

Mikayla Kelly

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EDUCATION

Dufur School, Dufur, OR

Graduated June, 2020

High School Diploma

- Valedictorian of Class of 2020
- Honor Roll
- Varsity athlete
- National Honor Society Member

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Bachelor of Arts in Biology-Environmental Studies

Graduated May, 2024

- Whitman Achievement Scholarship
- Whitman Endowment Scholarship
- Senior Thesis: "Differences in seed bank content and vegetation on north and south-facing slopes of Wallula Gap"
 - Presented at 2024 Whitman Undergrad Conference

RELEVANT SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Excellent Written and Verbal communication skills
- Data analysis
- Research—in Field and Lab
- Planning and Organization
- Teaching and Training (experience teaching ages 4-20)
- Landscaping and Farming

JOB EXPERIENCE

Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, WA

June – August, 2024

Camp Instructor

- Facilitated a positive learning environment for over 120 kids over the summer (12 each week) by creating and modeling a curriculum which highlighted the importance of conservation and wildlife, providing clear instructions and encouraging feedback.
- Managed conflict resolution between campers and successfully maintained a safe and positive social and intellectual environment for 12 campers each week (ages 6-9)
- Developed and implemented over 20 weekly interactive activities, creative lesson plans that used age-appropriate content and addressed different learning styles, resulting in improved engagement, enthusiasm, reading, and writing skills
- Provided daily tours of the Zoo's animal exhibits and conservation programs, encouraging environmental empathy and emphasizing the importance of animals and plants in every ecosystem

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

May – July, 2023

Ecological Research Assistant

- Collected data for multiple ongoing experiments at Wallula Gap Biological Station, keeping detailed records and following field safety guidelines to ensure minimal impact on habitat
- Collaborated with 2 fellow student researchers to identify plant species, track changes, and compare data from previous years.

- Analyzed and compiled numerical and observational data (temperature, stem and seed counts, species diversity, and more) using Excel and R to be included in undergraduate thesis and to present findings at Whitman Undergraduate Conference (April 2024)

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

January – May, 2024

BIO-112 Lab Assistant

- Assist with set up and take down of weekly labs, creating stations with visual, literary, and tactile examples for each learning objective.
- Provided assistance with dissections, microscopy, and fielding questions from students during labs.
- Supervision of Practical Lab Exams
- Planning and execution of the lab's planaria experiment: providing instructions, procedures and organizing students' data collection, and creating a cumulative powerpoint presentation of their results to maximize students' learning experience.

Dufur School, Dufur, OR

June – 2021 and 2022

Summer School Teaching Assistant

- Exercised STEM knowledge to help teach preschool and elementary age students to encourage enthusiasm for learning.
- Assisted teachers by providing students with more one-on-one attention when needed.
- Supervised recess and in class activities, creating a safe space for social and intellectual development.
- Coordinated with other Teachers and Aids for field trips or off campus activities.

Banfield Pet Hospital, Lacey, WA

January, 2025 --present

Client Service Coordinator

- Effectively communicating between doctors, technicians, and clients
- Filling prescriptions as requested via email, fax, and phones
- Evaluating scheduling availability, needs of clients, and staff's abilities in a fast paced, and often high-emotion environment.
- Empathizing with clients and colleagues in a professional, but humanizing manner and finding best courses of action to support pet, associate, and owners' needs.
- Introducing and explaining Banfield's optimum wellness plans and the benefits of early, consistent care for our pets.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Whitman Wire and Circuit Magazine (Illustrator)

January – May, 2024

- Created eye-catching, engaging illustrations to compliment colleagues' written articles. Coordinated with writers and editors to create effective visuals to compliment their work.

Wasco County Fair and 4-H Participation

2011 – 2016

- Raised and sold pigs and sheep at the Wasco County fair, connecting with local farmers, businesses, and community members while improving personal animal husbandry skills and knowledge

Whitman Science Night Program Volunteering (10+ hrs)

February – May, 2024

- Volunteered at local elementary schools in the Walla Walla area, helping to run experiment stations to engage students and foster interest in STEM related subjects.