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**EXPERIENCE**

**Range Ecology Technician (May 2020 - August 2020)**

*East Foundation - Hebbronville, TX*

* Studied, identified and focused on South Texas grasses, forbes, and woody plants;
* Collected vegetation data on 18,000-acres on the San Antonio Vejo Ranch;
* Methods included grazing enclosures, double sampling, and transects with quadrats;
* Entered all data traditionally and digitally using Vegetation GIS Data System software;
* Navigated the ranch using handheld GPS, AvenzaMaps, compasses, and paper maps;
* Drove Off-Road Polaris Rangers for travel to marked transects;
* Assisted in the capture and release of rodents, the collection of data, and RFID trackers for a graduate student;
* Sampled and clipped plots under the NRI for an ongoing satellite imagery project;
* Helped a PhD. student with lagomorph spotlighting methods for coyote research.

**Invasive Species Technician (May 2019 - August 2019)**

*Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish & Wildlife)- Seymour, IN*

* Invasive species identification and removal versus native species identification;
* Wetland, water-flow and refuge management;
* Training and working with various herbicides;
* Beaver dam removal and training with non-motorized boats;
* Surveys including waterfowl, grassland, water quality, fish and more;
* Landscape and trail maintenance including the use of a hand-held GPS;
* Building wood duck traps and banding Canada geese.

**Kennel Technician (January 2019 - April 2019)**

*Pet Lodge Pet Resort - Alpharetta, GA*

* Caring for up to 500 dogs at peak holidays and seasons;
* Cleaning rooms, kennels, potty runs and yards;
* Grooming dogs, cats, birds and other small animals;
* Walking 10 – 15 miles every shift through nature walks, private plays, group plays and swims;
* Co-supervising large and small dog groups’ play time while ensuring the safety of everyone.

**Kennel Technician (July 2018 - January 2019)**

*Atlanta Dog Trainer LLC. - Alpharetta, GA*

* Roles included kennel technician, daycare attendant, groomer and customer service representative;
* Managing 65+ dogs on property and ensuring safety;
* Cleaning kennels, yards, and inside areas daily;
* Grooming dogs throughout the day;
* Greeting clients and telling them how their dog’s stay was while also checking them in and out of boarding/daycare.

**Volunteer (May 2018 - July 2018)**

*Atlanta Humane Society - Mansell, GA*

* Processing new animals through admissions;
* Kennel cleaning and maintenance;
* Grooming animals including PARVO positive puppies;
* Trusted dog walker.

**EDUCATION**

**B.S. in Biology (August 2018 - December 2020)**

*Agnes Scott College - Decatur, GA*

* GPA: 3.3
* Received the second largest scholarship offered by the school for maintaining a 3.75 or higher GPA;
* Clubs include The Bee Society and Commuter Club;
* STEM classes as of now include Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Vertebrates of Biology, Behavioral Ecology, Animal Behavior, Evolution, Ecology, Addiction, the Ecology and Evolution of Development, Elementary Statistics, and Microbial Ecology.

**A.S. in General Studies (August 2016 - May 2018)**

*Wallace Community College - Dothan, AL*

* Maintained a 3.8 GPA, securing a place on the Dean’s List the entire duration of this degree;
* Graduated with Magna Cum Laude in 2018;
* Relevant classes: Intro to Biology I & II, Intro to Chemistry I & II, Ecology and Taxonomy, Intro to Computer Science, and Anatomy and Physiology I & II.

**RESEARCH**

*A.L.A.N. effects on Northern Mockingbirds and Brown Thrashers (Spring 2019)*

Took light samples around campus to create an artificial light at night map for the ASC campus. The map was to help better understand the nesting locations of the Northern Mockingbird and Brown Thrasher. Set up a mist net and learned about the banding of adults. Bled a nestling with the help of my professor. Scouted out many nests and bird couples for hours at a time.

*Natal bean effects on bean beetles (SPRING 2019)*

Used four different treatments of bean beetle pairings (male and female) to determine if the male’s natal bean origin would change the preference of what bean the female chose to lay her eggs on. Worked with live specimens, sexed and identified windowed beans. Learned how to code, model, and read data in ‘R’.

**REFERENCES**

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| **Landon Schofield**East Foundation; Lead Biologist (1 yr.) (361) 593-3773lschofield@eastfoundation.net | **Shane Baxter**Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge (2+ yrs.) (402)730-3467shane\_baxter@fws.gov |
| **Lock Rogers**Agnes Scott College; Mentor (3+ yrs.) (404)471-5124 lrogers@agnesscott.edu | **Srebrenka Robic**Agnes Scott College; Advisor (2+ yrs.) (404)471-6379srobic@agnesscott.edu |

**CERTIFICATIONS**

*‘Project Wingspan’ (June 2019)*

Completed training for a seed collecting and plant identification certificate under ‘Project Wingspan’. This program is under the Pollinator Partnership; growing native plants in the Midwest to increase the population of monarch butterflies and the rusty patched bumble bee.

*‘Leave No Trace’ Awareness Training (May 2020)*

Completed an in person and online webinar for the ‘Leave No Trace Awareness’ certification. This certification shows that as an outdoorsman, I am responsible and aware of the conservation techniques required to be a dependable hiker and camper.