

# Allison M. Birnschein

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## Education

**SENIOR | GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE | ST. PETER, MN | B.A. | MAY 2017**

Major: Psychological Science Honors      Minors: Neuroscience, Dance  
GPA: 3.86      Major GPA: 3.96

## Honors and Scholarships:

Dean's List      Dean's Scholarship      Anderson Dance Scholarship      Psi Chi Honor Society

**Relevant Coursework:** Brain and Behavior, Human Anatomy and Physiology 2, Introduction to Neuroscience, Neurobiology, Abnormal Psychology, Child Development, Adult Development, Cognitive Psychology, Social Psychology, Introduction to Communication Disorders, & Statistics and Research Methods I & II

**STUDY ABROAD | NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY | GALWAY, IRELAND | FALL 2015**

**Relevant Coursework:** Applied Behaviour Analysis, Positive Psychology, & Bioethics

## Research Experience

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT | CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE, DR. KYLE CHAMBERS | 2014-PRESENT**

Collaborate with fellow research assistants and community partner, the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota to investigate patterns of child development.

Presented research results at the Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference in April 2015 at Macalester College and the U.S. Play Coalition: Midwest Play Conference in June 2016 at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

**SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANT | UIHC NEUROLOGY DEPARTMENT, DR. NATALIE DENBURG | MAY-JULY 2015**

Conducted a retrospective chart review, wrote a manuscript for, and presented the results of a mentor-guided project evaluating a neuropsychological distinction between dementia with Lewy bodies and Parkinson's disease with dementia during a ten week summer research program at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA.

## Related Experience

**RESPIRE CARE PROVIDER | UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY | AUGUST 2015-PRESENT**

Provide temporary care for children with disabilities (Down syndrome, ADHD, anxiety, etc.) in private home settings.

**RESPIRE COUNSELOR | TRUE FRIENDS | CAMP EDEN WOOD | JANUARY 2015-PRESENT**

Assist individuals with physical or developmental disabilities with personal care needs during respite weekends.

Promote relationships between the individuals served and create a safe and enjoyable environment.

**WINTER CAMP COUNSELOR | TRUE FRIENDS | CAMP COURAGE | DECEMBER 2014 & DECEMBER 2015**

Create a safe and playful environment for children (ages 7-19) with ADHD, high functioning autism, and other related disorders by leading activities, serving as a mentor, and promoting positive interactions and friendships between camp participants.

## Other Experience

**STUDENT ASSISTANT | GUSTAVUS CAREER DEVELOPMENT | SEPTEMBER 2014-PRESENT**

Organize career development opportunities (e.g. job and internship fairs) and post available positions to an online career directory (i.e. Handshake).

Coordinated with staff to update the Gustavus Internship resource webpages.

**GUSTIE GUIDES HOST & TOUR GUIDE | SEPTEMBER 2013-PRESENT**

Host prospective students overnight and lead campus tours to aid in college search process.

## Leadership and Service

**PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER | CONNECTING CLOUDS | FEBRUARY 2016-PRESENT**

Created a student organization to facilitate campus connections by organizing and implementing activities that promote positive and meaningful interactions such as the "Conversation Ball Pit" and the "High Five Skyway."

**LEAD COORDINATOR | BIG PARTNER LITTLE PARTNER | SEPTEMBER 2013-PRESENT**

Volunteered as a youth mentor (September 2013-May 2014). Communicated program information to St. Peter and Gustavus communities as Public Relations and Parent Communications Coordinator (September 2014-May 2016).

Lead a cohort of ten student coordinators in facilitating program management and development (Present).

**VOLUNTEER | GUSTIE BUDDIES | FEBRUARY 2015-MAY 2016**

Demonstrated and practiced appropriate social skills with St. Peter youth who have a developmental delay through weekly group and individual activities.