

KIANNAH PIERCE

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EDUCATION

Masters of Educational Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship | UNC Chapel Hill Expected August 2026
Master of Applied Professional Studies | UNC Chapel Hill Completed May 2025
Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies | UNC Chapel Hill Completed August 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

AI-literacy | Wonda Spaces | Microsoft Suite | Adobe Premiere Pro | Canva | Data Visualization | Marketing and Media

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

EDUC 915: Learning Sciences | GRAD 712: Leadership in Workplace | PLCY 799: Public Policy and Non-Profits

WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern | North Carolina Association for Public Charter Schools | Chapel Hill, NC August 2025 - Present

- Conducted comprehensive research on 225 charter schools to identify CTE, STEM, and AI-focused programs for federal CSP grant compliance, synthesizing data from state databased and individual charter school websites into actionable reports
- Designed and executed strategic communication initiatives including webinar content development, social media campaigns for statewide events, and sponsor engagement reports serving 90+ organizational partners

NCAA Division 1 Athlete | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC August 2020 – Present

- Earned starting position as freshman, demonstrating rapid skill development and ability to excel in high-pressure, competitive environments
- Balance 20+ hours of athletic training, competition travel, and team commitments with full academic course load, showcasing advanced time management and organizational skills

Dean of Students | Breakthrough Collaborative | Sacramento, CA June 2025 – August 2025

- Directed student affairs operations and program implementation for 120 middle school students, strengthening support systems that elevated student engagement and academic outcomes
- Created and implemented policies addressing diverse student behavioral and academic needs while fostering an inclusive and nurturing educational environment

Teaching Intern | Breakthrough Collaborative | Sacramento, CA June 2024 – August 2024

- Collaborated with master educators to design and deliver 30 instructional lessons in 8th grade English, developing proficiency in instructional design, differentiated teaching strategies, and student assessment
- Cultivated classroom management expertise through daily instruction, lesson development, and active participation in professional collaboration

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Richard A. Baddour Carolina Leadership Academy | UNC Chapel Hill August 2020 – May 2024

- Developed advanced leadership skills through structured four-year curriculum addressing personal core values, team dynamics, effective communication, and translating vision across diverse groups
- Served in team leadership roles utilizing academy training to navigate conflict resolution, onboard new leaders, organizational culture management, and partnering with coaches to drive team success

UNC Mental Health Ted Talk | UNC Sports Performance Psychology | UNC Chapel Hill November 2023

- Chosen as one of four participants to partner with mental health professionals to speak about mental health in student athletes