

## **2025-2026 Katherine Biegner**

Katherine Biegner is a rising sophomore at UNC Asheville, majoring in physics and minoring in astronomy. During her last two years of high school, she interned at the STEAM Studio, and in her first year in college, she began research with Britt Lundgren. She's helping transition quasar spectra from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) to the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI). This new data is much more expansive, potentially answering many unanswered questions about star formation. Katherine has been recently hired as a docent and is excited to share her excitement about telescopes. And she has also been appointed Outreach lead for the Society of Physics club and is excited to make new connections. Outside of academics, she loves to read, bake, and help out on her family's farm. Overall, she is super excited for all the experiences to come and is so appreciative of the support she has received thus far.