

## Amanda James-Nelson



Graduating Class of 2014

My journey at Valdosta State University began the spring semester of 2013. It was a new year and I was getting the opportunity to pursue a dream of a degree in Psychology that I had since I was 13 years old. I started my college career out in my home state of Iowa at Iowa State University. After two years it was time for my husband and I to move to South Georgia where he is currently stationed. I was pleased to find that I would have the opportunity to attend a great university so close to our new home. It has been just short of a year and I only have a couple semesters left at VSU. I am so thankful that I left the big student population of Iowa State and finished my studies here at VSU. I have created connections with my professors that just weren't possible in such a large lecture setting. The classroom has become a place I can speak my mind and ask questions without feeling judged. Valdosta State University has given me back the confidence I lost in the classroom my early years in college as well as the motivation to go out and use my new education to help the community.