

In the four transformative years that I spent at The Evergreen State College, I amassed a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experiences that have cultivated purpose, passion, and direction for my life. My undergraduate studies focused on biochemistry and ecology with a dash of Indigenous studies. While I acquired scientific knowledge, laboratory experience and research techniques, I also learned lifelong skills that I can apply to every facet of my life. I learned how to think more critically, the importance of organization and effective communication, and the value of collaboration. The amalgamation of interpersonal experience and scientific knowledge I acquired as a student has prepared me for the next step in educating others.

Three of the four years obtaining my Bachelor of Science at Evergreen were spent in Integrated Natural Sciences, Environmental Biology and Chemistry, Fungal Kingdom, and Field Plant Taxonomy and Bryophytes. I learned a plethora of information in the field of biology that I will be able to apply to a middle school or high school classroom. I learned a variety of field techniques including but not limited to, data collection, statistical analysis, sight recognition of fungi, bryophytes, lichen, and native plants, and measuring dissolved oxygen and discharge of water sources. In the laboratory I acquired myriad skills and knowledge ranging from microscopy and dissections to culturing bacteria DNA extractions. I spent countless hours collaborating with a diverse group of people to synthesize research projects, solve problems, and engage in literature reviews.

I began my journey as a Geoduck in the fall of 2020 with an insatiable yearning to build community, expand my understanding of how and why life works, and hopefully settle on a career path. From a young age I aspired to be a teacher because some of the most impactful people in my life had been my teachers. While studying science at Evergreen I decided that I want to be a science teacher. I want to plant the same passion for science in our youth that was sown in me and I believe that the skills, knowledge, and experience I have gained in scientific applications and theory have prepared me for the endeavor.