

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the
University of Missouri

BRIDGET COMPARATO KRAUS

Ph.D. in Health & Rehabilitation Science, Spinal Cord Injury,
rehabilitation and self management



ORGANIZATIONS:

Missouri Occupational Therapy
Association
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ASPIRATIONS, INTERESTS, AND/OR HOBBIES

Spinal Cord Research
Photography
Travel

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO YOUR STUDIES?

Focus and determination to keep going,
even when things are challenging.

More about Bridget on the next page!

HEAR WHAT BRIDGET'S NOMINATOR HAD TO SAY:

I wanted to nominate Bridget for this award, as I believe that she is truly deserving. Being in our first year of a Ph.D. program has been an adjustment. I am thankful every day to be in a cohort within the Health & Rehabilitation Science program with Bridget. She is supportive, such a bright light, compassionate soul who works hard to better herself and each person that she encounters. She has been a safety net for me this year, a constant cheerleader, and a shoulder to lean on, as well as a great resource and reference who challenges me to do more, be better, and to never give up. Bridget is a great example of an MU Tiger and such a deserving student.

HOW DO YOU HOPE TO BETTER THE WORLD?

Bridget is focused on improving care for individuals living with a spinal cord injury. Not only do I think she will change the world of spinal cord rehabilitation, but I think that Bridget betters the world every day. She really is a light and such positive energy to those that she encounters. She lifts people up, aids in their success, and does so in a caring and compassionate manner. She is extremely humble, and such a remarkable individual.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR FIELD?

I believe that most Occupational Therapy practitioners wished that more people knew about our profession as a whole! That we work extremely hard to help our patients live the life that they want to live, filling roles and participating in routines and rituals that are meaningful to them, as individuals. We are problem solvers; compassionate healthcare professionals that utilize ourselves as therapeutic tools to aid in the success and increased independence of those that we serve.

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