

Ashlin Cannella

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Education

University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Gainesville, FL (May 2028)

Major: Biochemistry; GPA: 4.00

Academy of the Holy Names High School, Tampa, FL (May 2024)

Valedictorian

Extracurricular Activities

Dance Marathon at the University of Florida

- Family Relations Assistant Director of Captain Engagement (May 2025 -) - facilitate captain fundraising by creating innovative resources and team fundraisers; foster a positive team environment by planning bonding activities; track member attendance and fundraising
- Family Relations Captain (September 2024 - April 2025) - work closely with the Children's Miracle Network Miracle Families to facilitate cause connection throughout the entire organization
 - Chair of Tracking - assist the Assistant Direction of Tracking in member attendance and fundraisers

Co-founder/Vice President - **Letters of Love** Florida (Spring 2025 -)

- Emotionally supports children in hospitals worldwide through card making

Relay for Life at the University of Florida - Executive Director (May 2025 -) - enact university-wide outreach to build the program; facilitate the planning of the main event

Catholic Gators (2024-)

- Alpha Retreat Small Group Leader (Spring 2025)

Research Experience

University Scholars Program (September 2025 - May 2026)

- UF Health Cancer Center, UF College of Veterinary Medicine Comparative Oncology Lab

Relevant Work Experience

Anesthesia Technician at HCA Florida Largo Hospital (June 2024 -)

CailinStrong Foundation, founding board member (2019 -)

- Raises funds and awareness for high-risk pediatric osteosarcoma patients
- Responsible for raising approximately \$75,000 for high-risk osteosarcoma research

American Cancer Society National Gold Together Ambassador Peer Coach (2023-)

- Responsible for \$26,000 raised for pediatric cancer through American Cancer Society

Chain Reaction Field Day for Pediatric Cancer Planner (2021-2024)

- Responsible for \$50,000 raised for National Pediatric Cancer Foundation and the CailinStrong Foundation

Swim Coach - Academy Aquatic Club (2020-2024)

Basic Life Support Certification

Relevant Coursework

Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience – Food as Precision Medicine (Spring 2025)

Intro to Analytical Chemistry w/ Lab (Spring 2025)

Biology 2 w/ Lab (Spring 2025)

Research and Creativity (Fall 2024)

General Chemistry 2 w/Lab (Fall 2024)

Honors and Awards

University Research Scholars Program (2024-)

- Admit-only research program for top 2% of UF applicants

University of Florida Honors Program (2024-)

1,000+ Community Service Hours