

SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAREER SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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Career Tips and Advice Hello, My name is....

I'm starting our "COUNTDOWN TO CAREER EXPO" series today. The [Environmental and Sustainability Career Expo](#) is January 22nd, 2015 and it's time to start getting prepared. Let's start with your **elevator speech** to use at the career expo. Your elevator speech is a quick introduction, your "Hello, My name is..." speech. And that is exactly how you start off.

"Hello, my name is Bob Buckeye and I'm currently a Junior in the School of Environment and Natural Resources majoring in Environmental Science."

Extend your hand, look them in the eye, making good eye contact and firmly shake hands (don't go all Incredible Hulk here and break a knuckle, but don't be a wet noodle hand shaker either).

Then, share a little bit about your aspirations, your career goals and some of your experiences.

"I'm really interested in wetland ecology and specifically about the health of our water resources here in Ohio. Last summer, I had the pleasure to intern with the Ohio EPA and I learned a lot about assessments and stream monitoring.

The real winning move comes next. Start a conversation after your introduction. Talk about THEM. Talk about their company, projects and what interests you most about what they do and how you would love to learn more.

"I read on your website that you recently worked on a mitigation project in the Cincinnati area. I'm from Sharonville in Cincinnati and have spent a lot of time in the parks there and fishing in the river. I'm very interested in working on projects that make such an impact like that one."

That's your conversation starter. The recruiter will take it from there. Before attending the expo, you should look up each of the companies on our list of who is attending and study their website. Write down at least one good

question for that company. Once you're on site at the expo, pull out your notes, and then make your way to the recruiter, putting on your best smile and give them your elevator speech and start a conversation. Practice your elevator speech with your roommates. Practice on the weekends when you're out with friends. Practice over Thanksgiving break with your Uncle Joe and cousin Betty. The more you practice, the more confidently you will deliver it.

You'll find more great tips from Adam and Trish in the College and School career development offices right [HERE](#).

Where are they now?



Congratulations to Courtney Streithorst, a 2011 graduate in Environmental Policy and Decision Making. Courtney has just been named the first female State Forest Manager at Zaleski State Forest in Ohio. Read more about Courtney's career in the [Athens News](#).

Interested to see where more of our graduates are now? You'll find our new interactive map, [right here](#) on our website.

Grow Your Network and Knowledge

Environmental Professionals Network Breakfast Wednesday, November 12, 2014

The Environmental Professionals Network is seeking students to volunteer for the November 12th EPN breakfast. Volunteers who help set-up or clean up the EPN breakfast event receive free registration by contacting student assistant, James Schwieterman at schwieterman.58@buckeyemail.osu.edu.

The location of the EPN breakfast event is the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. This monthly event is an excellent venue for networking with environmental professionals from all over Central Ohio and beyond and is open to all students and the general public. Don't miss this opportunity for students to network with professionals and listen to a great discussion.

Additionally, students can apply for exclusive one on one networking time with some of the professionals attending. Complete [the application](#) and return to Trish Raridan Preston at senr@osu.edu no later than November 7th.

This month's breakfast topic is "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Environmental and Ag Applications Take Flight. Visit the [EPN website](#) to learn more about the organization and the upcoming event.

HOT JOBS!
Let's go to Washington.



Interested in living and working in our nation's capital while earning a full semester of Ohio State credit? Make the Capital your classroom! Become a John Glenn Fellow with the Washington Academic Internship Program (WAIP).

WAIP selects outstanding undergraduates from any major to spend a semester in Washington, DC as John Glenn Fellows. Students are placed with internships that reflect their particular areas of academic interest. While in Washington, John Glenn Fellows remain fully registered Ohio State students. Students earn academic credit hours for their internship, the research seminar in which a policy paper is developed, and a course in policymaking in Washington. Fellows will also have the opportunity to meet professionals working in their field while in Washington, allowing them to begin to build a strong network. To learn more, visit the WAIP [website](#), meet the [current WAIP fellows](#), or follow WAIP's [Twitter](#). *The application deadline for summer 2015 is January 20th.*

Undergraduate Research Opportunity: Aquaculture/Fisheries/Aquatic Science

Dr. Konrad Dabrowski is seeking undergraduate researchers 10-20 hrs/wk to assist with current research projects in his laboratory (voluntary/work-study/academic credit). Current research projects the student will be assisting with include, but are not limited to, yellow perch spawning, larval culture, and nutrition.

Responsibilities will also include husbandry of laboratory stocks and general upkeep. Examples of potential tasks: tank cleaning, recirculation system maintenance, microscopy, inventory, diet formulation, dechlorination (non-toxic) solution preparation, larval fish rearing, gas chromatography, flow cytometry, chromosome analysis, HPLC, data entry and analysis. Training will be provided. There is potential for development of an independent research project for honors or a research distinction degree for each undergraduate as well as an opportunity to present at an undergraduate research forum.

Requirements: No previous research experience is required and training will be provided.

- GPA of at least 2.75 (3.0 preferred)
- Must be available at least 10 hrs/week (20 hrs. max) spread across Monday-Friday with some weekend availability
- Highly flexible in terms of the type of work they will be doing
- Must be reliable and responsible as they will be working with live animals

Interested students should email by November 15, Dr. Konrad Dabrowski at Dabrowski.1@osu.edu and copy Mackenzie Miller at miller.5039@osu.edu and provide the following:

- Name, email and phone number
- 1 page resume (that includes any previous research experience/experience working with fish)
- University rank (e.g. 2nd year)
- Anticipated graduation month and year
- Major(s) & minor(s)
- Cumulative GPA
- Weekly availability

Director of Water Quality and Research at the [Ohio Farm Bureau](#).

Provide strategic leadership and project management oversight for the organization's water quality and research initiatives. Coordinate with local, state and federal partners in the development and delivery of programs. Devise and manage the implementation of strategies designed to educate, engage volunteers and enhance leadership potential.

Ready to start looking for an internship? One of my favorite places to refer students looking for an first time internship is to the [Student Conservation Association](#). They contract with a wide variety of agencies, provide travel and weekly stipends, and many positions are partnered with AmeriCorps. Fill out your application once and then start searching for jobs.



You can find more HOT JOBS on [HireaBuckeye](#).

Check out all of the resources available on our [Career Services](#) page.

To schedule an appointment to see the ENR Career Counselor, call us at 614-292-2265.