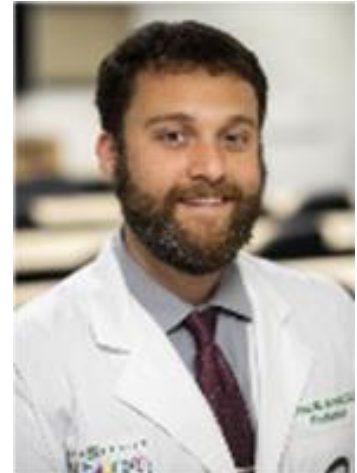


Chaz Arnold, B.A. Spanish and B.S. Biology, Class of 2014

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Chaz Arnold graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2014 with undergraduate degrees in both Spanish and Biology. He went on to get his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) from the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2019, and he now works as a Pediatrician at Madison Pediatric Associates in Richmond, Kentucky.

His ability to communicate in Spanish has strengthened his medical practice, and his experiences through the WKU Department of Modern Languages well-equipped him to effectively communicate with Spanish-speaking patients about their healthcare needs. In his time at WKU, he collaborated with Dr. Sonia Lenk-- an associate professor of Spanish-- and completed an Honors College Capstone Experience/ Thesis that created a health fair for the Spanish-speaking community in Bowling Green. This experience, along with the Spanish courses he was able to take, prepared him for future success.

Chaz’s advice to students studying a language is, “Take advantage of the study abroad experience, not only for language experience, but also for the cultural immersion that will allow you to better appreciate your place on this earth.”

