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2015 FORCES STEWARDS: THE FORCE BEHIND FORCES



Chad's stewardship position brought him to Ganondagan State Historic Site. He received an associate's degree in Natural Resources and Conservation at Finger Lakes Community College, Class of 2014. When Chad is not battling invasive plants he enjoys hiking, bike riding, and riding his motorcycle.



Jake attends Ithaca College majoring in Environmental Studies. He is originally from Vestal, New York. Jake's interests include hiking, camping, comic books, and new experiences. His goals include graduating college.



Jake is an Invasive Species Management Steward and attends SUNY ESF majoring in Conservation Biology. He is from Skaneateles, NY and interested in biology, ecology, dendrology, and herpetology, just to name a few. Jake has a passion for learning about natural flora and fauna and teaching what he learns to others. He has assisted research on the American hart's tongue fern at Clark Reservation and Chittenango Falls State Parks. Jake plans to continue learning and exploring the outdoors as long as he's alive. NY Works funded position.



Kathryn attends Hobart William Smith College majoring in Political Science and Environmental Studies. She is originally from Skaneateles, NY and enjoys playing soccer, hanging with friends and family, and the environment. She's really interested in invasive species as well as water privatization and quality. Kathryn hopes to one day work on environmental policy.



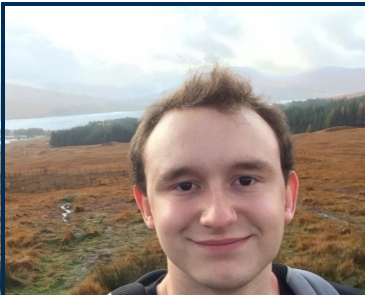
Rebecca Cosgrove
FORCES Project Steward

Rebecca attends Onondaga Community College majoring in Liberal Arts and Math & Science. She enjoys swimming, hiking, gardening, sipping tea, baking, and spending time with her family, friends and animals. Her goals include WWOOFing throughout Europe and she hopes to make it to New Zealand. Rebecca plans to join the Coast Guard and also pursue a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health. Most importantly, Rebecca strives to become a better version of herself every day!



Stephen Garney
Conservation Steward

Stephen is a Conservation and FORCES Program Steward. He attends SUNY ESF majoring in Conservation Biology with a minor in Native Peoples & the Environment. His other interests include conservation, restoration, mycology, fire ecology, agriculture and food systems, and UAVs. He also enjoys drinking coffee, music and sound, photography, video games, backpacking, snowboarding, soccer, and the road less traveled. His goals include traveling, getting a PhD, joining the Peace Corps, starting a subsistence farm, and continuing to strive for a healthy, sustainable human-and-nature coexistence.



Michael Gill
Visual Media Steward

Originally from Oswego, NY, Michael will be graduating from Cazenovia College in May 2016 with a BFA in Photography. He is deeply interested in travel and exploration. He studied abroad in the United Kingdom for three months and had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe. His interests in the environment come from travel experiences and from growing up on Lake Ontario. Michael will be spending the next year working with AmeriCorps through the National Civilian Community Corps, a modern adaptation of the Civilian Conservation Corps.



Hannah Greather
Invasive Sp. Mgt. Steward

Hannah is an Invasive Species Management Steward at Chittenango Falls State Park. She attends Cazenovia College majoring in Environmental Biology. Originally from Williamstown, MA she is interested in the impacts of invasive species on endangered species. She also enjoys yoga and hiking in her spare time. Her goals include finding a way to sustainably control herbaceous invasive species.



Vivian Hattori
Conservation Steward

Vivian is a Conservation Steward at Ganondagan State Historic Site. She attends SUNY Geneseo majoring in Biology and Sociology. Vivian sees herself continuing to learn from her peers and mentors to confidently continue in environmental conservation efforts. In the near future, she would like to see herself in a position working towards obtaining clean energy and clean water. Vivian simply likes knowing that she would be contributing to making a difference in some way at the end of the day.



Caitlin Hawley
FORCES Project Steward

Caitlin is originally from Camillus, NY and attends Hartwick College. She is a Geology and Environmental Science major with a minor in Environmental Science and Policy. Interests include in the environment, animals, volunteer work, and sports. She enjoys hiking, fishing, playing tennis, and spending time outdoors with friends and family. In the future she would like to educate individuals to make more environmentally friendly decisions. She plans to pursue a career in geology and environmental science while working in environmental policy.



Christopher Herold
Natural Resources Steward

Chris works primarily at Green Lakes State Park, and attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry majoring in Wildlife Science. Originally from Tully, NY Chris is interested in spending time outdoors including hiking, fishing, hunting, woodcarving, and swimming just to name a few. Chris wants to be in a position one day that enables him to make enjoying the outdoors and nature easier for those that don't get the opportunity.



Diana Jagde
Invasive Sp. Mgt. Steward

Diana is an Invasive Species Management Steward and Community Conservation Steward. She attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry majoring in Environmental Studies and minoring in Writing and Rhetoric, Recreation Resources, and Protected Area Management. She enjoys hiking, kayaking, cooking, drawing, and her pet birds. Diana hopes to successfully own and manage a farm sanctuary for animals that have been affected by the meat industry and give them a loving place to carry out the rest of their lives.



Josh Jarecki
Conservation Steward

Josh is the Conservation Steward for the Bird Conservation Area at Green Lakes State Park. He attended SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry earning a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources Management. Originally from Clayville, NY Josh enjoys playing ice hockey, volleyball, camping, fishing, hunting, and bonfires with family and friends. In the future Josh plans to continue working in New York State as a DEC Forest Ranger staying in Central NY. NY Works funded position.



Mark Kicher
Natural Resources Steward

Mark is the Bird Conservation Area Project Coordinator at Green Lakes State Park. He graduated from Morrisville State College majoring in Renewable Resources Technology. Originally from Penn Yan, NY Mark enjoys the outdoors including hiking, fishing, hunting, camping and looking at wildlife and trees. He also loves to travel throughout the Northeast; including the Adirondacks and New England states. NY Works funded position.



Julia Kostin
Conservation Steward

Julia is a Conservation Steward at Ganondagan State Historic Site. She attends SUNY Plattsburgh majoring in Ecology. She is from Greece, NY and after completing her Girl Scout Gold Award on butterfly gardens, Julia discovered a newfound love for gardening and went on to create another waystation garden in her backyard. In her spare time, Julia sews, draws and plays ukulele. Julia hopes to gain field experience from this internship and learn how to better identify plants.



Nichole Henger
Natural Resources Steward

Nichole attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Syracuse University, pursuing a MS in Forest and Natural Resource Management. She has a Bachelors in Environmental Biology, from Dayton University. She is originally from Dayton, Ohio and is interested in creating a more sustainable world. When Nichole graduates she plans to find a career working in environmental policy. She feels that the FORCES program is the perfect opportunity for her to get hands on experience with the state parks.



Jackie McCabe
Environmental Education Steward

Jackie attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry pursuing a M.S. in Environmental Interpretation. She is originally from Cicero, NY and the outdoors and environmental education are her passions! In Katie's free time from being an Elementary Mentor through the Outreach Department at SUNY ESF she enjoys cooking large family-style meals that create lots of left overs, watching the food network, and relaxing with her dogs Izzy-b and Gizmo as well as her family and boyfriend Joshua. NY Works funded position.



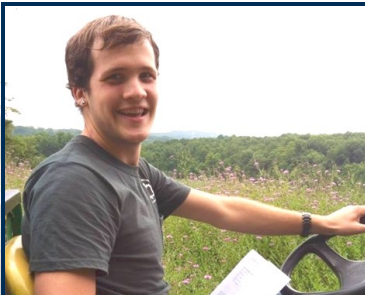
Morgan Nivison
Environmental Educator

Morgan graduated from Le Moyne College in May 2015 with a B.S. in Environmental Science Systems and an Environmental Studies Minor. She is from Aurora, NY and enjoys kayaking on the Finger Lakes and hiking mountains and trails. Morgan has dedicated herself to teaching others about nature and leave no trace ethics. Her goals include traveling the world, living sustainably, and pursuing a career in environmental geosciences to conserve and restore the environment for future generations. Parks and Recreation Aid position.



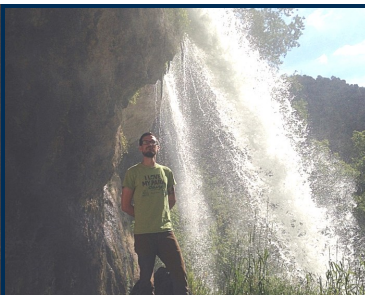
Courtney Pitman
Invasive Sp. Mgt. Steward

Courtney is a FORCES Park Planning and Data Management Steward and has worked as an Invasive Species Management Steward in the past. She attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in policy, planning, and law. She is originally from Skaneateles, NY and is interested in both state and federal laws regarding the preservation of natural, cultural and historical resources. She enjoys exercising and writing poetry in her free time. She believes that everyone can make a difference.



Andrew Randazzo
Nat. Resources Mgt. Steward

In addition to being a Natural Resources Management Steward, Andrew also serves as a FORCES Program Steward. Originally from Buffalo, NY Andrew attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry majoring in Natural Resource Management, and will graduate in December 2015. He finds time to enjoy the small things in life including a cup of coffee or yoga. Eventually, he hopes to spend all his time outdoors, working to preserve nature and grow his own food. NY Works funded position.



Mike Serviss
Conservation Steward

Mike is the Natural Resource Conservation Steward attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He is pursuing a masters Degree in Conservation Biology at SUNY-ESF. The focus of his research is an experimental reintroduction of the American Hart's-Tongue Fern. He also has a B.S. in Conservation Biology, focus on plant biology and ecology from SUNY-ESF. Mike is originally from Utica, NY, the land of tomato pie, half-moon cookies, Utica greens, and Saranac beverages!



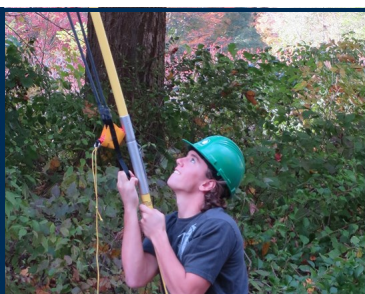
Alivia Sheffield
Conservation Steward

Alivia is a Conservation Steward attending SUNY ESF. Originally from Van Buren Point, she is interested in birding, hiking, wildlife photography, camping, unicycling, snowboarding and balloon twisting! Her career goals include researching the effects of noise pollution on bird populations, mating, and migration. She hopes to use her knowledge in this topic to initiate change. In addition, she hopes to own a petting zoo and family farm to use for informal education about sustainability and the animals in our own back yards.



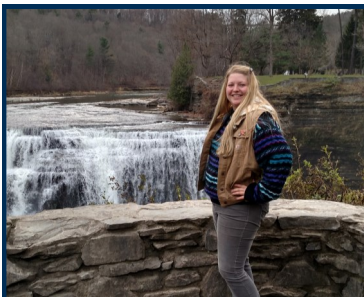
Tosha Slaughter
Conservation Steward

Tosha is a Conservation Steward at Ganondagan State Historic Site. She attends Finger Lakes Community College seeking a degree in Natural Resource Conservation, Law Enforcement. She is from Newark, NY, and her interests include hiking, fishing and keeping up with her plant identification. Tosha hopes to pursue a career in conservation & keep her son, Ethan, and other young kids interested in the outdoors.



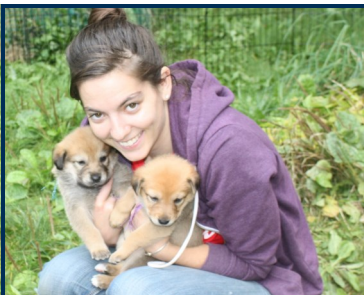
Drew Tallon
FORCES Project Steward

Drew is a FORCES Project Steward attending Ithaca College majoring in Psychology. He is originally from Honeoye Falls, NY and his interests include trees, and skiing. He has one goal; be happy!



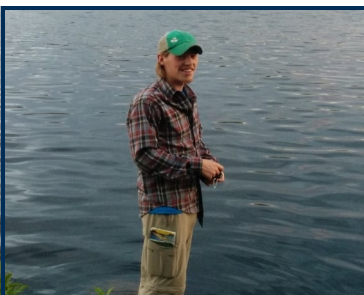
Maggie Terry
Invasive Sp. Mgt. Steward

Maggie is an Invasive Species Management Steward and attends SUNY ESF in Syracuse. She will graduate in May 2016 with her Bachelor's degree in Forest Health. Her field of study ties together her interests in trees, insects and silviculture, which she also hopes to tie in with her invasive species management work. Originally from Silver Springs, NY she is interested in gardening, camping, hiking, hunting, skiing and her cat, Mack.



Madeleine Ulinski
Environmental Education Steward

Madeleine is an Environmental Education Steward and received her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Ithaca College in 2013. She is originally from Ithaca, NY and is interested in ice hockey, SUP, hiking, and dog agility. In 2016, Maddie will begin courses at SUNY Cortland pursuing a Master's of Science degree in Recreation.



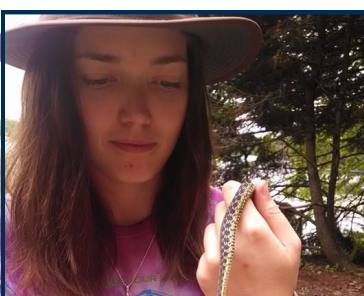
Kyle Webster
Invasive Sp. Mgt. Steward

Kyle is an Invasive Species Management Steward at Green Lakes State Park. He attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry majoring in Conservation Biology. He is originally from Scottsville, NY and his interests include: backpacking, fishing, and learning about native plant diversity. Kyle plans to attend graduate school, climb the 46 Adirondack High Peaks (as he has 18 so far), and continue working with invasive species management. NY Works funded position.



Courtney Wein
Env. Education Steward

Courtney is a Natural Resource Management and Environmental Education Steward. She majors in Environmental Science and attends Wells College. She is interested in hiking, fishing, camping, and cooking. She plans to become a seafood department manager for Wegmans.



Julia Woznicky
Data Management Steward

Julia attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry majoring in Conservation Biology. Her interests include science, sketching, travel, dance, and theater. In the future Julia plans to see as much of the world as she can outside of North America and also hopes to spend a lot of her time working in the rainforest and helping improve lesser developed communities.



Radka Yang
Conservation Steward

Radka is an American Hart's Tongue Fern Conservation Steward and she attends SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry. She is pursuing a B.S. in Sustainable Energy Management. Her hometown is Rochester, NY. Radka enjoys cross country running, and sustainable living. Her goals include running a 5k in under 21 minutes, visiting national parks both at home and abroad, and camping in the Adirondacks. NY Works funded position.



Haixu Zhao
FORCES Steward

Originally from Qingdao City, Shandong Province, China, Haixu now attends SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. She majors in Environmental Studies. Haixu likes to hike, travel, and cross stitch. She plans to work in a park or arboretum in China. Haixu feels that her experience as a FORCES intern in Green Lakes State Park and Clark Reservation State Park are very helpful for her career.

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2015 Western Invasive Species Strike Team

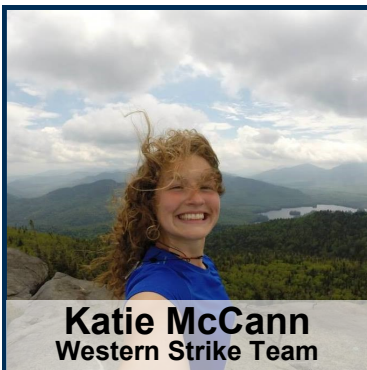
In 2015 OPRHP fielded two four person Invasive Species Strike Teams to preserve and protect our park lands, forests, waters from the threats posed by invasive species. This is the fourth year of this program. The western team, housed at Clark Reservation State Park reported that they worked on 188 plots and 18 different species. Over 50,000 plants were removed. In total they visited 27 parks and traveled 10,000 miles. The work included protecting 11 listed rare plants and several significant natural communities in four regions.



Tim is the Western Invasive Species Strike Team Supervisor. He attends Binghamton University working on his B.S. in Environmental Ecosystems. He is from Lima, NY, and his interests include hiking, reading, board games, and star gazing. Tim's goals include enjoying himself and finding adventure- or becoming an astronaut.



Leif is a Western Strike Team Invasive Species Specialist. He has an Associate of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Finger Lakes Community College, and a B.S. in Conservation Biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Originally from Naples NY, Leif is interested in local plant identification, forest ecology, hiking, backpacking, playing the banjo, canoeing, and skiing.



Katie is a Western Strike Team Invasive Species Specialist. She attended SUNY Cortland majoring in Outdoor Recreation and concentrated in Natural Resource and Recreation Management. Originally from Newark Valley, NY Katie enjoys camping, hiking, traveling, photography, and eating! Her goals include seeing the world, learning a language fluently, and visiting every National Park in the United States.



Katie is part of the Western Invasive Species Strike Team. She received a B.A. in Environmental Studies concentrating on Biology from Wells College in 2015. Originally from Cortland, NY, Katie's interests include reading, painting, kayaking, and hiking. She plans to continue working in the environmental field following her passions while traveling and exploring.

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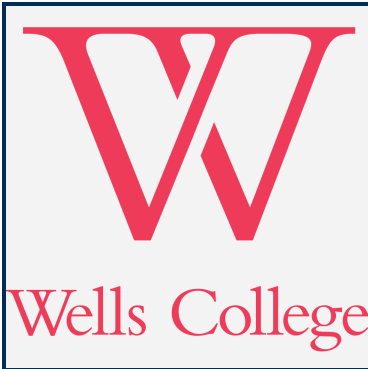
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