



FREDERIK MEIJER HONORS COLLEGE

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY®

Graduate Profiles

Class of Fall 2025



Riley Bourlier

Major: *Nursing*

Research

Maternal-Infant Mortality in West Michigan Counties: A Comparative literature Review (with Mia Cichowlas, Faculty mentor: Dr. Sylvia Mupepi)

Leadership Activities

Camp Kesem at Grand Valley State University E-board member and summer counselor for 2 years.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was getting into and graduating from the nursing program.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable thing is getting into the nursing program and meeting all my friends.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to move to Tennessee and work as a nurse in a hospital there.



Mia Cichowlas

Major: *Nursing*

Minor: *Applied Statistics*

Research

Maternal-Infant Mortality in West Michigan Counties: A Comparative Literature Review (with Riley Bourlier, Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sylvia Mupepi)

Leadership Activities

Financial Officer, Multicultural Student Nurses Organization (MSNO) Executive Board
Honors Mentor, Frederik Meijer Honors College

Activities and Awards

Dean's List
Student Nurses Association (SNA) Member

Internship/Practicum

Clinical Rotations in Older Adult Care, Community Health, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, and Psychiatry.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

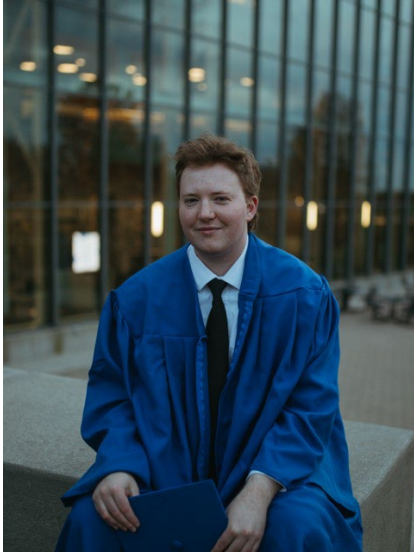
My greatest accomplishment has been transitioning from engineering to nursing, pursuing a path aligned with my passion and purpose. Embracing this change allowed me to discover a field that inspires me, affirming that nursing is the ideal career for my skills and interests.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My involvement with the Honors College has been the most memorable. Through honors classes and mentoring, I connected with peers and faculty I might never have met otherwise, fostering both academic growth and meaningful personal relationships.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to return to the east side of Michigan to begin my career as a nurse on a medical-surgical telemetry unit.



Ashton Cove

Major: *Writing*

Minor: *Applied Linguistics*

Research

Honors Senior Project - "Addressing the Unique Needs of Deaf English Literacy Learners"

Writing Capstone Project - "Identity: A Translation"

Activities and Awards

Euchre Club

Intramural sports

Dean's List

2nd Place Oldenburg Award Recipient

Internship/Practicum

Internship with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Dena'ina Language Institute

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I think I am most proud of my Honors Senior Project, a research paper about how deaf students learn English literacy.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My internship with the Dena'ina Language Institute has been the most significant part of my experience at Grand Valley.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I plan to go to graduate school.



Molly DiCosola

Major: *Wildlife Biology*

Minor: *Natural Resources Management*

Research

I presented a poster at the Reach Higher Showcase for both my research on Pierce Ponds water quality as well as for our findings and experience on the 2023 Water in the West program.

Leadership Activities

During my time at Grand Valley, I have been on the University Apostolate Leadership team while also leading bible studies, discipleship small groups, and a weekly 8th-grade confirmation small group through St. Luke University Parish.

Activities and Awards

I have received a Certification in Applied GIS for Natural Resource Management

Study Abroad

I attended Water in the West in the summer of 2023.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment is helping other college women encounter God on a deeper level and watching them thrive and grow in all aspects of their lives.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The time I have spent with and for the college community at St. Luke University Parish will have forever changed who I am and what I live my life for. The experiences I have had encountering the people there are something I will never forget.

Plans after Graduation

After graduation, I hope to pursue a career related to GIS applications in natural resources or outdoor education. I will also be planning my wedding, which is scheduled for April 2026, and will be taking the last name Morgan!



Rylie Dietz

Major: Environmental and Sustainable Studies and Human Resources

Research

GLISA ELF Research Assistant, Muskegon Community College Focus Group Presenter, 2024 & 2025 Climate Change Education Solutions Summit presenter and panelist, 2024 Student Scholars Day, 2025 Summer Scholars Day presenter

Leadership Activities

CLA Lead Fellow 2025, CLA Candidate Fellow 2024, Seidman Mentor Program, Honors Mentor Program, 2023-2024 Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader (23, 24, 25), Rep4 Mentor (24, 25)

Activities and Awards

Presidential Award 2025 (Admissions), 6X Dean's List.

Internship/Practicum

Practicum: The application of Caddisflies, Mayflies, and Stoneflies in Waste Water Treatment Practices

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Being involved with many different entities that support students.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

GLISA Elf Project

Plans after Graduation

Attend graduate school in fall of 2026 to obtain a Master's in Human Resources,



Isabel Dillon

Major: *Human Resources Management*

Research

Participated in the GM Wayne State University Supply Chain Management Case Competition in Fall 2025

Leadership Activities

Programming Officer for Project Blue Heart for two years

Project Manager for the Promotions Office for two years

Activities and Awards

Dean's List every semester

SHRM Member

Padnos Study Abroad Mentorship Program (as both mentor and mentee)

Study Abroad

2025 Semester Program at the University of Sunshine Coast, Australia

Internship/Practicum

HR internship experience with:

Greenville Tool & Die

LG Energy Solutions (LGEMSI)

Parker Hannifin

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GV is getting out of my comfort zone, meeting new people, and finding my passion in HR.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My most memorable experience was my study abroad program in Australia.

Plans after Graduation

I am currently searching for a full-time role in HR or exploring grad school opportunities.



Matthew DuRose

Major: *Music Education*

Research

Senior Project: Research on Leadership

Half-Recital on viola in Fall 2024 semester

Action Research on how to improve music reading in 7th grade orchestra at Lakeshore Middle School

Leadership Activities

GVSU American String Teachers Association President

GVSU Symphony Orchestra Assistant Principle Viola

Activities and Awards

Campus Ministry Spring Break Trips: Helped with projects in NC, AZ, and TN

Attended Michigan Music Conference 2023-25

Internship/Practicum

Teaching Apprenticeship: Cardinal Elementary 2nd-5th grade general music

Teaching Internship: Grand Haven Area Public Schools 5th-12th grade orchestra

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Helping restart the American String Teacher Association student chapter here at GVSU after Covid.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Teaching Internship at GHAPS

Plans after Graduation

Long-term sub or substitute teach in Muskegon and Ottawa counties. After that, finding an orchestra teaching job for next fall.



Sam Fisher

Major: *Psychology and Sociology*

Research

Perspectives of Autistic College Students on Supports and Services that Address Their Mental Health Needs
Suicidality in Autistic College Students
An Analysis of Psychedelic Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorder
Dance/Movement Therapy as Behavior Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder

Leadership Activities

Secretary of Sociology Club
Treasurer of Honors Affinity Alliance
Honors College Mentoring Program

Activities and Awards

Summa Cum Laude
Excellence in Discipline Award in Sociology
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

Internship/Practicum

Psych Friends Peer Mentoring Practicum
Cademy Clinical Psychology Research Intern
ThinkNeuro Summer Research Intern

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley has been completing three majors and contributing to research for five semesters.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My greatest accomplishment

Plans after Graduation

Attain a PhD to research autism



Jordyn Flick

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Minor: *Psychology*

Research

Presented research on how exercise impacts mental health. Also presented research on how wearable devices can help detect early signs of cardiovascular disease.

Leadership Activities

Vice President of the Allied Health Sciences Student Group

Activities and Awards

Dean's List every semester!

Study Abroad

Studied in Northern Ireland for PSY 386: Peace, Conflict and Reconciliation.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Establishing a Regional Chapter of the Allied Health Science Student Group in Traverse City

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Most memorable was spending time in Northern Ireland and developing friendships with other students

Plans after Graduation

Applying to physician assistant school in April!



Jonathon Fuller

Major: *Computer Science*

Minor: *Data Science*

Activities and Awards

Dean's list all semesters

Study Abroad

I studied data analytics and AI in Switzerland during the Spring/Summer 2024 semester

Internship/Practicum

Currently employed as a data analyst at Williams Distributing
Revenue Management Technology Intern at Gordon Food Service

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

The opportunity to study abroad in Switzerland

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The internship at Gordon Food Service was the most significant because it allowed me to work at a major corporation

Plans after Graduation

Will continue to work at Williams Distributing, but would like to seek other job opportunities in the West Michigan area



Mitchell Goerge

Major: *Biochemistry*

Research

Senior Project: Implementing Pharmaceutical Coordination: Establishing a Project Management Office in a Growing Organization

Leadership Activities

K-12 Connect Tutor

Make-A-Wish WAM fundraiser- Team raised >\$100k for MAW Michigan

Activities and Awards

Chemistry Club

Club Golf

IM Sports

Internship/Practicum

Intern at Grand River Aseptic Manufacturing

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Making connections and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The interactions I've had throughout my time at GVSU have taught me countless things and shaped who I am today.

Plans after Graduation

Obtain a role in the pharmaceutical or chemical industry.



Angelina Hammond

Major: *Psychology*

Leadership Activities

I have been a Teaching Assistant for an Honors course and I have held the Volleyball Manager title while working at the GVSU Ticket Office for nearly 2 years.

Activities and Awards

Certificate of Recognition for working at the Athletic Ticket Office and Front Desk since freshman year.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at GVSU was getting a promotion at GVSU Ticket Office to be a manager since it gave me a feeling that I have achieved something big.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant and memorable part, I will always say that it was the people that I met along the way. Roommates, co-workers, bosses, professors, and more!

Plans after Graduation

My plans are to continue school and get my Master's Degree in Psychology and start working in the field.



Mya Hanna

Major: *Psychology*

Minor: *Applied Statistics and Middle East Studies*

Research

I am a research assistant in Dr. Mario Fific and Dr. Amanda Dillard's lab in the psychology department. I have presented at the New England Psychological Association, The Midwest Cognitive Science Conference, The Psychonomics Society 65th Annual Meeting, MIDSure at MSU, and GVSU Summer Scholars & Student Scholars Day.

Leadership Activities

I served on the programming committee of the Honors Student Council and was the president of the Arab Culture Club.

Activities and Awards

I have received the Research Excellence Award from the Psychology Department in 2024 and have been a McNair Scholar since 2024.

Internship/Practicum

I am a Registered Behavior Technician at Acorn Health.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishments at GVSU have been my work in my research labs and the manuscript I completed as a McNair Scholar. I am also a co-author on a manuscript that has been submitted for review at the Journal of Social Science and Medicine.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most significant has been my research lab work and being a McNair Scholar. These opportunities have opened many doors for me and helped me establish my long-term career goals.

Plans after Graduation

Currently, I am applying to Ph.D. programs in clinical health psychology. I hope to become a researcher and clinician and work to implement behavioral interventions and improve preventative care practices. I will also address health disparities in underrepresented groups in my work.



Jenna Hayes

Major: *Criminal Justice*

Minor: *Psychology*

Research

"An Exploration of Occupational Stress and Heart Health in Policing"

Internship/Practicum

Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Internship (August-December 2025)

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Graduating Early.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The internship

Plans after Graduation

Heading to GRCC's Police Academy with hopes to work for Kentwood Police Department.



Benjamin Kaczmar

Major: *Marketing and Supply Chain Management*

Minor: *Spanish*

Research

Marketing Research Project on the GVSU Career Center's Career Communities

Secondary Research Project on the Effects of Blindness on Brain Development and Structure

Leadership Activities

Seidman Mentorship Program

FMHC Mentorship Program

Activities and Awards

American Marketing Association

Polish Club

Spanish Club

Intramural sports

Dean's List throughout college

Study Abroad

6-week study abroad program in Sevilla, Spain, as part of my Spanish minor.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Developing as a business professional and learning throughout my time at Grand Valley.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Being able to travel across Spain and explore during my time abroad.

Plans after Graduation

Pursue a career in sports marketing or supply chain management



Chelsea Kuklewski

Major: *English Language and Literature*

Minor: *East Asian Studies and Japanese*

Research

I worked as a digital humanities research assistant for Professor Herlands from the East Asian Studies department, examining the writings of Japanese author Kenta Nishimura in regards to how the writer discusses money within his stories.

Activities and Awards

I made the Dean's List for the Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, and Winter 2025 semesters. I also got accepted into Sigma Tau Delta.

Study Abroad

I studied abroad in Växjö, Sweden during my Fall 2024 semester.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment at Grand Valley has been maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout my semesters here.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My study abroad trip in Växjö, Sweden was the most memorable aspect of my time at Grand Valley.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to start working as an editor, ideally for books.



Annabelle Machalka

Major: *Writing*

Minor: *East Asian Studies and Japanese*

Activities and Awards

Dean's List for all seven semesters.

Study Abroad

Japanese Theatre and Language Faculty-Led Program in Spring/Summer 2024.

Internship/Practicum

Writing intern at Eastend Studio & Gallery, proofreading intern at Steed Publishing and Media, LLC.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Study Abroad program.

Plans after Graduation

Pursue a career in my chosen field.



Dillon Moesch

Major: *Computer Science*

Study Abroad

Switzerland: Zurich University of Applied Sciences - Winterthur

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I got my IT administrator and software developer job at Array of Engineers, which completed my internship requirement and got me a full-time job.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The study abroad program in Switzerland.

Plans after Graduation

Work at Array of Engineers as an IT administrator and software developer.



Elijah Morgan

Major: *Computer Science*

Minor: *Mathematics*

Leadership Activities

Computing Club Project Manager.
Honors college graduate.

Activities and Awards

Received Dean's list award 8/8 Semesters.

Study Abroad

Studied abroad in Switzerland, Summer 2024.

Internship/Practicum

Completed internship at Controlnet LLC.
Completed internship at Walmart Global Tech.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Finishing my Bachelor's degree debt free!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Out of all my accomplishments, I'm the most proud to be student debt free.

Plans after Graduation

Start my professional career, then work towards a Master's degree.



Sophia Morgan

Major: *Allied Health Sciences*

Leadership Activities

Captain of GVSU Varsity Women's soccer team
Volunteer at Bauer Elementary School for 2 years

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Winning multiple GLIAC and Regional Championships

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Winning multiple championships with my team

Plans after Graduation

Attending Grand Valley State Accelerated Nursing program



Patrick Myles

Major: *Marketing and Writing*

Leadership Activities

Lead Research Consultant at GVSU Research Center

Activities and Awards

Member of Laker Marching Band and Omicron Delta Kappa

Internship/Practicum

Marketing Copywriting Internship with Legacy Agencies
Social Research Internship with DataWise Foundation

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

I'm very proud of how my Honors Senior Project turned out.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My time in marching band was the most memorable. I spent a lot of time on that field and in rainy games, but I made some great friends through it.

Plans after Graduation

Pursuing a career in advertising and digital marketing



Jackson Nowicki

Major: *Marketing*

Research

Certificate in Data Analytics.

Researched and created solutions for GVSU's arboretum and how to incorporate indigenous species and tribes.

Researched and created solutions to combat indoor air pollution in Colombia.

Created fully complete marketing plan for two startup companies.

Activities and Awards

Aesthetics and Bodybuilding Club, 2022

Professional Sales Association, 2023

Internship/Practicum

Marketing Internship at Meadows Crossing Apartments

Marketing Coordinator at Tele-Rad

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Finding my true passion for work in innovation.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Creating a physical product to reduce indoor air pollution in Colombia was the most significant and memorable experience. It was my freshman year, and it taught me more than any class I have taken. It also helped me find my true calling.

Plans after Graduation

Attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to earn my master's in design and innovation.



Camden Raffler

Major: *Accounting and Finance*

Research

Seidman IPO Stock Pitch, Spring 2023

SpartanNash Grainger Account Review Internship Presentation at 20 Monroe, Summer 2024

Leadership Activities

Chief Financial Officer at GVSU Real Estate Club

Assistant Varsity Coach for Caledonia High School Baseball

Assistant Director of Caledonia 5th/6th Grade Basketball League

Activities and Awards

Thompson Working Family Scholarship

GVSU Accounting Faculty Scholarship

Dean's List, Fall 2022 - Winter 2025

Internship/Practicum

Wholesale Accounting Intern at SpartanNash

Audit Intern at Crowe LLP

Audit Intern at BDO USA

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment has been building the foundation through skills, knowledge, and experience to become the person I once dreamed of being.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The most memorable experience has been building a network of students and professionals striving toward our goals.

Plans after Graduation

Complete the MSA program and earn my CPA



Morgan Rasey

Major: *Nursing*

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Getting into the nursing program

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The relationships that I have built in nursing school.

Plans after Graduation

Work as a Registered Nurse at Butterworth downtown Grand Rapids



Jordyn Roel

Major: *Nursing*

Research

Creative piece that reflects the beauties and hardships of labor and delivery nursing... Presentation Monday 8th at KCON campus

Internship/Practicum

Recently completed nursing clinical immersion at Blodgett hospital

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

TA cadaver lab and acceptance into KCON

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Full time clinical
TA cadaver lab
Dedicated HNR project to Labor and Delivery Nurses

Plans after Graduation

Starting as a Registered Nurse at Blodgett Corewell Health.



Lillian Shaw

Major: *Accounting and Finance*

Research

The Future of U.S. Tax Policy: Eliminating Federal Income Tax and Exploring Alternatives

Leadership Activities

Secretary for GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish Club (2023-2024)

Treasurer & Social Media Coordinator for GVSU Stars for Make-A-Wish Club (2024-2025)

Fundraising Coordinator for GVSU Women's Club Rugby Team (2024-2025)

Mentor for Seidman Mentorship Program

Activities and Awards

Dean's List

Internship/Practicum

Accounting Intern with Cadillac Product Automotive Company

International Tax Intern with Crowe

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

My greatest accomplishment while at Grand Valley was establishing connections with my professors to develop my professional relationship skills, which will benefit me as I transition into the real world.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

One of the most memorable things during my time at GVSU was being involved in the Women's Club Rugby team. It was something I decided to try out during my freshman year, and I am so grateful to have done so. All the people I met and memories I made were a huge highlight of my time here.

Plans after Graduation

I am starting my master's in accounting this upcoming semester here at GVSU. I will conclude my master's degree by December 2026 and in January 2027, I will start working at Crowe as a tax associate here in Grand Rapids.



Kyra Toburen

Major: *Psychology*

Minor: *Business General*

Research

Political Change Research - Dr. Eaaron Henderson-King
I/O & OHP Literature Research Group - Dr. Ben Walsh

Leadership Activities

University Christian Outreach Vice President
Laker Catholic Student Leader
Psych Friends Peer Mentor

Activities and Awards

Honors College Freshmen Orientation Leader

Study Abroad

Tanzania Teaching & Learning Trip

Internship/Practicum

Behavioral Technician at BRAINS through Pinerest
Human Resource Intern at Flexfab

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Out of everything I've done at GVSU, my biggest accomplishment has been discovering what truly inspires me and aligning my goals with that passion. I've worked hard every day and embraced every opportunity, and those experiences helped me gain clarity and confidence in the path I want to pursue.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

My internship/practicum experience or my study abroad trip.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to continue my education at a PhD program in I/O psychology.



Brendan Webster

Major: *Group Social Studies and Education*

Research

Participated in Student Scholars Day in the Winter 2022 semester, presenting on the suffragette movement in the US, and how many women opposed and fought against their right to vote. Participated in a teacher candidate panel, informing veteran teachers about what we are learning about regarding pedagogical methods at college.

Leadership Activities

Was a Resident Assistant at Kistler Living Center in the Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 semesters (Kistler Krew forever!) Planned events, created decorations, designed posterboards, and more, all while making sure my first-year residents felt safe, comfortable, and welcomed here at Grand Valley.

Activities and Awards

Made the Dean's List in seven out of eight semesters at Grand Valley from the Fall 2021 Semester through graduation in the Fall 2025 semester.

Internship/Practicum

Participated in a Teacher Apprenticeship at Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy in the Winter 2025 semester and a Teacher Internship at Zeeland West in the Fall 2025 semester; working on lesson plans, educating students, and preparing for life as an educator!

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Staying committed to graduating and fulfilling that goal. It was not always easy; I spent many long days studying in the library, and even longer nights hunched over my desk finishing assignments. I managed to see it through, though, and became the first in my family to graduate from college!

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

Becoming the first in my family to graduate from college and earn a four-year degree is the most significant to me. I hope to continue making my family proud and create a new generational cycle: graduating from high school, attending college (or trade school), and earning a degree to pursue whatever passions you have in life.

Plans after Graduation

I will be seeking a teaching position and immediately establishing myself as a new educator. I am sure that I will have many hours of lesson planning and professional development ahead of me, but it is all worth it to help educate the next generation!



Tara Weller

Major: *Nursing*

Study Abroad

1 week of Volunteering at an HIV clinic in Costa Rica.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

100 hours of volunteer work. Being a Corewell Health Nurse Scholar.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

I tore my ACL halfway through my second to last semester of nursing school, I still went to all of my clinicals and completed the exams right after surgery.

Plans after Graduation

I want to be a Labor and Delivery Nurse through Corewell Health.



Benjamin Zwart

Major: *Natural Resources Management*

Minor: *Biology*

Research

Completed multiple GIS mapping projects related to the Rush Creek Watershed, in partnership with local non-profit Outdoor Discovery Center.

Leadership Activities

Served as a student leader for 3 years for Campus Ministry at GVSU, as well as Young Life GVSU.

Activities and Awards

Involved in GVSU's cross country and track team for one year. Spent 3 years as a student leader in Campus Ministry at GVSU.

Study Abroad

Took to field-based biology courses in Northwest Washington, focused on forest and alpine ecology.

Internship/Practicum

Worked as a watershed intern with the Outdoor Discovery Center for a summer. Also collaborated with the Kent County Deer Coalition for Deer Management as an intern with the Kent County Road Commission.

Greatest Accomplishment while at Grand Valley

Becoming as involved as I did in the natural resource department led me to lots of cool research opportunities and jobs.

Most Significant or Memorable Experience

The wide variety of field-based courses I got to take and how all of those experiences translated into internships and summer job opportunities.

Plans after Graduation

I plan to stay local to west Michigan and a full-time job related trees or tree care, or GIS/mapping.