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2024 Biological Engineering B.Sc. graduate Cumulative 3+ years of field-focused environmental monitoring, research, & conservation

# **Hands-On Skills**

Water, waste, & soil sampling/testing • All-weather field operations • Wet lab • Hand & power tools • Water navigation (boat, paddling, freedive, snorkel, swim) • Wild/cultivated plant ID & management • Working with animals

#### **Analysis & Software**

Bio-process modeling • Water quality • Hydrogeological site assessment • Machine learning • Statistics • Python • R • MATLAB • Java • COMSOL • Excel

### **Communication & Language**

Poster • Presentation • Website • Report • Publication • English (native) • Spanish (conversational)

#### Certifications

FII Level 1 Freediver (obtained June 2023)

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Soil & Water Lab – Cornell University

2022 - 2025

Research Technician

Ithaca, NY-USA

- Monitored pesticide leaching with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
  - o Sampled surface/groundwater to test for pesticide contamination
  - o Developed hydrogeological & machine learning models to predict future leaching
  - o Co-authored reports, presentations, and journal publications
- Built lab website http://soilandwaterlab.cornell.edu/

## PRO-DAIRY: Environmental Systems – Cornell University

2024

Student Research Assistant

Ithaca, NY-USA

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

#### **Costa Farms – Decorative Horticulture Grower**

2023

Grower Department Intern

Intern

Miami, FL-USA

Hastings, MI-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

- 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 – 3.3/4.0 GPA

Ithaca, NY-USA

- 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

Submitted to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Ithaca, NY-USA

- 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 - 2025

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 Workaway Laborer

Various Locations

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

## REFERENCES

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#### Verne Robins

Former Supervisor, Utilities Superintendent – City of Hastings

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