

Isabella Barbaglia – history

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

I chose to major in history as it has always been my favorite subject and it would prepare me for law school. After I transferred to McKendree, I got the opportunity to double minor in environmental studies and ethnic studies to further prepare me for a career in law. Having such an interdisciplinary degree program has allowed me to develop all of my interests personally and professionally.

What activities are you involved in at McKendree?

At McKendree, I have been involved in the women's golf team, have been the president of the history club, joined multiple honors societies (Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, and Pi Gamma Mu), joined the Young Feminists group, have done work-study in the campus museum, and much more!

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

I am most proud of graduating with summa cum laude honors here at McKendree. Academic excellence is something that hasn't come naturally to me, but through hard work and dedication I was able to accomplish it!

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

If I could go back in time and give advice to my first-year self, I would say to transfer to McKendree in the second semester! My first-year experience at my first university was nothing compared to the memories and opportunities McKendree has given me.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

There are so many who have helped me along this journey, but I would say my parents helped me the most with their unconditional love and support.

What's next after graduation?

After graduation, I will be taking a gap year to work, travel, take the LSAT, and take some time to relax with family.