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- Passion for environmentalism and local community organization
- Capable of both hands-on work and software-driven tasks
- Diverse professional experiences in labs, outdoors, and office environments

## SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Hands-On: Wet lab | Water, waste, & soil sampling/testing | Water navigation (boat, paddle vessels, freedive, swim) | Wild/cultivated plant ID & handling | Working with animals | All-weather operations | Basic construction/garden
- Analysis: Bio-process modeling | Hydrogeological site assessment | Machine learning | Statistics
- Software: Python | R | MATLAB | Java | COMSOL | Excel
- Communication: Posters | Presentations | Website | Reports | Publications
- Languages: English (native) | Spanish (proficient)
- Certifications: FII Level 1 Freediver (obtained June 2023)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Soil & Water Lab - Cornell University

2022 - 2025

Ithaca, NY-USA / Remote

- Monitored pesticide leaching with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
  - o Sampled surface/groundwater to test for pesticide contamination
  - o Developed machine learning models and theoretical index to predict future leaching
  - Co-authored reports, presentations, and journal publications based on findings
- Built lab website <a href="http://soilandwaterlab.cornell.edu/">http://soilandwaterlab.cornell.edu/</a>

#### Oxley Equestrian & Polo Center - Cornell University

2024

Stable Assistant

Research Technician

Ithaca, NY-USA

- Maintained stalls for 30+ horses
- Implemented horse dietary/medicinal plans
- Guided horses to necessary stalls/pastures

## PRO-DAIRY: Environmental Systems - Cornell University

2024

Student Research Assistant

Ithaca, NY-USA

- Contributed to manure management database with NYS Department of Ag. & Markets
  - o Measured methane emissions and collected manure samples at dairy farms
- Co-authored case study on anaerobic digester at 400-cow dairy farm

#### Costa Farms - Worldwide Supplier of House/Garden Plants

2023

Grower Department Intern

Miami, FL-USA

- Investigated the efficacy of controlled-release fertilizers in outdoor plants
  - Oversaw experimental operations setup, monitoring, data collection
  - o Found key statistical insights on fertilizer performance
- Collaborated with intern team to identify plant shipping savings up to \$70,000 annually

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant - City of Hastings

2022

Intern

Hastings, MI-USA

- Ran daily lab tests on influent/effluent water (CBOD, coliforms, T/VSS, etc)
- Assisted team with equipment management and on-call sewer maintenance

# **EDUCATION**

Cornell University Class of 2024

Biological Engineering, B.S – 3.30/4.0 GPA

- Study abroad Fall 2023, Universidad de Cantabria in Santander, Spain
- Extracurricular Club Basketball Team; Outing Club

# **PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS**

#### Water Quality Monitoring for Pesticides in Upstate NY - 2023 Annual Report

2024

Ithaca, NY-USA

Submitted to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Ithaca, NY-USA / Remote

- Primary section author on machine learning use for pesticide leaching prediction
- \*public release pending, including associated journal publications

#### Anaerobic Digestion at Wagner Farms: Case Study

2024

Submitted to Cornell PRO-DAIRY: Environmental Systems

Ithaca, NY-USA

■ Publicly available – <a href="https://ecommons.cornell.edu/items/64b63166-2f89-4e38-83e5-30d5e8076435">https://ecommons.cornell.edu/items/64b63166-2f89-4e38-83e5-30d5e8076435</a>

# **VOLUNTEER**

### Pierce Cedar Creek Institute - Nature Education Center

2019 - Present

Stewardship Department Volunteer

Hastings, MI-USA

- Collected native prairie plant seeds for redistribution
- Removed woody invasive plant species in local forests
- Catered banquet event

Workaway 2025

Volunteer Workawayer

Various Locations

- Permaculture and home construction in France
- Dive Academy on Inis Mór, Ireland
  - o Maintained diving gear and helped guide snorkeling/freediving trips

# REFERENCES

### Tammo Steenhuis

Former Supervisor, Professor of Biological & Environmental Engineering - Cornell University

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#### Mia Cabrera

Former Co-Worker, EHS Intern – Costa Farms

Current Master's Student in Environmental Horticulture – University of Florida

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#### **Verne Robins**

Former Supervisor, Utilities Superintendent - City of Hastings

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