

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Makayla Nolen**

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### **EDUCATION**

**Sam Houston State University | Master of Arts**  
Criminal Justice & Criminology, MA, Expected 2026

**Sam Houston State University | Bachelor of Science**  
Criminal Justice, BS, 05/2024  
Middle Eastern Studies, Minor  
Psychology, Minor  
Cum Laude  
Highest Honors/Honors College

**Gregory-Portland High School | High School Diploma**  
05/2021

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

Highest Honors Graduate, Spring 2024  
Dean's List, Spring 2024  
E.ON Higher Education Fund for San Patricio County Scholarship Recipient, 2023-2024  
SHSU Honors College Member, Spring 2022-2024  
Honors University Scholarship Recipient, 2022-2024  
President's List, Spring 2023  
Dean's List, Spring 2022  
Dean's List, Fall 2022  
President's List, Fall 2021

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

#### **Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Honors Thesis:**

Exposing Injustice: The Disparities of Black Women Incarcerated for Self-Defense by Makayla Nolen, 2024

### **WORK HISTORY**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT** | 08/2024- Current

**Sam Houston State University- Huntsville, TX**

Assist Professors with research, grading, and other teaching needs.

**INTERN** | 01/2024 to 05/2024

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives- Houston, TX**

Internship- ATF Group VIII

**OWNER** | 06/2020 to Current

**M•R Candle Co. - Portland, TX**

Small business owner craft hand-poured beeswax candles and other home goods.

**ASSISTANT COACH** | Summer 2021 & Summer 2022 & Summer 2023

**All Things Soccer, LLC - Corpus Christi, TX**

Supported the owner by organizing and running soccer drills at preschool clinics and other camps.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** | Part-time Throughout High School

**Upton, Mickits & Heymann, LLP - Corpus Christi, TX**

Provided clerical support for Firm Administrator and billing department.

**LIFEGUARD** | Summer 2019 & Summer 2020

**City Of Portland - Portland, TX**

Monitored safety of guests in and around swimming pool.

Learned and maintained proficiency in first responder skills such as First Aid and CPR to offer individuals in distress optimal support.

Maximized customer satisfaction by greeting pool patrons with courtesy and resolving issues promptly.

Attentively monitored swimmers to identify distress.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

SHSU Banned Books Club Member, 2023

SHSU Arabic Club Member, 2022-2024

SHSU Women's Club Soccer Member, 2021-2023

National Honor Society Member, 2019-2021

GPHS Student Advisory Council, 2019-2020

Gregory-Portland Soccer Association, Volunteer Coach, 2018-2021

GracePoint Church Portland Infants & Kids' Department, Volunteer, 2015-2020

## **REFERENCES**

Nathaniel Adibi, Special Agent

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobaccos, Firearms, and Explosives  
(832) 449-2904

Michael Badowsky, Special Agent

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobaccos, Firearms, and Explosives  
(409) 651- 6535

James W. Upton, Partner

Upton, Mickits, & Heymann, LLP  
(361) 884- 0616

Anne Houlston, Owner  
All Things Soccer, LLC  
(361) 331-8131