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Experiential Seminar - Fall 2023

Jessica Clifton, Admissions & Administrative Program Coordinator

In early December, our older students shared what they learned in their Experiential Seminar (ES). Juniors and seniors get to pick a topic they're interested in for their ES, which is an independent study curriculum they work on throughout the semester. They work with their advisors and tutors to set goals for what they want to learn, like how to be involved in the community, asking for special arrangements at work, or using public transportation.

We're really proud of our students. They showed a high level of professionalism and did a great job in their presentations. We're confident that they've become experts in the subjects they chose. Thank you so all the friends, families, and peers who came in support of our students. Way to go, juniors and seniors!





Student Highlight - Ella Risko

Cat Bernstein, Office Assistant, Next Steps at Vanderbilt Alumni Class of '15

Ella Risko is a first-year student at Next Steps at Vanderbilt. This semester, she took "Introduction To Children's Literature", which is a class many of Next Steps students have taken in the past and have loved! Ella enjoyed learning about different books and the loved learning about the overall importance of children's literature. Aside from academics, she also loved her class because she made strong friendships with her classmates. Ella also felt that she was gaining a little more confidence in her class because she was speaking up more in class. Way to go, Ella!



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