My love for nature. My love for humans. My want to leave this world knowing I fostered a greater awareness among my fellow beings.

These are the intrinsic reasons that brought me where I am. I envision a movement that involves justice on all levels: ecological, social, cultural, economical, health. The MES program at Evergreen recognizes these interconnections and for me symbolizes a goal of creating a sustainable human society that works in harmony with the environment.

I grew up in Dover, Arkansas, population 1400, a typical small town where I spent my free time getting into trouble and exploring the nearby Ozark Mountains. In my first years of college I knew little of the environmental movement. However, that all changed one day at a viewing of *An Inconvenient Truth.* The light came on: we were doing WHAT to our world!!!! That was it. I had to do something.

I led the campus environmental coalition; became involved in a United Nations program centered on climate change awareness; immersed myself in my environmental biology curriculum; became involved in biofuel research projects; and spent my summers pursuing marine studies. After graduating I served an AmeriCorps position organizing youth programs based on sustainable agriculture and the natural world.

I believe only through the formation and support of sustainable community components will we ultimately evolve into a sustainable world. I see the MES program allowing me to push the boundaries while simultaneously giving me the support to find practical applications for my ideas. Ultimately I seek to combine my passions and strengths in a way that will benefit my life as well as the world. My current interests include sustainable agriculture models, environmental education, community organizing, and social justice.