

# Darya E. Hadjian

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## Education

- Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO  
Ed.D. in Education, August 2022  
Dissertation: "Impact of Stress Management Strategies: A Look into the Diverse High School Student's Self-Efficacy, Stress, and Academic Success."  
Advisor: Dr. Nilufer Guler
- Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO  
M.Ed. in World Language Education (Spanish K-12), May 2020  
Honors: Magis Leadership Award, Kappa Delta Pi (4.0 GPA), Alpha Sigma Nu (Honor Society)
- University of Missouri–Kansas City  
B.A. in Spanish, Minor: Criminal Justice & Criminology, Dec 2013  
Award: UMKC Chancellor's Scholar Award
- Bishop Miege High School  
High School Diploma, May 2010  
Honors: President's Academic Excellence Award, Community of Caring Award (800+ service hours), National Honor Society

## Academic Appointments

- University of Missouri – Kansas City, School of Medicine  
Education Team Coordinator (May 2023 – Present)  
Mentoring and advising 100+ medical students, evaluating curriculum, supporting research, counseling students, and implementing policy changes.
- University Academy, Kansas City, MO  
Upper School Spanish Teacher (Aug 2019 – Aug 2023)  
Designed and implemented full Spanish curriculum (currently in use). Awarded Teacher of the Semester, Fall 2019.

## Teaching Experience

- University Academy, Kansas City, MO  
Secondary Spanish Teacher (Substitute) (Sept 2016 – Dec 2016)  
Engaged high school students in Spanish language learning; used reality pedagogy and co-teaching.

## Research Interests

- Mental health and education
- Stress management strategies in diverse student populations
- Accessibility of mental health resources
- DEI practices in education

## Awards & Honors

- Honorary Graduate, Rockhurst University (2022)
- Alpha Sigma Nu (Honor Society)
- Kappa Delta Pi, 4.0 GPA (Rockhurst University)
- Magis Leadership Award (2020)
- UMKC Chancellor's Scholar Award (2013)

## Service & Professional Experience

- Johnson County Juvenile Services Center  
Shift Supervisor / Youth Care Advisor (2013 – 2019)  
Supervised staff and programs; facilitated evidence-based interventions; provided Spanish translation; developed youth programming.
- Hilltop Alternative Residential School  
Intern (Fall 2013)  
Mentored juveniles, coordinated pro-social activities.

## References

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