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OBJECTIVE

An opportunity to nurture my personal experiences, enhance my program development skills, and build on my knowledge of agriculture, so I can become an exceptional teacher and advisor. I am a highly motivated, ambitious, and organized professional who works well with others and effectively on my own. I always display a competitive nature that allows me to not only seek ways to my own success but also feel great accomplishment when helping others achieve their goals. I strive to better my skills in education while discovering solutions to problems, which will allow me to obtain a mastery in my field of study.

EXPERIENCE

PrairieLand Feeds

Floor Manager – August 2017 – current

- I was responsible for opening and closing the store, training new employees, ordering and organizing special orders, balancing the drawers, making deposits, and other miscellaneous tasks that were often assigned. I enjoyed helping customers make educated choices on nutrition for their animals ranging from livestock to pets. I also attended a conference on animal nutrition in the summer of 2018, which included sharing my new knowledge with my co-workers once I returned.
- Through this job I learned about time management, customer service skills, budgeting, and problem-solving skills. I also expanded my knowledge about animal nutrition and animal psychology. I found my time training new staff members and customers, was a helpful tool as an education major.

Student Teaching

Student Teacher @ Tremont High School (CUSD 702) – January 2019 - April 2019

- I will be student teaching under Mrs. Angie Bane at Tremont High School beginning in January 2019. Tremont high school is located in district two, section 9, with an enrollment of 300 students in their high school, 150 in the agriculture program, and an average of 100 members in their FFA program.
- I will cover Agriculture Mechanics, Plant and Animal Science, two sections of Introduction to Agriculture, Vet Science, and Agriculture Leadership and Communications. I will have facilities such as a greenhouse, a research field plot, a working shop, and a classroom that includes 1-1 computer resources. My duties will also include organizing meetings, fundraisers, and field trips for the students as well as day to day classroom experiences. I look forward to learning how to better myself in the role of agriculture educator and FFA Advisor under Mrs. Bane's direction. I am excited for this experience and am ready to learn and grow during this hands-on opportunity. As a senior agricultural education major I have completed my classroom observations at the following schools; Oakwood High School, Galesburg High School, Mahomet Seymour High School, and Cambridge High School. I have enjoyed creating and teaching multiple lesson plans including one for introduction to agriculture at Mahomet Seymour High School under Mrs. Jennifer Wherley. I also recently attended the 2018 National FFA convention with Tremont High school.

EDUCATION

Black Hawk East – August 2015-May 2017 – Associates in Science

University of Illinois @ Champaign-Urbana – August 2017-May 2019 – Bachelor’s in agricultural science education

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- American FFA Degree – Half of one percent of all FFA members in the United States of America have received this award. Students are required to have kept accurate records and receipts while going above and beyond in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). It was a privilege to have received this award for the hard work and dedication I put towards this organization. I also served as Section 3 President in 2015-2016 and completed the GAST internship under Ms. Brie Harmon at AlWood High School in 2015-2016.
 - 10 Years in 4H – The 4H organization is an organization where children complete hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, agriculture, food science, and citizenship. I gained many skills from 4H and was also awarded multiple awards and scholarships throughout my time in the organization. My recognitions included being awarded for citizenship, animal science research, animal care, and food science. I completed three years as an officer at the county level, was a member of the Knox County Livestock Judging Team, and currently volunteer at the Knox County 4-H fair every summer.
 - NACTA Judging Competition – While at my community college, I participated in NACTA, which is the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, Judging Competition. I was on the 2016 horticulture team, which took home first place in the nation. My school, Black Hawk East College, also won sweepstakes that year, which means the most contests won over all.
 - Sigma Alpha – I am a part of the professional agriculture sorority called Sigma Alpha where I hold the Agriculture in the Classroom chair position. We participate in multiple volunteer opportunities throughout the community and professional development events to build us as professionals, but also as people.
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SKILLS

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| ▪ Patience | ▪ Curriculum Development | ▪ Record Keeping |
| ▪ Teaching | ▪ Management | ▪ Leadership Skills |
| ▪ Public Speaking | ▪ Adaptability | ▪ Livestock judging |
| ▪ Sales/Customer Service | ▪ Budgeting | ▪ Networking |
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EDUCATIONAL REFERENCES

1. Gary Ochs - garyochs@illinois.edu – (217) 251-4022 (Academic advisor and Professor)
 2. Nicholas Wherley – wherley@illinois.edu – (217) 369-4727 (interned with at several FFA events)
 3. Angie Bane – angie.bane@d702.org – (309) 267-6460 (Cooperative Teacher for Student Teaching)
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WORKING REFERENCES

1. Garry Herzog – priairlandfeeds@gmail.com - (217) 621-7401 (Owner of Prairieland Feeds)
 2. Ann Stodgel – n/a – (309) 883-1021 (Owner of PL Johnson’s)
 3. Kassi Doonan – klcowser@gmail.com - (309) 536-0799 (Manager of Woodhull Subway)
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