

Rachel Laurenz

Kinetic Imaging Student

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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 9 dogs across 20 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: Premiere Pro, Animate, Photoshop, 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)