

MICHELLE A. CHRISTOPHER

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign May 2018
Bachelor of Science: Major: Animal Science, Minor: Integrative Biology GPA: 3.08/4.0

INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Meat Science Lab Urbana-Champaign, IL
Student Worker October 2017 – Present

- Observe FDA approved livestock slaughter and assist with sanitizing of meat processing area and kill floor
- Follow food safety protocol with packaging of cooked meats and cutting of meat and manage meat sales

Champaign County Humane Society Urbana-Champaign, IL
Medical Lab Intern August 2017 – December 2017

- Administered vaccines and medications to animals open for adoption
- Performed fecal analysis, venipuncture, felv, and heartworm test
- Examined dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and rabbits through physical and wellness exams

Jodie Vee's Fun Dog Training Urbana-Champaign, IL
Dog Trainer Intern September 2016 – December 2016

- Directed owners with weekly behavior objectives by demonstrating the techniques with an average of 20 dogs per class
- Gained knowledge on dog behavior by observing Jodie's training techniques with positive reinforcement
- Analyzed each owner's progress with their dog and customized learning tips that fit their lifestyle
- Assembled custom design courses for weekly agility classes
- Handled card, cash, and check transactions for classes and merchandise

Walt Disney World College Program Orlando, FL
Food and Beverage Intern February 2015 – August 2015

- Communicated with guests from a various cultures, evaluated their individual concerns with appropriate solutions, and guided with recommendation from park offerings
- Interacted with over 30 cast members at my location
- Handled cash, card, and guest rewards program transactions with a register computer program
- Passed food handling and safety, judged potential food safety situations, and was proficient on cooking equipment: fryers, broiler, and line

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AFA Food Institute Delegate Chicago, IL
Agriculture Future of America January 2018

- Selected 75 students across the nation through an application process which allowed students to learn more about the food industry
- Networking with top industry professionals from companies like Cargill, Tyson, Hormel, and Pepisco

University of Illinois Meat Science Department Lab Urbana-Champaign, IL
Undergraduate Research Assistant January 2018 – Present

- Assist graduate students with data entry, labeling, and preparing meat samples for dry weight measurements

Dr. Becky Fuller's Lab Urbana-Champaign, IL
Undergraduate Research Assistant October 2017 – December 2017

- Studied the evolution of color patterns and sexual selection in Bluefin Killifish
- Analyzed color pattern with Adobe Photoshop and ImageJ and organized data on excel sheets according to location
- Presented my findings on a PowerPoint presentation to my class

Foal Watch Urbana-Champaign, IL
Animal Science Course January 2017 – May 2017

- Handled and cared for numerous pregnant horses during foal season
- Assisted with mare birth and aftercare procedures for the mare and foal
- Determined mares' behavior for signs of labor

ACTIVITIES & SKILLS

October Lovers Club Urbana-Champaign, IL
Event Manager February 2017 – Present

- Create events for University of Illinois's top-ranked and largest registered student organization
- Organize ticket sales for our events that average over 200 attendees
- Record data spreadsheets of our club member's personal information for a liability reasons

Active Member: Pre-Vet Club, Companion Animals Club, Wildlife and Conservation Club August 2017 – Present

PAWS Animal Shelter Chicago, IL
Volunteer June 2017 – Present

- Assisted with cleaning, doing laundry and dishes, handling, walking, and intake of over 100 dogs
- Assessed dogs' behavior and evaluated appropriate enrichment options
- Followed biosecurity protocol of wearing a gown and gloves with infectious animals

Proficiency in: Microsoft Suite, Adobe Photoshop (Basic Skills), ImageJ (Basic Skills), Spanish Language (Basic Skills)