

Kelsey Muskin, Wins 2013-2014 Outstanding EXL Student Award

The Outstanding EXL Student Award is given annually to a student who holds a distinguished record of service in the EXL Scholars Program. When Kelsey Muskin entered the Organizational Communication major, she was unaware of how many courses were part of the Experiential Learning Scholar's program. Though she was initially nervous about the hands-on nature of her class projects, Muskin flourished in the program, stating "The EXL program gave me a variety of tasks to complete in each class depending on the subject at hand, and I enjoyed performing them. I became a better leader because of this program as well as continuing to complete various service projects to help the community." Muskin used her leadership skills both on and off campus by holding the position of Social Action Chairperson in her sorority, becoming a university tour guide, tutoring students in public speaking, and even planning a breast cancer fashion show fundraiser at her church. Dr. Janet McCormick, an MTSU professor, commends Kelsey for her dedication, saying, "I have known Kelsey for over two years. She is my advisee (an ORCO) major, has a strong GPA, and is highly involved on campus. She does exceptional work in our major (every course is EXL). Kelsey is dedicated to the EXL program, is assisting with the ORCO peer mentoring program, is active in Greek Life, and is a member of Blue Elite." Muskin hopes to continue her charitable work through a career in the nonprofit field and commends the Experiential Learning Program for helping her realize this goal. She added, "Helping people is a passion of mine and the EXL program gave me that extra confidence that I needed to succeed in showing that. My four years participating in my EXL program have been excellent, and it helped me improve in many areas as a student, leader, and as an overall all human being. I am forever grateful for my opportunities and will continue to support the Experiential Learning Program and encourage other MTSU students to take part in this life changing curriculum."