

## **Robyn Benes Wins 2021 Tarnai Scholarship Award**

We are pleased to announce that Robyn Benes, of the Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, has been awarded the 2021 Tarnai Scholarship by the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations (AASRO). Established in memory of John Tarnai, former AASRO president, the award recognizes an outstanding early-career Survey Center employee with great promise for long-term involvement in and contributions to the field of survey research.

Robyn Benes began working part time with BOSR as a biochemistry undergraduate. After graduating, she joined BOSR full time and did so well she was promoted to Project Manager 1 in four short months. Now, just two years in, Robyn has already accumulated substantial experience across a range of important and challenging projects. She has, for example, demonstrated her excellent managerial skills by organizing the packaging and sending of surveys and consent forms for a study including over 300 schools across the state and close to 40,000 student participants. Ms. Benes' strong organizational and interpersonal skills were showcased on another complex project which included collection of saliva, water, and blood samples along with survey data. Ms. Benes interacts well with clients and co-workers alike; she is a team player who has stepped in wherever needed, and taken the lead on projects to increase overall shop efficiency.

AASRO applauds Ms. Benes many contributions to her center, their clients and students, and encourages her to continue her excellent work in the survey research field.