

**Morgan Adkins-Hamblin** was born in Three Rivers, Michigan. She grew up in Kenosha, WI. Shortly after graduating from Tremper High School, she moved to Illinois and was undecided on her education and career path. Attending Elgin community college, she took some general education classes and signed up for a dental assisting program, where she later decided that dental work wasn't what she saw herself doing as a career. Why go to college for something that you aren't interested in? Though the information was great to learn, practicing it opened her eyes to her passion, which is art. From the young age of three, she would draw the "The Powerpuff Girls" on the walls and floors of her childhood home. She was always drawing, at school and home. After attending ECC, she pursued her bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University, while taking classes at Kishwaukee college to bring her that much closer. Being an independent first-generation college student, she made it her mission to graduate in 2021. In the beginning she didn't get much support on her pursuit of achieving her art degree. That didn't stop her from pursuing it, she learned a lot from each class she took and bettered her skills as an artist. Also minoring in Psychology, to better understand the mind, people and herself, combined with art, in pursuit of Art therapy as a career choice.



***"Creating art has always been a passion of mine. I was that student in middle school and high school who would get in trouble for always drawing and not paying attention to what was being taught to me. At Northern Illinois University, I was given the opportunity to learn more skills that can improve my artwork, along with resources and connections that can help me in the future. In which I will always be grateful for. There are so many different career opportunities in relation to art. I pursued my degree, to prove to myself, that anything is possible!"***