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EDUCATION

University of Nebraska-Lincoln/ UNO Public Affairs	Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice	May 2026
Major: Criminal Justice; Minor: Advertising and Public Relations	GPA 3.74/4.0

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Nebraska State Patrol	Lincoln, NE
<i>Concealed Handgun Permit Specialist</i>	February 2026-Present
- Process initial and renewal Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) applications and determine applicant eligibility by reviewing criminal history records. - Correspond with applicants and criminal justice agencies to obtain and verify information by cross-checking information through multiple platforms.	
Lincoln Police Department	Lincoln, NE
<i>Student Intern-15 hours a week</i>	May 2025-August 2025
- Conducted primary research in a DUI data analysis project with a Drug Recognition Expert by collecting, organizing, and analyzing case data to identify trends and correlations. - Engaged directly with officers and instructors by participating in ride-alongs, death investigation seminars, and training academy sessions to gain hands-on knowledge of law enforcement practices. - Observed day-to-day operations across 7 units within the agency by shadowing personnel in investigations, education, narcotics, and SWAT to understand the full scope of departmental functions.	
Research Assistant	Lincoln, NE
<i>Student Researcher</i>	November 2025-December 2025
- Conduct ongoing research on the fear of crime increasing by age by reviewing recently published articles, organizing themes, findings, and citations to decide which sources best support or expand Dr. Anderson's research. - Evaluate the credibility and relevance of scholarly sources by looking at their score to help strengthen the accuracy and depth of the paper's overall findings.	
Nebraska Crime Commission	Lincoln, NE
<i>Job Shadowing</i>	November 2025-Present
Shadow across state and federal agencies by sitting in the legislature, reviewing upcoming bills, and attending a pardon board hearing to gain firsthand insight into criminal justice system operations.	

EXPERIENCE

Campus Recreation Center	Lincoln, NE
<i>Center Manager-20-30 hours a week</i>	February 2023-Present
- Oversee recreational facilities by going on hourly rounds and following safety procedures to support 1,000+ students and community members weekly. - Serve as a contact point for law enforcement, EMS, risk management, and policy enforcement by utilizing trained risk-management procedures when responding to situations to maintain safety and adhere to protocol. - Supervise and support a team of about 50 student workers by providing promotional training and checking for completion to ensure work is done efficiently and to standard.	
San Pedro Cafe	Hudson, WI
<i>Server- 10 hours a week</i>	August 2021-August 2024 seasonally
Delivered attentive, friendly service in a consistently high-volume restaurant by managing up to 30 people at various stages of service to maintain smooth and efficient guest experiences.	

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Lincoln Police Department	Lincoln, NE
<i>Volunteer</i>	August 2025-Present
Contributed to Nebraska State Patrol training and community outreach by volunteering as a test subject for officers in training.	

Community Volunteer

Lincoln, NE
November 2022-Present

Volunteer

- Contribute time to community service events by volunteering with the annual Domesti-PUPS event, Humane Society, Pregnancy Center, and People’s City Mission to support local organizations and make a positive impact in the community.

Lincoln, NE

HONORS

Ruth Leverton Scholarship, August 2022-2026
Dean’s List, Fall 2022 2023 2024 2025 Spring 2023 2025 2026, Graduated with High Honors.
Student Development Scholarship, Spring 2026
Award: Winner of GoBigRecognition Fall 2025

Certifications

CPR/AED: Professional Rescuers with First Aid Expires November 2027