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Education

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Biology/Plant Biology

July 2021

Michigan State University | College of Natural Science | East Lansing, MI

- Minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies
- Academic Scholars Program 2018, Honors College 2019-2021
- W.K. Kellogg Biological Station Scholar 2021

Recent and Related Experiences

Native Plant Nursery Manager

September 2022 – Present

UW Botanic Gardens & AmeriCorps CLEC | Seattle, WA

- Oversee all nursery operations, including plant propagation and care, integrated pest management, inventory management, administration, hiring and training, and strategic planning
- Create and deliver educational curriculum on ecological horticulture and restoration
- Launched database to track propagation, increasing production and research capacity

Environmental Educator

October 2021 – August 2022

Grand Traverse Conservation District | Traverse City, MI

- Delivered educational programming to pre-K-12 and postsecondary audiences; including in-person classes, virtual classes, and interpretive hikes
- Developed current and launch new educational initiatives; including citizen science events, social media campaigns, and long-term, district wide community outreach strategies
- Developed educational programming and resources on local flora and fungi

Ecological Restoration Assistant – Intern

August 2021 – October 2021

Biocentric Farms | Empire, MI

- Assisted native landscaping including site preparation, planting, monitoring and maintenance
- Assisted in botanical inventorying and native seed collection and processing
- Managed native plant nursery; seeding, maintaining watering schedule, up-potting, and weeding

Research Assistant

February 2020 – July 2021

MSU Center for Community and Economic Development | Lansing, MI

- Conducted independent and collaborative research; focus on circular economy
- Developed and analyzed independent research for industry whitepapers
- Managed and coordinated internal and external teams, projects, and events

Community Organizer - Fellowship

May 2020 - May 2021

Michigan Student Power Network | MI

- Committed to self-education on historic and present social, economic, and racial inequity
- Planned, promoted, and hosted digital community engagement and education events
- Cultivated organizational network and relationship through digital and in-person events

Accolades and Skills

MSU Student Employee of the Year Recognition

2020 and 2021

Sunrise Movement of Lansing, MI - Hub Coordinator

September 2018 - March 2021

Project Learning Tree and Project WILD Facilitator Level Certification

MDARD Michigan Certified Mushroom Identification Expert

Proficient in Midwest and PNW flora and fungi identification

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and Google Workspace applications

Exceptional organization, public speaking, and interpersonal skills