

**Ella Smith**


Student at Colorado State University with a passion for human rights and justice. Excited to help change the world for the better!


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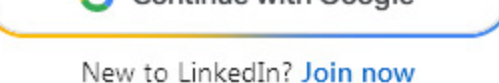
The Trans Formations Project

Colorado State University


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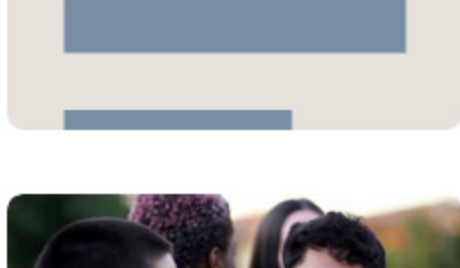
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## About

Hi! my name is Ella Smith (they/she) and I'm a Women and Gender Studies major with dual minors in Interdisciplinary American Sign Language and Ethnic Studies at Colorado State University. After college, I plans to attend law school finishing with a JD in law, which I hope I can use to work on ADA cases. I engage in advocacy work, with my most recent project being work with the non-profit Westernaires to change their depiction of indigenous people in the show "How the West was Won." I works through the CollabLab at Colorado State engaging in anti-oppressive research, specifically about the experiences of transgender and gender-expansive individuals on the Colorado State campus. Outside of work and school, I enjoy reading, making fun earrings, listening to podcasts, enjoying local art (specifically local drag), and wandering museums.

## Activity

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**I am so excited to announce that my research "Being Trans In Public: The Experience of Transgender and Gender-Expansive Students at Colorado State..."**  
Posted by Ella Smith




**If you need a study to prove it, here it is. 80% of LGBTQ people feel less safe because of anti-LGBTQ legislation being passed in this country...**  
Liked by Ella Smith





**We will never achieve racial equity until more white parents discuss race with their kids. Years ago, at a multi-ethnic ministry retreat, our...**  
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## Experience


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**Social Media Manager**  
The Trans Formations Project  
Feb 2024 - Present · 9 months  
United States
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**Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
Academy of Undergraduate efeminist Scholars  
Jan 2023 - Present · 1 year 10 months  
Fort Collins, Colorado, United States
  - Engage in weekly meetings which include discussing issues experienced by students at CSU.
  - Learn about anti-oppression research methods and how to conduct research in an objective and respectful manner.
  - Participate in campus activities with the intention of sparking change and conversation on the experiences of minorities at CSU
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**Barista and Sales Associate**  
Wave the Grain  
Mar 2022 - Aug 2023 · 1 year 6 months  
Littleton, Colorado, United States
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**Project Intern**  
Diversify Our Narrative  
Jun 2021 - Aug 2021 · 3 months  
Colorado, United States  
Created TikTok content in order to promote "DONCON 2021"
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**Summer Intern**  
Executive High School Internship  
May 2021 - Jul 2021 · 3 months  
Colorado, United States  
Worked with a group to learn about the Criminal Justice system and write a national use of force policy
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**Intern**  
MEDAGIRLS®  
Jun 2020 - May 2021 · 1 year  
Colorado, United States  
Youth Advisory Board
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**Youth Advisor**  
Harvard University Women in Psychology  
Nov 2020 - Feb 2021 · 4 months  
Colorado, United States  
Advised on a study on teens and tech- specifically what adults are missing. The book using date from this study is now available!
- 


**Sandwich Maker**  
Subway  
Aug 2020 - Feb 2021 · 7 months  
Colorado, United States
  - Prepared food
  - Interacted with customers
  - Maintained a Covid safe and compliant store
  - Pre-prepared vegetables
  - Pre-prepared meats
  - Stocked shelves\
- 


**Babysitter**  
Self-employed  
Jan 2017 - Jan 2021 · 4 years 1 month  
Colorado, United States  
Red Cross Certified.
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**Actress**  
Next Stage Theatre Company  
Jun 2020 - Aug 2020 · 3 months  
Colorado, United States  
Actress in a Dream Cabaret. Performed "My Grand Plan"


## Education


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**Colorado State University**  
Bachelor's degree · Womens' Studies and Gender Research · Second Year  
2022 - 2026  
Activities and Societies: Minors in Interdisciplinary ASL and Ethnic Studies  
~4.0 GPA
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**Chatfield High School**  
High School Diploma · HIGH SCHOOL/SECONDARY DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES  
2018 - 2022
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**Arapahoe Community College**  
Dual Enrollment  
2021 - 2022  
Activities and Societies: Dual Enrollment Student- through Chatfield Senior High School
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**Executive High School Internship**  
2021 - 2021  
100 hour internship through the Warren Tech Criminal Justice program. Wrote a 15-page national use of force policy, applied it to a case, and wrote a media release.
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**Red Rocks Community College**  
Workplace Readiness · Senior Year-High School  
2021 - 2021  
Alongside a 100 hour internship about law and ways we can improve policing I gained college credits to prepare me for business and marketing my image
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**University of Colorado Denver**  
Dual Enrollment - Dual Enrollment  
2019 - 2021

## Volunteer Experience

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**Volunteer Staff**  
Denver Museum of Nature & Science  
Jan 2016 - Jan 2017 · 1 year 1 month  
Health  
Front desk at Exhibition Health
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**Summer Camp Counselor**  
Ken Caryl Equestrian Center  
Jun 2017 - Aug 2017 · 3 months  
Children  
Worked with children helping them learn about horses and horseback riding. Kept horses and stable clean as well
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**Pride Resource Center- Visible Voices**  
Colorado State University  
Sep 2022 - Present · 2 years 2 months  
Civil Rights and Social Action  
Participated in panels in order to help educate people on LGBTQ+ people and issues facing them by providing my own personal experience
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**Peer Educator**  
CSU CREWS  
Aug 2022 - Present · 2 years 3 months  
Education

## Courses

- American Sign Language**  
LASL 101-001
- American Sign Language**  
LASL 100-002
- American Studies (Concurrent Enrollment)**  
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- Black Cinema and Media**  
ETST 354-001
- Queer Indigneous Studies**  
ETST 342-001

## Projects

- Final Project- Natonwide Use of Force Legislation (Idea)**  
May 2021 - Sep 2021  
[See project](#)
- Social Media Marketing for DONCON**  
May 2021 - Aug 2021

## Honors & Awards

- Dean's List- 2022 Fall Semester**  
Colorado State University  
Jan 2023
- AP Scholar**  
College Board  
Jul 2022
- President's List**  
ACC  
Jun 2022  
Over 4.0 GPA in the full 2021-2022 year through Arapaho Community College
- Academic Letter**  
Chatfield  
Sep 2021
- Completion of Internship with Warren Tech Certificate**  
Executive High School Internship- Law  
Aug 2021
- Charger Pride Award for Excellence in French**  
May 2021
- AP Scholar Award**  
College Board  
2021  
Awarded the AP Scholar Award for recieving a score of 3 or more on 3 or more AP tests.
- Academic Letter**  
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May 2020
- Academic Letter**  
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May 2019
- French- Le Grand Concours**  
Le Grand Concours  
May 2019  
Silver Medalists
- Best Attorney**  
Colorado Bar Association  
Regional Mock Trial Competition- Best Attorney (Direct/Cross)
- Inducted into International Thespian Society**  
International Thespian Society

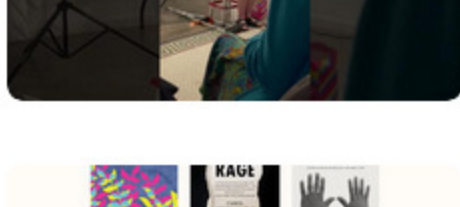
## Languages

- ASL**  
Professional working proficiency
- French**  
Limited working proficiency

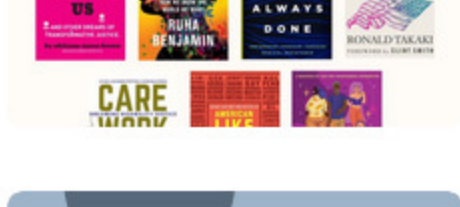
## Organizations

- CREWS (Creating Respect, Educating Wellness (by and for) Students)**  
NASPA Certified Peer Educator  
Sep 2022 - Present  
CREWS is a diverse, trained peer education team who help fellow Rams make safer, healthier decisions about alcohol, sexual health and tobacco. We provide highly interactive and fun events for campus groups, classes, and even football games. As a Peer Educator, I would: Make a difference at CSU Connect with other Rams from all academic majors, life experiences, race/ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations that reflect who we are as a campus. Earn upper-level academic credits and a...  
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- CSU Pride Resource Center**  
Volenteer- Visible Voices  
Sep 2022 - Present
- Dead Poet's Society**  
Member at Large  
Sep 2022 - Present
- Student Health Advisory Council**  
Secretary, Vice President  
Sep 2022 - Present
- Student Legal Services Advisory Council**  
Member at Large  
Sep 2022 - Present
- Chabad**  
Participant  
Aug 2022 - Present
- Key Club**  
Member  
Sep 2021 - May 2022
- International Thespian Society**  
Member  
Mar 2020 - May 2022
- Choir**  
Section Leader  
Aug 2018 - May 2022  
Soprano 1 section leader- identified problem areas in music, ran sectionals, communicated with my section about important announcements, etc.
- Mock Trial**  
Attorney  
Aug 2021 - Mar 2022
- Thespian Board**  
Outreach  
Jul 2020 - May 2021  
Outreach Officer. Coordinated Bondings and talked with other schools

## More activity by Ella



**Thanks to The Lab on Santa Fe I was able to put on my first ever performance art piece entitled "girlhood." I am so thankful to those who supported...**  
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**10 books to expand your knowledge of systemic oppression and social justice. 1. Beyond Survival: Strategies and Stories from the Transformative...**  
Liked by Ella Smith



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



**It is my pleasure to return to Warner Bros. Discovery for a second summer as a Partnership Marketing Intern! I am so grateful for this opportunity...**  
Liked by Ella Smith




**I don't need your love right now. I need you to speak up for us." Powerful words from Andrea Montanez, a trans leader in Florida. Don't miss The...**  
Liked by Ella Smith

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