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Communicator.
Scientist.
Mountaineer.

Education

West Virginia University

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Journalism

Bachelor of Science, Wildlife and Fisheries Management

Expected Graduation: Spring 2019

Cumulative GPA: 3.78

Honors

Honors College Member

President's List, 2 semesters

Dean's List, 5 semesters

Safari Club International Foundation's Sables Two-Time Scholarship Recipient

College of Media Honors Scholar

Kappa Tau Alpha, an honors society in journalism and mass communication

Gamma Sigma Delta, the National Honor Society of Agriculture

Activities

Mountaineer Catholic, member and Bible study leader

American Fisheries Society, member

The Wildlife Society, member

College of Media ambassador

Experience

October 23-30 2017: World Conference of Science Journalists Student Fellow

- Selected as one of 22 student fellows of 167 applicants from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and the U.S.
- Produced two news pieces covering two sessions
- Connected and created an international network of fellow science journalists

Fall 2017 to Present: Field and Lab Technician, Davis College - West Virginia University

- Collected and extracted environmental DNA (eDNA) samples
- Performed water quality assessments by measuring flow, conductivity, temperature, total dissolved solids, and pH
- Assessed habitat quality of eastern hellbender salamanders
- Captured, measured and weighed hellbender salamanders
- Citizen science and education about hellbender salamanders, eDNA and water quality importance
- Gathered photographic content of hellbenders & was published on Daily Planet for Discovery Canada
- Extracted macroinvertebrates out of kick net samples according to EPA protocol

Summer 2017: Safari Club International Foundation's American Wilderness Leadership School, Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyoming

- Worked various positions throughout 8-day educator workshop
- Taught teachers of various backgrounds how to incorporate the outdoors into current classroom curriculum
- Led ecology walk parts of explaining the components of the ecosystem and identifying flowers and trees
- Became a certified basic archery instructor for National Archery in the Schools Program
- Assisted with proper archery shooting techniques
- Maintained safe shooting conditions with new and experienced shooters on a rifle range
- Instructed new and experienced shooters on proper .22 rifle bench position techniques
- Worked variant hours and up to 15-hour days
- Communicated how conservation through hunting works to educators of many different backgrounds

Fall 2016: Institute of Water Security and Science, West Virginia University

- Maintained communications and relationships with community partners
- Produced written and photographic content for quarterly newsletter
- Researched locations of storm water drainage systems on WVU's Evansdale campus

Fall 2016: National Hunting and Fishing Day Volunteer, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

- Assisted the DNR with children's arts and crafts for five hours
- Answered basic biology questions about leaves, trees, fishes, and animal tracks

Summer 2016: Reading Eagle newspaper internship, Reading, Pa.

- Produced 40 stories on a variety of content
- Covered daily stories and produced in-depth pieces
- See website for portfolio of clips
- Circulation: 40,000

Summer 2016 and 2017: Duck Banding, Middle Creek Wildlife Restoration Area

- Assisted the Pennsylvania Game Commission with the banding of 20 mallards and wood ducks for 8 hours
- Part of the Mid-Atlantic Flyway for migratory birds

Spring 2016: EnvironMentors National Chapter volunteer mentor, West Virginia University

- Worked weekly with Dr. Eric Merriam and high school mentee, Adam
- Facilitated scientific method of research and experimentation to produce a local chapter award-winning poster about acid mine drainage and sewage reactions

Spring 2016: Communications Intern, West Virginia University's Reed College of Media

- Produced feature stories for the college's annual alumni magazine
- Winner of the 2015 Platinum MarCom Award
- Circulation: 4,000 alumni every summer

Fall 2015: Streamlab Water Quality Sensor Project, West Virginia University

- Through the Reed College of Media
- Monitored and maintained six riffles (Remote Independent Field Friendly Logger Electronics) in the Monongahela River for two months to measure the conductivity and temperature
- In partnership with PublicLab as part of a collaborative citizen science project

Aug. 2015 to May 2016: Drug Court Tutoring Volunteer, Morgantown, W. Va.

- Tutored local students for two hours per week
- Subjects tutored: math and English

Aug. 2015 to May 2016: TestWELL Learning Center Tutor, West Virginia University

- Tutored multiple students for four hours per week
- Subjects tutored: writing, design, biology, research, and ecology
- National Tutoring Association certified tutor

Aug. 2014 to Jan. 2016: The Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia University's Student Newspaper

- Produced multiple stories a week for the Arts & Entertainment section
- See website for portfolio of clips

June 2015: New Student Orientation, West Virginia University

- Student Guide - Assisted with students' holistic orientation experience
- Office Assistant - Performed office duties such as answering phones, providing information to new students, and filing paperwork

2014-2015: Community Assistant at Honors Hall, West Virginia University

- Scanned residents into building with a friendly face
- Assisted with any questions from residents or visitors
- Assisted desk secretary or staff with any duty necessary

Aug. 2013- Aug. 2014: Voices internship at The Reading Eagle

- Wrote assigned and selected articles and scheduled photos with area teens
- Curated theme and story ideas for the weekly insert
- See website for portfolio of clips

References available upon request

Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint; Adobe InDesign and Premiere