



**ESU2 Independent Behavior Interventionists Leah Munoz, Rayshon Hovaldt and Ben Dobson.**

ESU2 Independent Behavior Interventionists wear many hats while running the Level 0 Room. Their primary role is to build relationships with our students and help them to learn better coping skills. Additionally, they help students explore different strategies to use in their day-to-day experiences. Leah, Rayshon and Ben work with students and staff in a variety of ways. Sometimes it's to get late work in, build a bridge between a teacher or peer, other times they jump in to de-escalate a situation before tempers flare or help a frustrated student process through their emotions after an event has taken place. They are our "go-to" team members and help to make the program run as smoothly as possible.

## **Ben**

**How many years have you been working at ESU2?**

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year

**What are some facts about yourself...famil, jobs where you grew up?**

I am the youngest of 5, have lived in Arlington my whole life, have two dogs, have a baby on the way.

**What is your favorite sport to play/team?**

Creighton Basketball is my favorite thing to cheer for or anything Creighton! Go Jays!

Football: Denver Broncos

Baseball: Boston Red Sox

NBA: San Antonio Spurs

**What is your favorite quote?**

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best.”-Tim Duncan

“To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.” Steve Prefontaine

**What would you choose as your last meal?**

Paella (rice dish)

**What is the most rewarding part about your job?**

Seeing students transition back to their home school

**What is your favorite thing to do in free time?**

Play with my dogs, hang out with friends and family, coach basketball

## Rayshon

**How many years have you been working at ESU2?**

This is my first year working full-time at ESU2

**What are some facts about yourself...family, jobs, where you grew up?**

I have two brothers - one older and one younger, before ESU2 I worked at Menards. I wear hearing aids because I was born two months premature

**What is your favorite sport to play/team?**

Basketball, Milwaukee Bucks (NBA)

**What is your favorite quote?**

“Be more than what you see in the mirror”

**What would you choose as your last meal?**

Crab legs, Texas toast, spaghetti, bacon strips, eggs and fried rice, sesame chicken, Caesar salad, sliced cucumber, double cheeseburger with mayo and ketchup, French fries, mashed potatoes, shrimp alfredo with lemon, Oreo smoothie, snicker apple pudding

**What is the most rewarding part about your job?**

Building relationships with kids that are usually closed off... seeing the progress any kid can make in a very short period and seeing the difference show in them/ their behavior at school

**What is your favorite thing to do in free time?**

Hangout with friends, grill/ cookout outside, go to Omaha

**Leah**

**How many years have you been working at ESU2?**

4.5 years

**What are some facts about yourself...famil, jobs, where you grew up?**

I have 2 kiddos, Felix is 9 and Violet is 7. Before working at Independent, I worked at Lasting Hope Psychiatric Hospital. I grew up in Snyder and have five siblings!

**What is your favorite sport to play/team?**

The Huskers...Volleyball and Football

**What is your favorite quote?**

“Bloom where you are planted”

**What would you choose as your last meal?**

Crab legs, fully loaded baked potato, salad with ranch, French onion soup, a BLT, pork and chicken tamales, and a huge bowl of ice cream with all the flavors except coffee

**What is the most rewarding part about your job?**

Forming relationships with students who struggle trusting people. I love learning what helps them and seeing things ‘click!’

**What is your favorite thing to do in free time?**

I love going to concerts, reading, and playing board games

