designing logos and selling products to promote the orchestra
- Guided marching bands for Lawrence Central's Scholastic Marching Band Invitational
- Guided concert bands as a part of ISSMA State Finals

## SKILLS

Language: English (Native), Spanish (Intermediate)

Computer: PRAT (Beginner)

Music: Cello (Upper Intermediate)