

# Steven Arriaza

## Psychology and Business Administration

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### Welcome

To My Honors Portfolio

This is a collection of my experiences as an Honors Student at Minnesota State University, Mankato. It is an ongoing work in progress where I share and reflect upon experiences of my past, present and future.

*My Mission*

### My Mission

Learn, Grow, Inspire, Educate

My mission is to use the opportunity that I have been given to continually learn and grow, and to do so humbly.

I believe this is necessary in order to be a virtuous member of society and one who returns to society in a positive manner. I wish to inspire others like my mentors have done so for me, and to use my education as the basis for helping others

*About Me*

### About Me

#### Academic Interest

I am a Senior at Minnesota State University, Mankato pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Business Administration. I have always had an interest in psychology, but it was in college that I gained a deep interest for human behavior and cognition. Studying psychology from faculty trained in Industrial/Organizational Psychology as well as Social Psychology helped further my interest. I have a passion for understanding culture, motivation, and efficiency, as well as learning how these affect the workplace and other social settings. My hope is to continue my education and obtain a Masters and a Ph.D to better understand the impact of these concepts.

*Personal Life*



### About Me

#### Personal Life

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and my Handsome dog. I also enjoy learning new things and will always try and find an opportunity to advance my learning in whatever subject I find interesting. Reading and listening to audio-books occupies the rest of my time.

*Contact*

### Contact

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## Psychology and Business Administration

### Honors Program

#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Honors Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato is to create future leaders, researchers and global citizens by providing high ability and motivated students with exceptional learning opportunities, mentoring relationships, and a community of scholars that foster their development as future leaders in a global society.

[mnsu.edu/honors](http://mnsu.edu/honors)



### Leadership

Upon graduation, honors students will have demonstrated the ability to utilize personal leadership values and guide groups toward a common goal.

*My Leadership Experience*

### Research

Upon graduation, honors students will have demonstrated the ability to exhibit information literacy skills, synthesize and integrate ideas, produce original research or creative works, and contribute to knowledge.

*My Research*

### Global Citizenship

Upon graduation, honors students will have demonstrated the ability to exhibit second language and communication competencies and exhibit cultural competency and awareness.

*My Global Citizenship*

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- Research Synthesis
- Research Team
- Art & Politics
- Research Methods & Design
- Introduction to Honors

## Research

### My Views

Research is the foundation upon which all subsequent learning occurs. Research gives us an opportunity to advance a field of study and explore questions that may not have been possible before. Isaac Newton's writings perfectly summarize the importance that research plays in academia

"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants"  
-Isaac Newton



## Research

### Projects

My first experience with academic research was in my Research Methods and Design class where I designed my first study. I quickly fell in love with research and have been pursuing research opportunities ever since, both independently and with research teams. Some past and current research includes:

- Student and Professor Rapport in a Colombian University (current)
- The use of Flight Simulators by Aviation Programs (past)
- Evidence Processing and Reception Between Different Political Ideologies

I find research to be critical both for academics and for those impacted by its findings. Below I reflect on my early beliefs of research as well the multitude of experiences I have had while researching.

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- Leadership Synthesis
- Vice President of Psi Chi
- Junior Class Representative
- Mentorship
- President of Spanish Club

## *Leadership*

### My Views

I believe leadership is the philosophy of knowing the strengths and weaknesses of yourself and your peers and incorporating them in useful ways to accomplish a goal. The act of leading is different from person to person, but the standard measurement of a good leader remains the same. I believe a good leader is someone who combines the talents of many and encourages growth and perseverance in a group or organization.

## *Leadership*

### My Experiences

Throughout my time in the Honors program I have learned different theories of leadership and I have put myself in multiple leadership positions. Some of which include:

- Vice President of Psi/Chi
- Vice President of The Psychology Club
- Junior Class Representative for the MSU Honors Program
- President of the Spanish Club

My philosophy has always been to adapt to each situation and to seek consistent progress from myself and others. The following reflections show the progression of my views on leadership and some examples of how I have implemented my leadership skills.

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# *Global Citizenship*

## My Views

The world we live in is more connected and increasingly diverse. Therefore, our understanding of the world must be equally diverse. Being a Global Citizen means understanding different people and perspectives as well as acknowledging the impact we all have in shaping our society.

