

## Meet our Redbird student panelists



Jack Rogers is a freshman studying nursing at Illinois State. Jack is active on campus as a member of Cornerstone Church, and he also works in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. In the future, Jack hopes to acquire a master's degree in nursing and work as a nurse practitioner. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught Jack to always be prepared for any unexpected circumstance.



Schuyler Hughes is a junior studying recreation administration at Illinois State. He is active on campus as the president of Redbird Gaming. Upon graduation Schuyler hopes to launch his career in professional or collegiate esports with a long-term goal of managing an esports organization. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught him the importance of adapting to the new challenges we are facing and the importance of staying connected with those around him.



Jalyn Jones is a senior with a major in political science and a minor in human development. She is active on campus as an off-campus senator on the Student Government Association and secretary for the fee board. Upon graduation, Jalyn plans to attend grad school to study higher administration with a long-term goal of becoming an assistant vice president of student affairs at a four-year institution. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught her that not everything is in her control, and when problems arise, she must adapt and be optimistic to make the best out of her situations. She has also learned that when challenges emerge and stressors feel unmanageable, it is important to reach out for help.



Grace Bartlett (she/her) is a senior history/social sciences education major with minors in women's, gender, & sexuality studies and anthropology. Currently, she is student-teaching at University High School in a current issues class as well as three sections of sophomore US History. Grace is involved in Women's History Club and History Club on campus. After graduation, she hopes to find a teaching position near the St. Louis area. Due to the circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic, Grace has adapted to our changing educational, social, and political world with joy in mind. Being kind to yourself and others during this time will hopefully let us all see the glass half-full.



Kendee Hilliard, a Texas native, is currently in her sophomore season as a student-athlete competing for Redbird volleyball. She is active within the ISU community as the vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, serves on the Recreation and Park Administration Advisory Council, is a representative for the Athletic Council, and a current member of the Gamma Rho Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Kendee will graduate this summer earning a bachelor's degree in recreation management with a minor in psychology. She has been accepted into the sports management graduate program while finishing her volleyball eligibility. The Covid-19 pandemic has taught Kendee that you can only control your controllables. Also, it provided her with an opportunity to learn more about her African American history and culture through her work and engagement advocating for equity and social justice.