

Catherine Marie Bales

Miami, FL | (305) 323 - 3384 | catherine.bales@ufl.edu | www.linkedin.com/in/catherine-bales22

EDUCATION

University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Science
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Health Disparities in Society Undergraduate Minor
Leadership Minor

- GPA: 3.52 | Spring 2025 Dean's List Recipient | Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholars Recipient

June 2022 – May 2026
Gainesville, FL

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A.

Legal Intern

- Responsible for assisting the legal team with various tasks, including sitting in on depositions, reading through medical records, and learning the ins and outs of personal injury law

December 2023 – Present
Miami, FL

Miami Dade County Public Schools

Substitute Teacher

- Adapted lesson plans to incorporate culturally relevant health perspectives or implementing strategies to address health-related challenges prevalent in underserved communities

March 2024 – Present
Miami, FL

Riviera Day School

Senior Counselor

- Supervised and engaged a group of 15–20 kindergarten-aged children in daily activities, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment

June 2025 – Present
Miami, FL

Xtraordinary JOY

Research Intern

- Research intern at Xtraordinary JOY, a nonprofit focused on chromosome disorder research, Xq27Xq28 deletion, through the Academic Learning Experience at the University of Florida

January 2025 – May 2025
Gainesville, FL

Blossoming Butterfly, Inc.

Research Intern

- Research intern at Blossoming Butterfly, a nonprofit committed to empowering women through education and support while raising awareness for breast, ovarian, and uterine cancer

January 2025 – May 2025
Gainesville, FL

David and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Senior Counselor

- Taught middle school aged children how to socialize with others

June 2023 – June 2024
Miami, FL

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Phi Mu

External Philanthropy Director

- Leads fundraising events to support the sorority's philanthropy and builds partnerships with sponsors and charitable organizations

October 2024 – Present
Gainesville, FL

Philanthropy Director Assistant

- Assisted a team of sisters for Phi Mu Fraternity to organize an annual fundraising event, resulting in an increase in donations compared to the previous year

October 2023 – October 2024
Gainesville, FL

Student Government

Assistant Director of Registration for FBK Speech and Debate

- Managed the registration process for participants, including students, coaches, and judges, utilizing online registration platforms and databases

March 2024 – Present
Gainesville, FL

Director of Information for Student Government Institute

- Provide training and support to student government members on the use of technology tools for communication and information management, empowering them to effectively fulfill their roles and responsibilities

February 2024 – Present

Homecoming and Gator Growl Director of Show

- Oversaw the planning, coordination, and execution of the largest student-run pep rally in the nation

March 2024 – Present
Gainesville, FL

Student Government Political Party Ambassador

- Acted as the face at various events, promotional activities, and effectively communicating key messages to target audiences

March 2022 – March 2024
Gainesville, FL

Homecoming and Gator Growl Assistant Director of Show

- Oversaw onsite logistics, troubleshooting issues promptly to ensure a seamless show experience for clients and attendees

March 2023 – October 2023
Gainesville, FL

RESEARCH

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Science (CLAS) Scholars Recipient

- Recipient of the University of Florida CLAS Scholars Program, a competitive research initiative supporting independent, faculty-mentored academic projects

March 2025 – Present
Gainesville, FL

Cambridge University Scholarship Recipient

- Conducted research on DNA structures using advanced technology with Cambridge University, gaining hands-on experience in molecular analysis and structural development

May 2021 – August 2021
Cambridge, United Kingdom