

# Rachel Laurenz

Kinetic Imaging Student

## Contact

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## Experience

### Ropes Course Operator

Binder Park Zoo | Battle Creek, MI | May 2025 - Oct 2025

- Supervised children and adults full-scale high ropes obstacle courses, trained in emergency procedures, and secured harnesses for participants of all ages.

### Dog Sitter

Self Employed | Portage, MI | Aug 2024 - current

- Dog sat for nine dogs across 19 visits, providing walks, feeding, medication administration, overnight care, cleanup, and daily care with playtime and attention.

### Stage Hand

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra | Kalamazoo, MI | Nov 2023- Mar 2024

- Assisted with concert setup and tear down, managed access control during performances, and handled safe delivery of instruments to and from the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra storage site.

### Researcher

Global Treks and Adventures | Iceland | Mar 2024 - Aug 2024

- Authored travel recommendations and art guides in Iceland, collaborated with team to produce book, published findings
- Global Treks and Adventures. "The Golden Circle." Treks Iceland, Issue 2, 2025.

### Crew Member

Chipotle | Portage, MI | Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

- Prepared food, served in-store and online customers, maintained a clean and safe environment, operated the register, washed dishes, and closed the store at night.

## Activities

- Founding Member, Kalamazoo College Steel Drum Band
- Founding Member, WMU Hiking Club
- WMU Hobbies & Handicrafts Club
- WMU Visual Production (Film) Club
- WMU Latin Dance Club
- Drum Major, Breckenridge Marching Band
- Class Officer Vice President, Breckenridge High School
- National Honor Society (NHS)

## Education

Bachelor of Science -GPA: 3.82

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Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, MI

High School Diploma - Salutatorian

Breckenridge High School

Breckenridge, MI

Dual Enrollment

Mid Michigan Community College

Mount Pleasant, MI

## Volunteer Experience

- SPCA of Southwest Michigan (2024-2025)
- World Food Prize (2024-2025)
- Woods Lake Elementary School Volunteer (2024)
- Kingpins Drumline (2024)

## Skills

- Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Express, InDesign, Lightroom, Audition
- HTML and CSS
- Digital Photography
- Animal Care

## Honors

- Dean's List (2023-2025)
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (2024)
- Bronco Merit Scholarship (2023)
- Michigan Achievement Last Scholarship (2023)
- Michigan Achievement First Scholarship (2023)
- College of Engineering & Applied Science DT Scholarship (2023)
- WMU Achievement Award (2023)