# ALANA HARRIS

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## **OBJECTIVE**

To secure a lasting position in a mission-driven organization where I can apply and further develop my talents and knowledge to support the organization's success.

#### **EDUCATION**

# **CONNECTICUT COLLEGE,** New London, CT

Graduated May 2008

- Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences
- Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies
- Conversational in Spanish

## **SKILLS SUMMARY**

- Self-starter and motivator with management and supervisory experience
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Conversational verbal and written Spanish language abilities
- Creative problem solver with exceptional organizational skills
- Skilled teacher and community engager with diverse populations and ages
- Proficient with Microsoft Office, Online Social Media, Volgistics and Constant Contact

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Northwest Youth Corps, Eugene, Oregon

May 2011 - August 2011

Crew Leader

- · Managed all daily programming for ten youths at a time, fostering and empowering their self-reliance and success
- · Worked cooperatively with other staff identifying leadership strategies to best accommodate a dynamic and demanding program.

## Oregon Food Bank, Portland, Oregon

October 2009 - November 2010

Nutrition Education · Directed and taught 14 interactive nutrition courses designed for lowincome community members of diverse ages

Coordinator. **AmeriCorps** 

- · Created culturally-specific curricula for Spanish-speaking populations · Independently supervised and trained up to 30 volunteers, at a time
- · Developed and applied evaluation tools ensuring return on investment

**REI**, Portland, Oregon

Summer 2005 - Spring 2011 · Delivered excellent customer care enhancing customer retail experience

August 2008 - July 2009

Customer

Service and

· Honored with an Award for providing a high caliber of service

Sales Associate

· Provided administrative support to supervisors by preparing schedules,

ensuring shift coverage, and neatly organizing products

**United States Peace Corps,** Guatemala, Central America

Food Security Volunteer

- · Trained indigenous women and youth in cultivating low-cost, organic gardens and value-added products
- · Led environmental education and sustainable agriculture curriculum for sixth graders
- · Instructed interactive nutrition education and family health courses

#### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Ryder Cottage Industries,** Brewster, New York

Summer 2008

· Farmed and sold organic produce at two markets, a CSA and farm stand Farm Helper Science Educators, New London, Connecticut

September 2007 - May 2008

Educator

· Collaboratively created and taught engaging science-based lesson plans

· Tutored individually two middle school biology students