

BREEANN BEST (LIZZIE)

Analysis • Research • Advocacy

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic individual with hands-on experience in data analysis and youth support. Brings strong problem-solving and compassionate skills to data questions and people. Known for resiliency, creativity, and people-oriented mindset. Committed to making meaningful insights.

EXPERIENCE

University of Central Oklahoma - Learning Data Analyst (Hybrid)

Edmond, Oklahoma • 03/2024 - 05/2026

- Developed recurring reports to support institutional planning and departmental decision-making.
- Analyzed student, finance, and operational data to identify trends, gaps, and reporting inconsistencies.
- Utilized data visualization tools to effectively communicate business insights.

University of Central Oklahoma - Research Assistant (Hybrid)

Edmond, Oklahoma • 06/2023 - 03/2024

- Collected and organized research data using spreadsheets and database systems.
- Reviewed literature and summarized findings to support project development.
- Prepared reports, charts, and presentation materials for academic review.
- Research Project: "Students Achieve Grades Higher than Expected Outside of the Classroom Walls", Students achieved final grades higher than expected taking hybrid courses vs. fully online or fully in-person.

Calm Waters Center For Children & Families - Intern - Facilitation Support Groups

Oklahoma City, OK • 01/2023 - 04/2023

- Facilitate and co-facilitate children's grief, divorce and school groups for children who were ages 3- 10 years old. Active listening and providing age appropriate feedback that was supportive.

Casady Elementary School - Afterschool Counselor

Oklahoma City, OK • 09/2021 - 04/2022

SKILLS

Personal:

Scientifically Curious



Creative



Analytical Thinking



Compassionate



Resilient



Tools:

Power BI



Excel/Google Sheets



R/SPSS



SQL



Python



EDUCATION

Francis Tuttle Technology Center

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma • 06/2026

Certification: Data Analytics

Relevant Coursework: Data Modeling, Data Visualization with Excel (DAVE), Power BI, Tableau, R, SQL, Python

- Capstone Project: "Data about Coffee", A deep dive into data about local coffee shops in Oklahoma City and the cost of vanilla lattes at home vs. going out.

Oklahoma Christian University

Edmond, Oklahoma • 05/2023

Bachelor of Science: Family Science, Psychology

- Supervised students during after-school activities, maintaining a safe and structured learning environment..
- Planned engaging enrichment activities supporting social, emotional, and academic development.

INTERESTS

- Drawing and painting
- Camping and hiking
- Philosophy and space
- Self-Improvement

GROUP ADVOCATION

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater OKC
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- The Jed Foundation
- The Trevor Project
- Center for Workplace Mental Health
- Lupus Foundation of America

REFERENCES

Ryan Newell, Ph.D., L.B.P. • Professor of Psychology •
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CONFERENCES

- Oklahoma Women in Higher Education - Edmond, Oklahoma in March 2025
- Ellucian Live - San Antonio, Texas in April 2024
- Transformative Learning - Midwest City, Oklahoma in March 2024
- Oklahoma Psychological Society - Edmond, Oklahoma in April 2023

- Minor Psychology
- Relevant Coursework: Intro Psych Stats, Advanced Psych Stats, Experimental Psych, Ethical and legal issues, Research Seminar
- Clubs: IOTA KAPPA PHI, House Church, Outreach Missions
- Research Project: 3rd place at the 2023 OPS Conference, "Perceptions of Therapist based on Mental Health and Age" , Therapist with mental illness are viewed as less competent than therapist with no mental illness. Age did not affect perceptions of competence.
- Research Project: "Perceptions of Stigma", participants reported higher stigma results towards people with schizophrenia when the perception was in 3rd person rather than 1st person. A Ted Talk from someone sharing their experience with schizophrenia had no effect on stigma.
- Eagle Reward Scholarship Recipient

CERTIFICATIONS

Transformative Leadership Academy,
University of Central Oklahoma
04/2025

Ambiguous Loss, Calm Waters Center for
Children and Families
02/2023

Support Groups Facilitation Training, Calm
Waters Center for Children and Families
01/2023

Calm Waters Community Grief Training
12/2022