

Zoë Gagalis

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I am a current Professional Master's student at Colorado State University, studying ecosystem science and sustainability with a focus in carbon management. Currently, I have extensive work experience in retail and office management, where I have worked to implement small changes such as recycling initiatives to positively impact the planet while also increasing productivity in business. My current academic and professional qualifications include:

- Proficient in research methodologies, experimental design, and data analysis
 - Capable of managing store operations and staff, adaptable to challenging work environments
 - Demonstrates leadership and independence in corporate environment
 - Experienced user of Microsoft Word and Excel, QuickBooks, ArcGIS, R, and EMR software
 - Familiar with ecological field research methods including data collection and sampling techniques
 - Extensively experienced with qualitative data analysis methodology

Education

Professional Science Master's, Ecosystem Science and Sustainability
Carbon Management Certification
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Anticipated graduation May 2026

Bachelor of Science in Ecosystem Science and Sustainability

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

May 2025

Academic Achievements

Academic Honorees

Spring 2023-Spring 2025

Main contributor to thematic analysis of Hatun Tinkuy Mountain Summit, supporting indigenous communities with science alongside Mountain Sentinels

Spring 2025

Contributed to CSU's Center for Environmental Justice NoCo Food Justice Tool Kit

Spring 2024

Internship Experience

*Colorado State University Center for Collaborative Conservation
Ducks Unlimited*

April-August 2024

- Worked with Ducks Unlimited to assist in research related to effectively increasing community engagement
 - Met with supervisors from DU's partner organizations to gather data related to community involvement strategies and potential opportunities
 - Completed CITI training course in humanistic and behavioral research
 - Collaborated with cross-disciplinary teams to integrate community perspectives into conservation planning
 - Contributed to written reports summarizing project outcomes and proposed next steps for partner organizations
 - Engaged with partner engineers and scientists in further improving constructed wetlands in Jackson Lake State Park

Work Experience

Jewelry Specialist | Sales Associate | Signet Jewelers | Loveland, CO

October 2021-present

- Consistently exceeded monthly sales targets by leveraging in-depth product knowledge and exceptional customer service, resulting in an individual sales increase of 28% from 2023 to December 2024

- Excelled in administrative tasks such as cash handling and daily deposits, shipping, receiving, and data entry
- Built lasting client relationships through personalized consultations, resulting in repeat business and strong customer loyalty

Assistant Store Manager | Cayman Sports | Ann Arbor, MI

June 2017-July 2021

- Trained peers in technical methods for tennis racquet restringing, regripping, and grommet replacement
- Implemented store sustainability efforts by instituting shop recycling system

Office Assistant | Dexter Family Eye Center | Dexter, MI

September 2014-June 2017

- Managed multiple calendars and all patient records while successfully navigating EMR scheduling software

Environmental Volunteer Experience | Dexter, MI

Spring-Fall 2017-2018

- Participated in local Arbor Day tree planting initiatives
- Aided expansion of community garden by helping construction of raised garden beds to increase accessibility and plant growth output

Academic Coursework in Natural Sciences

- Applications in Greenhouse Gas Inventories Spring 2025
- Ecosystem Ecology, Global Climate Justice Fall 2025
- Life Cycle Assessment for Sustainability, Greenhouse Gas Policy
- Remote Sensing and Image Interpretation Fall 2024
- Ecology, Sustainable Watersheds,
- Plant Physiology, Introduction to Systems Theory for Sustainability Spring 2024
- General Physics, Calculus for Biological Scientists,
- Physical Geography, Information Management for Sustainability Fall 2023
- Geospatial Applications in Natural Resources
 - Experienced user of ArcGIS Pro software and possess in-depth understanding of GIS Spring 2023
- Biology of Organisms- Plants and Animals
 - Lab experience pertaining to the structural and functional components of plants and animals Spring 2023
- Strategic Writing and Communication
 - Experience writing proposals and technical reports
- General Chemistry, Washtenaw Community College Spring 2020
- Intro to Environment and Society, Washtenaw Community College Fall 2019