

AMANDA WARD

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Career interests: Wetland restoration; species and ecosystem conservation; environmental consulting.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, May 2008

Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences

Duke University, Durham, NC

Master's project: Management plan for Galveston Bay Foundation's Texas City property.

Concentration: Conservation science and policy. Studied wetland ecology, field skills, and restoration, ecosystem management, watershed hydrology, water quality, conservation GIS, air quality, environmental education, economics, and law.

Honors: Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences Merit Scholarship.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, May 2003

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Major: Biology: Ecology, evolution, and behavior. GPA 3.49 of 4.0.

Honors: Recording Secretary, Golden Key International Honour Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; College Scholar, spring 2003; University Honors fall 1999 and 2002.

Research: A test for ancestral preference for size in Northern Swordtails.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wetland Restoration Assistant, Galveston Bay Foundation, Webster, TX

Created management plan for 133 acre mitigation site. Assisted with large scale estuary restoration efforts and small land owner based projects. Commended for my attention to detail when editing conservation easements and wetland permit comment letters. Helped guide wetland permit review meetings. Summer 2007

Legislative Advocacy Assistant, North Carolina Sierra Club, Raleigh, NC

Prepared fact sheets for distribution to legislators on issues up for debate in the North Carolina General Assembly with a primary focus on energy efficiency legislation. Collected and arranged the voting history records of the General Assembly members for the North Carolina Sierra Club's vote count. Accompanied lobbyist to meetings with legislators and gained knowledge of lobbying techniques, legislative bill development, and state political processes. Summer 2006

Organ Transplant Technologist, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

Performed laboratory evaluations of heart, kidney, and liver patients in need of organ transplants as well as potential donors from four major hospitals in the Texas Medical Center. Responded quickly while on-call for overnight and weekend cadaveric organ donations to meet the needs of over 400 waitlist patients.

Consistently commended for efficiency, multi-tasking abilities, and ability to work well under pressure and against deadlines. 2004-2006

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Duke Wetland Center, Durham, NC, 2006-2007

Regional Fundraising Representative, Earth Share of Texas, Houston, TX, 2004

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Assisted with the administration of the Society of Wetland Scientists International Conference 2007 and the Land Trust Alliance Rally 2007. Attended 2006 Restore America's Estuaries 3rd National Conference.

Developed skills in listening, attention to detail, multitasking, and teamwork as a member of ensembles featured at international band and percussion conventions. Individually rewarded for my dedication when chosen as one of only 15 students in the world selected to attend the 2nd Annual Juilliard Percussion Seminar in 1998.