

Valerie Nyswonger – elementary education

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

I chose the degree program because I heard that McKendree has the best education program around. The School of Education's mission entails being a lifelong learner, caring practitioner, and a knowledgeable professional. I believe they have helped me become the person who can uphold this mission.

What activities are you involved in at McKendree?

Competitive cheerleading for three years.

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

I am proud that I have completed the program with a 4.0 GPA.

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

The best advice I've gotten is to do something today that your tomorrow self will thank you for.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

Who helped me the most was my family, friends, and professors.

What's next after graduation?

I was hired to be a kindergarten teacher.