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EDUCATION

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University/ Tallahassee, Florida

Candidate for Bachelor of Environmental Studies /Spring 2027

Major : Environmental Studies, School of Environment

GPA: 3.8

Deans List

EXPERIENCE / AFFILIATION

Lab Assistant | Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Tallahassee, Florida *August 2023- May 2024*

- Worked in a laboratory with a main focus on creating biofuel, through lipid isolation in micro-algae.
- Collected water samples in local water sources to further studies on water pollutants, in relation to micro-algae.
- Created media for growth of micro-algae and isolated different types of micro-algae.

Lobby Day | Florida State Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida *January 2024 , March 2025, and January 2026*

- Executed speeches at press conferences, and interviews with different media outlets.
- Communicated with Florida legislators about cons of upcoming bills on the state of environment.

GenCleo Organizer | The Cleo Institute, Miami, Florida *July 2024- Present*

- Organized events for FAMU GenCleo Chapter
- Educated youth on environmental impacts.
- Worked in coalitions to establish voter educations
- Petition writing for clean energy initiative across the state of Florida.

Campaign Volunteer | Jeremy Matlow Mayoral Campaign *September 2025- Present*

- Help manage campaign logistics and maintain a strong presence at local events.
- Assist with campaign events, including tabling, canvassing, and community forums, to increase visibility and voter turnout.

Legislative Intern | Florida House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Florida *January 2026- Present*

- Supported a Florida House Representative during the 2026 legislative session with research, constituent communications, and daily office operations.
- Monitored and tracked legislation relevant to committee assignments and district priorities.
- Attended committee hearings and floor sessions, gaining firsthand experience in the state legislative process.

Research Assistant | Sustainability Institute, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University — Tallahassee, Florida

August 2025 – Present

- Utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and coding software to assess the efficiency of clean energy initiatives.
- Track and analyze data to evaluate progress toward statewide sustainability and clean energy goals.
- Advocate for the implementation of effective clean energy policies through research presentations and institutional partnerships.

LEADERSHIP

President GenCleo FAMU Chapter | Tallahassee, Florida *January 2024 – Present*

- Managed and coordinated the finances of fundraising to support future volunteering notions..
- Performed a multitude of community service events to better the well-being of our city community.

SKILLS

Technical:

- **Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint):** Can navigate the listed Microsoft software devices.
- **Research Background:** A myriad of research projects through lab assistant positions.
- **Public Speaking:** Experience in making speeches at large conferences, and research symposiums.
- **Professional Writing:** Experience in Writing Op-Ed article publications.