# **Malak Dawoud**

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## **EDUCATION**

The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology and Audiology, May 2021 Honors College Scholar

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

05/19-5/21 Student Assistant

**Dubard School for Language Disorders** 

The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Assisted teachers by organizing students' assessments using ImageNow and Excel. Compiled classroom supplies for student projects. Supervised students during lunch time. Delivered and received mail.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## **Canine Assisted Therapy and its Effects in Speech Therapy**

Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, The University of Southern Mississippi January 2020 – Present

Mentor: Mary Schaub

Researched the effects of canine assisted therapy in speech therapy. This was done by surveying licensed speech therapists who have experience using therapy dogs in their sessions and by reviewing literature in this area of study. The results show a reduction in stress and anxiety in therapy clients and a reduced recovery time from acquired speech disorders.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

09/19 –5/21 Dubard School for Language Disorders

Managed two volunteer events throughout the year. First, supervised children during Halloween Trick or Treating event. Escorted children through the day and inspected candy to deem fit for consumption. Second, collected donations for a canned food drive.

08/17 – 5/21 Honors College, The University of Southern Mississippi

Collected and packaged presents for Christmas drive benefiting low-income children in the area.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

09/20- 11/20 Clinical Assistant

The University of Southern Mississippi Speech and Hearing Clinic

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Began by notating therapy sessions and modeling behaviors and skills at the discretion of the clinician. Received additional responsibility of creating and administering solo therapy sessions including administering assessments to clients, setting weekly goals, and creating ageappropriate activities.

08/18 -5/21 Member

USM Chapter, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

Organized fundraising activities, most notably a recent drive for face masks to donate to students enrolled at local language disorders school.

04/20 -5/21 Honors College Ambassador

Attended recruitment events for prospective students, both virtually and in local high schools. Individually contacted and answered questions from over 50 students. Met with local high school counselors to share personal experiences of the Honors College.

### **HONORS/AWARDS**

Fall 2020

Spring 2020 Dean's List

Summer 2020

Fall 2019 President's List

Spring 2021