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EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science degree:

May 15, 2015

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

MAJOR: Water Resources

SPECIAL COURSES:

- Aquatic Vascular Plants
- Invasive and Exotic Species
- Ecology
- Wetland Delineation
- Wetland Soils
- Limnology

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE:

Aquaculture Technician

May 2016-Present

Aquaterra Farms

- Raised and cared for Arctic Char in recirculating aquaculture systems
- Maintained and repaired system components, such as filters, flowmeters and pumps
- Aided in the development of proper feed regimes and growth models for Char
- Helped in designing and building aquaculture system components such as feeders, fresh water lines and tanks
- Developed a water quality monitoring program to insure proper fish health
- Proficient in using power tools as well as water quality instruments/ water quality tests
- Able to lift and carry 50lbs or more

Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Portage, Waupaca and Waushara Counties

April 2015-April 2016

Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

- Coordinated aquatic invasive species outreach and education programs in three counties with DNR, UW-Extension, County Conservationists and volunteers.
- Organized and instructed 12 aquatic invasive species identification, monitoring and removal trainings with volunteers and students
- Successfully led a Purple Loosestrife beetle rearing project, where volunteers produced approximately 215,000 *Galerucella* beetles
- Proficient in submergent and emergent aquatic plant identification
- Conducted visual and point-intercept aquatic plant surveys, using GPS, to develop maps for lake groups
- Completed a county wide Shoreline Habitat Assessment Survey in Green Lake County
- Managed employee payroll, company finances and other administrative duties for Golden Sands RC&D
- Co-created a company regional strategic plan for 2016

Ecological Restoration Intern

Summer 2012

Dr. David Rogers, University of Wisconsin Parkside, Kenosha WI

- Conducted prairie plant surveys from over 100 transects at Chiwaukee Prairie and Illinois Beach State Park
- Completed a tree inventory for the entire UW Parkside campus for future research and management
- Cataloged and organized over 500 plant specimens for the campus herbarium
- Met multiple deadlines while working cooperatively with fellow interns
- Experience using Excel spreadsheets for cataloging, transferring and storing data
- Proficient in operating a GPS unit for finding field locations and storing plot data
- Used mapping software similar to ArcGIS to map out GPS locations
- Facilitated a clean work environment and properly cared for equipment to ensure quality project results

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ ORGANIZATIONS:

Scholarship Chairman

April 2012-May 2015

Theta Xi Fraternity – Gamma Sigma Chapter

- Actively and effectively promoted fraternity events to recruit three new members
- Worked closely with members to ensure grades were satisfactory by holding weekly study sessions
- Researched on-campus leadership opportunities to share with other members
- Developed the chapter's academic performance policy improving chapter academic standards
- Organized professional workshops and speakers to attend chapter meetings

CERTIFICATIONS/ MISCELLANEOUS SKILLS:

- OSHA Forklift Certified
- Experience in operating a watercraft
- Wisconsin Driver License

REFERENCES:

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