

Alexis MCKAY



PROFILE

Sometimes down to Earth, sometimes well above the clouds. I have an unique love and fascination for nature, visible and invisible. I believe that by learning about the stars in the universe, we can learn more about ourselves. I am empowered by the knowledge I have gained through my education and life experiences so far. I am also humbled by just how much there still is for me to learn. Feeling important in an infinite universe is a difficult task, but I think I am managing it quite nicely.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Pronouns: **she/her/hers**

CONTACT DETAILS

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SKILLS

- Python, R Studio, Excel
- Digital Sky 2, Laser Fantasy
- Group collaboration and communication
- Independent focus
- Leadership
- Adaptivity
- Determination
- Resilience
- Passion

WORK EXPERIENCE

- PLANETARIUM NAVIGATOR at *Fiske Planetarium*
February 2024–present *Boulder, CO*
◇ Follow safe theater protocols and create welcoming environment for the public to experience astronomy education, music shows, and more.
- BANQUET CAPTAIN at *Wedgewood Weddings*
September 2021 - September 2023 *Boulder, CO*
◇ Banquet staff representative and line of communication between guests, staff and vendors at events such as weddings, graduations, birthday parties, etc.
- CAMP COUNSELOR at *ABLE to Sail Youth Empowerment Camp*
June 2020 - August 2022 *Longmont, CO*
◇ Facilitate a kids camp that uses metaphors in sailing to teach about self-worth and growth.
- HOSTESS at *B.O.B.S Diner*
September 2017 - May 2020 *Louisville, CO*
◇ Provide excellent customer service and accommodate to guests’ needs at a small local diner.

EDUCATION

- (IN PROGRESS) BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN ASTRONOMY
University of Colorado Boulder. **August 2020–present**
◇ Areas of focus: *star life cycles, evolution of galaxies, space policy*
- (IN PROGRESS) BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN PSYCHOLOGY
University of Colorado Boulder. **August 2020 – present**
◇ Areas of focus: ongoing mental health crisis, representation in STEM
- (IN PROGRESS) MINOR IN MATHEMATICS
University of Colorado Boulder. **August 2020 – present**
◇ Areas of focus: statistics, math education
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
Centaurus High School **August 2016 – May 2020**

AWARDS

- HELEN MCLORAINE SCHOLARSHIP **2020, 2021, 2022**
◇ Awarded to promising former foster youth aspiring to pursue an education after high school
- BE BRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP **2020**
◇ Awarded to former foster youth pursuing an education at the University of Colorado Boulder
- BRIGHT FUTURES AWARD **2020**
◇ Awarded to foster youth that demonstrate resilience and determination

HOBBIES

Outdoors: stargazing, skateboarding, snowboarding, hiking, sailing, gardening, swimming, road tripping
Music: attending concerts, raves and festivals, singing, viola, guitar
Gaming: Nintendo, old school arcade games, pinball