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## **EDUCATION**

### **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, December 2019**

Bachelor of Science, Plant and Soil Systems, Horticulture

## **JOB HISTORY**

### **Slow Food International - Baton Rouge Chapter August 2018-present**

School Garden Assistant

- Work with inner city students in the Dufrocq Elementary school garden.
- Educate students on proper garden technique, the importance of gardening, and health benefits of eating fresh vegetables.
- Ensure food security by giving all students the opportunity access to fresh, locally-sourced foods.
- Reliable, passionate, and thorough employee with a desire for excellence.

### **Undergraduate Research August 2018-present**

School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences at LSU

- Perform research on the propagation of tea leaves.
- Create a weekly routine to ensure the trials go well.
- Follow guidelines, meet criteria, and take initiative on the decision-making areas of the project.

### **Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System January 2018-present**

Horticulture Intern/Garden Director

- Develop an educational program on how to establish a home garden, giving the presentation to different audiences across FMOLHS.
- Redesign the FMOLHS garden layout to promote sustainable growing for the spring and fall seasons.
- Provide general garden maintenance, weeding, watering, and harvesting of the garden throughout the growing season.
- Develop a plan for disseminating harvested fruits/vegetables to employees, linking with healthy nutrition education.
- Develop a long-term plan for garden sustainability and employee/family engagement.
- Oversee spring and fall planting days in the FMOLHS community garden.
- Give final presentation to FMOLHS staff and board members.
- Excellent in communicating and conveying information verbally and through the written word.
- Can efficiently, yet thoroughly complete a job and meet a timeline.

### **Local Food Systems Student Worker June 2017-present**

LSU Hill Farm Research and Teaching Facility

- Assists the Louisiana Farm to School Program, the Louisiana Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE), and the Grow Louisiana Beginner Farmer Training Program.
- Performs grant-funded activities and tasks.
- Grows hydroponic lettuce- weekly maintenance, seeding, crop rotation, and post-harvest management.
- Farm Hand at the LSU Hill Farm, including maintenance and cleaning of garden beds, green house maintenance, string trimming, and more.
- Assists with "Organic Farming" and "Olericulture" class labs held at the Hill Farm.
- Assists in the preparation for the 2017 and 2018 Louisiana Farm to School Conferences.
- Boosts morale in a team dynamic and excellent in leading a group with respect.

### **Self-Employed Landscape Projects Fall of 2017-present**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Vegetable garden upkeep and advisory.

- General landscaping and maintenance.
- Detail oriented and thorough to ensure quality in all of my work.
- Organize meeting times and materials needed.
- Executes each job thoroughly and in a timely manner.

**Highland Coffees** January 2017- January 2018

Barista

- Efficiently manage the flow of the restaurant and utilize organizational skills.
- Customer service skills to make sure every customer walks away with the optimal dining experience.
- Ability to work quickly and professionally in a team.

**Plant Tech Nursery** June-December 2016

Worker

- Responsible for watering plants, helping customers, loading and preparing orders, bagging soil, propagating, weeding, and keeping the nursery in great shape.

**Mighty Mow Landscape Services** January 2016-December 2016

- Flower bed maintenance, planting, pruning, and weeding.
- Adaptable to any situation, position, or sudden change in the workplace.

**AFILIATIONS/ LEADERSHIP**

**Leadership:** President - LSU Sustainable Agriculture Club, Vice President - LSU Sustainable Agriculture Club

- Led weekly harvests and organized bi-weekly farmer's markets on campus.
- Delegated weekly tasks to club members.
- Educate the LSU community on growing organically and sustainably.
- Give all students access to the resources and knowledge needed to grow their own food.

**Affiliations:** College of Agriculture Student Association member, Bee Allies Organization at LSU member, Horticulture Club at LSU member.

**HONORS/SKILLS/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Languages:** Spanish

**Honors:** Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, Ralph Brown Endowed Scholarship in Horticulture, David B. Means Memorial Endowed Scholarship, STARS Scholarship on behalf of the Southeast Produce Council's Southern Exposure Conference, 2018 Southern SAWG conference Scholarship, LSU Dean's List.

**Community Service:** Fullness Organic Farm Volunteer, ESL Teacher at Bethany en Español.