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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- AmeriCorps VISTA working on food security for the underserved
- Bog Turtle Creek Farm – One acre student-led produce farm working to provide food security
- Language Skills: French – Two semesters in college
- Agriculture Conference Attendance – Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (3 years) and Food and Agriculture Summit (1 year)
- Family dairy farm experience completing day-to-day duties
- Completed the AmeriCorps VISTA Online Course: Resource Development: Fundraising and Grant Writing (attached)

AGRICULTURE EXPERIENCE

AmeriCorps

Reading, PA

Regional Reading Food Systems Project VISTA

July 2018 – Present

- Worked with the Berks County Department of Agriculture and Berks Agricultural Resource Network to develop a comprehensive regional food system plan that ensured all essential components were represented to increase food security in the underserved communities in the Greater Reading Area
- Built capacity and volunteer recruitment for Bountiful Berks Farm Stand at Penn Street Market
- Built capacity and volunteer recruitment for Bountiful Berks Farm to School stand
- Updated farmer's market/stand survey to be distributed to Berks County operations
- Assisted in creating several memorandums of understanding between key organizations
- Assisted with media platform development, event planning, and creating marketing plans

Bog Turtle Creek Farm

Reading, PA

Sustainable Agriculture Assistant

January 2015 – May 2017

- Assisted with a sustainable farm project focused on providing fresh produce options to underserved communities
- Managed social media platforms, which included taking photographs of the farm and related events
- Assisted with management and monitoring of the farm through record keeping, planning, planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, composting, and general cleanup around the farm
- Assisted in building appropriate farm structures, such as trellises, as needed
- Helped prepare and distribute produce for CSA shares and sell produce at two area farmer markets
- Assisted with the development and facilitation of sustainability-related activities and educational programs for people of all ages, including approximately 600 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at Millmont and Tyson-Schoener Elementary schools

Tioga County Dairy Princess Promotion Program

Tioga County, PA

Maid, Princess

May 2008 – May 2013

- Advocated for the dairy industry throughout Tioga County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Led and empowered a team of five girls as we educated groups throughout the year
- Promoted at local elementary schools, community events, and agriculture-focused meetings reaching approximately 1,000 individuals annually
- Educated 150 4th grade students at local farms for the day-long Living Off The Land events

WORK EXPERIENCE

Alvernia University

Reading, PA

Post Graduate Year of Service Member for Sustainability Education

August 2017 – May 2018

- Engaged with 600 students at two local elementary schools, which focused on the delivery of educational programming related to science and sustainability
- Created curricular enrichment activities with local schools for four after school environmental clubs
- Worked with five community partners to set-up, create, and facilitate two GLOBE protocol teacher trainings, 24 in-class activity sessions, and three field-based experiences for students
- Documented programmatic progress of the grant to ensure the sustainability of the programs, including outputs and outcomes
- Regularly supervised and managed work tasks for four student employees

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Harrisburg, PA

Press Office Intern

January 2017 – May 2017

- Assisted in developing several news releases, proclamations, media advisories, and contact lists
- Edited photos using Adobe Photoshop
- Created and sent out daily agriculture news clips

Berks Nature

Reading, PA

Communications Intern

May 2016 – August 2016

- Researched and created flyers for field trips and birthday parties using Adobe Creative Suite
- Wrote a Best Management Practices article that was published in their *News in Nature* Newsletter including: riparian buffers, waste water collection tanks, downspouts, creek crossings

EDUCATION

Alvernia University

Reading, PA

Bachelor of Arts, Communications (Public Relations), May 2017

- Graduated cum laude (GPA 3.5)

VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Holleran Center for Community and Global Engagement – Franciscan Fridays

Reading, PA

Student Volunteer, Staff (4hrs/day)

2015 – Present

- Assisted with service projects in the Greater Reading Area at several parks and on trails
- Supervised and led students participating in the service event

Holleran Center for Community and Global Engagement – Days of Service Reading, PA

Student Volunteer, Staff (6hrs/day)

2013 – Present

- Assisted with service projects in the Greater Reading Area at local elementary schools and farms
- Supervised and led students participating in the service event

Mission/Service Trips

East Coast

Volunteer (40 hours per trip for the week)

2009 – Present

- Worked with underserved/devastated communities to complete building and clean-up projects
 - Volunteers in Mission, Servants, Inc., Rise Against Hunger – 21,000 meals packaged

Tioga County Agricultural Association

Whitneyville, PA

Volunteer (50 hours annually)

2007 – Present

- Fair week preparation – Veterinarian Assistant – Animal check-in
- Fair ground preparation

Campus Ministry’s Alternative Break Trip

Tennessee

Student Participant, Staff (40 hours per trip for the week)

May 2017, 2018

- Worked to clean up trails
- Researched eco-tourism and sustainability

Higher Education Council of Berks County (HECBC) Conference

Reading, PA

Keynote Speaker, Presenter

April 2016, 2017

- Spoke and presented about Bog Turtle Creek Farm, the student-led one-acre sustainable farm at Alvernia University, to approximately 150 individuals

Tioga County 4-H Program

Tioga County, PA

Club President, Secretary, Mentor

2008 – 2013

- Mentored two younger 4-H members working on animal science projects and on County Council – the leadership club
- Spoke at several 4-H events as club president of County Council throughout the county
- Led and worked with a team of 4-Hers to fundraise and host events

SPECIALIZED SKILLS & TRAININGS

- **Computers:** Proficient in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Word