

## Savannah Stephens, Communication Disorders & Spanish, Class of 2025

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*“Studying the Spanish language and culture has been an eye-opening experience. I have gained a different perspective on every culture from being exposed to the Latino culture at an early age. This has resulted in me being an accepting and open-minded individual.”*



Savannah Stephens decided to minor in Spanish to grant herself more opportunities academically and professionally. She says, “Having the ability to network with others will allow me to stay connected and communicate with more people in the world.” She believes Communication Sciences and Disorders pairs well with Spanish because both fields of study teach how to effectively speak a language. She also believes that minoring in Spanish will expand her impact and allow her to help native Spanish speakers and native English speakers.

Savannah encourages everyone to study a language. She emphasizes that there are limitless opportunities available to those who know more than one language in both their educational and professional career. Furthermore, she says, “Learning another language will allow one to participate in countless cultural and social opportunities that weren't there before learning a new language.” Studies show that learning another language sharpens the mind, so Savannah understands that anyone learning another language has everything to gain!

Her advice for anyone struggling to learn another language is to never stop studying it! Savannah says, “The process of fluently speaking a different language can be long and filled with difficulty; but once you keep studying the language, the growth will show.”

