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EDUCATION

Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, OK **May 2025**
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education

Northeastern State University – Tahlequah, OK **Fall 2020**
Concurrent Student

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Durant Independent School District **Spring 2024**

Cooperating Agricultural Education Classroom and Laboratory Observation

- Studied various classroom environments ranging from metal fabrication shop to middle school agricultural explorations.
- Guided students during their metal fabrication and welding lab projects.

National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Convention **Fall 2024**

Future Agriscience Teacher Symposium Participant

- Attended various professional development workshops to enhance methods of teaching agricultural education.
- Acquired skills to maintain overall success as a pre-service agricultural educator.

Stillwater Public Schools **Fall 2024**

Agricultural Education Classroom Clinical Teaching Experience

- Implemented technology tools and interactive activities to enhance learning experiences and encourage student participation through AFNR standards.
- Applied AFNR CASE curriculum within a lesson to Intro to Agriscience students.

Edmond Public Schools **Fall 2023**

Agricultural Education Classroom and Laboratory Observation

- Gained valuable insights through diverse hands-on laboratory work, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications in agricultural education.
- Enhanced understanding of agricultural concepts through critical thinking and problem-solving in an urban Intro to Agriscience course.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Tulsa State Fair **Fall 2021 - 2024**
Dairy Goat Show Secretary

Cherokee Nation Tribal Youth Leadership Program **Summer 2024**
Collegiate Youth Intern: Adair County OSU Extension Office

OSU AgriKids Millwood Elementary **Spring 2024**
Agricultural Literacy Group Leader

Oklahoma Youth Expo **Spring 2024**
Agricultural Mechanics & Engineering Judge Scribe

Ferguson College of Agriculture **Fall 2023**
AG 1011 Student Academic Mentor

WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern, Adair County Oklahoma Farm Bureau **Summer 2024**

- Demonstrated effective communication, leadership, and a strong work ethic while serving a diverse population.
- Provided efficient office support, including phone calls, email management, file organization, and customer service.
- Assisted customers with their questions regarding insurance and policy alongside agent.

Student Staff, Oklahoma State University Housing and Residential Life **2023 – 2024**

- Performed work duties in a diverse population with effective communication, leadership, and willingness to learn.
- Managed clerical duties around the office such as phone calls, emails, file organizing, and customer service.
- Assisted students and parents with questions regarding housing and their stay at OSU.

Summer Youth Employee, Cherokee Nation **2021**

- Prioritized cleanliness and organization throughout plant grow rooms as a summer youth employee.
- Worked with numerous plants, chemicals, and other greenhouse materials at Stilwell Public Schools.
- Participated in many activities at Cherokee Nation for career preparation and workforce readiness.

Salesperson, Stilwell ACE Hardware **2020 – 2021**

- Assisted customers in finding all home, hardware, and garden needs.
- Prioritized store upkeep and daily cleaning for a clean environment for customers as well as customer service via telephone and by email.
- Completed clerical duties as well in the office which included filing, mailing statements, and working within the store computer software program.

CERTIFICATIONS

Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE): **Fall 2024**
Agricultural Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) Pathways Intro to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE): **Spring 2024**
Small Gas Engines

Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE): **Spring 2024**
AgXplore Middle School (AgX)

HONORS & AWARD

- **Inspire to Teach Grant Recipient** **2023 – 2025**
- **Cherokee Nation Scholarship** **2021 – 2025**
- **Oklahoma State University Dean's Honor Roll** **2021 – 2024**
- **Hunter Stone Endowed Scholar** **2021 – 2023**
- **Lee Family Scholarship** **2021 – 2022**
- **American Degree Recipient National FFA Organization** **2021**
- **State FFA Degree Recipient** **2021**

REFERENCES

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