

EDUCATION

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Expected May 2002, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA
Cumulative GPA: 3.95/4.00, self-financed
Virginia Citizens Planning Associate Fellowship for Outstanding First Year Graduate Students, 2001
National American Institute of Certified Planners Certificate Award for Academic Achievement, 2002

Bachelor of Science-Environmental Science, 1999, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA
Cumulative GPA: 3.78/4.00 Magna Cum Laude, self-financed
Class of 1999 Excellence in Environmental Science Award

HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong work ethic and belief in not cutting corners
- Sense of Humor
- Computer skills – Internet, Windows 98 & 2000, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Fundamentals of ArcView 3.2
- 1999 Environmental Journalism Academy; week-long conference on environmental journalism skills and issues
- Completed Copyediting and Proofreading Certificate class at Marywood University, Scranton, PA
- Effective oral communication skills developed through employment and presentation experiences
- Experience with statistics and database management

EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, Virginia Tech

Graduate assistant for environmental issues and public policy classes. Provide administrative support; Preparation of class format and materials; Grading class deliverables; Intermittent research activity on topics including Internet technology, information literacy and on-line support groups; Creation of bibliographic files using ProCite software. (August 2000-May 2002)

Volunteer Coordinator and Trainer, Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Virginia Tech

As a participant in the Student Training for Environmental Progress program, worked with the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District conducted a community outreach and education-based program in a five-county region of Virginia. Prepared training materials; Identified and trained citizen volunteers throughout the Upper Rappahannock River Basin in biological water quality monitoring; Conducted biological monitoring in that watershed; Compiled a database of historical and current water quality data in that area. (May 2001-August 2001)

Student Researcher, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Participated in the Faculty-Student Research Program, conducting research in forest ecology, specifically: The effects of deer browsing in a hardwood forest. Organized data on the characteristics of the seedling layer; Performed statistical analysis; Planned and delivered a poster presentation at the 1999 Pennsylvania Academy of Science annual meeting. (January 1998-May 1999)

Intern to the Regional Director, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast Regional Office, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Participated in site inspections; Explored government regulations; Contributed to the Department's newsletter; Obtained additional skills in science, policy, law, and conference planning. (May 1998-August 1998)

Tutor, Learning Resource Center, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Tutored college students in Organic Chemistry I and II; Attended tutor training sessions; Demonstrated communication skills. (September 1997-January 1999)

Interpretive Guide, Steamtown National Historic Site, Scranton, PA

Explained railroad history and museum exhibits to visitors; Maintained statistics database for the museum; Conducted visitor surveys. (June 1995-November 1997)

AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Graduate Urban Affairs and Planning Association, Virginia Tech, Social Events Coordinator, 2000-2001
Phi Kappa Phi, Virginia Tech
Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society
Phi Lambda Upsilon, Chemistry Honor Society
Beta Beta Beta, Biology Honor Society
Freshman Orientation Aide, University of Scranton
Staff Writer, Student Newspaper, University of Scranton
Properties Crew, University Player Theater Company, University of Scranton
Campus Ecology Committee, University of Scranton

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member of the American Planning Association
Member of the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association
Attendance at Virginia Summit on Urban Sprawl, 2000