

Episode 71: Bailey's in her CF and Loving It! (Graduate Student Series)

During this week's episode of The Missing Link for SLPs podcast, we catch up with Bailee Jackson, who is now graduated from her program and loving her career in her first few months of her CF year! She shares what drew her to speech-language pathology, reflects on her early experiences with clients, and offers advice for undergraduate students.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Tell us where you are in your academic career and why you became a speech pathologist.
2. What was it like getting into graduate school? Tell us about that journey.
3. How was interviewing for graduate school? What was that like?
4. How many schools did you get accepted to, and how long did you wait to hear back from them?
5. How did you decide which graduate program to go into?
6. Do you have any tips for starting your first year of grad school?
7. Do you have advice for working with your first client?
8. Tell us about a time things did not go well with a client and about a time when they did.

Quotes of the Conversation

"You just have to really follow your clients' lead and let them take you where they want to go and [do] what works best for them. And eventually, you just learn more about them. And it might be a little bumpy at first, but I think just kind of sitting back and trusting yourself, and realizing that you do know more than you probably think you do, can be really helpful."

-Bailee Jackson

Bailee Jackson

Speech Student and Clinical Fellow

My name is Bailee Jackson and I am now a CF for a school district in Minnesota! I completed both my graduate



and undergraduate degrees in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program at St. Cloud State University. With the help of a friend, I was introduced to the field of Speech Language Pathology near the end of my first year, and have been hooked ever since. During my time as an undergraduate I also competed on the St. Cloud State Women's Swim and Dive team and was heavily involved in the

University's NSSHLA chapter and MNSHA's Future Professionals Committee. These organizations both worked to connect students with similar passions both on campus and in other University programs across Minnesota. In my first year of graduate school, I have had the opportunity to work with both pediatric and adult clients in our University Clinic. Although, I am still unsure of what population I see myself working with in the future I do hope to work in the medical setting one day

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