

Distinguished Graduate

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Kelsie Vaughn

ANTHROPOLOGY

“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”

- William Shakespeare, Hamlet

Kelsie Vaughn was born in Houston, Texas and graduated from Klein High School in 2013. After attempting a few years of collegiate schooling at Stephen F. Austin State University and Lone Star College, she took a break from academics in 2015 to decide what she wanted her career to be.

Finally, after moving to San Antonio in 2018 and realizing her passion for informal education while working at SeaWorld and The DoSeum, Kelsie began pursuing her associates degree in the spring of 2020. During both the pandemic and her first year back in school in five years, she received a 4.0 GPA and landed on the president’s list. She also was able to succeed academically in part due to a late diagnosis of ADHD. With this diagnosis she was able to optimize her study tactics and thrive academically.

Kelsie then moved towards establishing her major in anthropology. With this degree she plans to pursue her bachelor’s degree in Anthropology at UTSA and continue to work in informal education settings like museums, aquariums, and zoos and write curriculum for visitors to learn more about the world around them.

