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## **Education**

- **Sewanee: The University of The South** Bachelor of Arts received May 2014
- **Major:** Environmental Studies: Natural Resources and the Environment
- **Certificate:** Certificate in Watershed Science
- **Independent Study** (impacts of the Emerald Ash Borer on Sewanee's Domain), **Senior Field Study** (physical and chemical comparison and analysis of Sewanee streams), **Watershed Capstone Project** (examine and analyze Tennessee's Duck River and surround watershed)
- **Society of American Foresters:** (2010 – 2014) Member of Sewanee's chapter as well as a member of Sewanee's Conclave (Timber sports) team
- **Sewanee Forestry and Geology Club:** (2010 – 2014) Member of Sewanee's Forestry and Geology Club
- **Sewanee Ducks Unlimited:** (2010 – 2014) Member of Sewanee's Ducks Unlimited chapter
- **Varsity Football:** (2010 – 2014) 3-year starter as left offensive tackle.

## **Employment**

- **Florida Farm Bureau Federation:** South Florida (August 2021-Present)
  - Assistant Director of Government & Community Affairs.
  - Represent the Farm Bureau and agricultural community in south Florida on water, natural resources, and growth management issues. Also work with state and federal agencies including the South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally, serve as a representative for the agriculture industry on local government issues.
- **The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:** Vero Beach, FL (February 2015-July 2021)
  - Environmental Specialist in FDACS Office of Agricultural Water Policy.
  - Work jointly with agricultural producers, industry groups, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the university system, and the Florida water management districts to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) addressing both water quality and water conservation, through site visits, and technical and financial assistance.
- **LBJ Farms, LLC - DBA Fojtik Flatwoods Farm:** Fellsmere, FL (2017-Present)
  - Co-owner/Manager of small farm focused on creating a system of food production that is healthy for the land, livestock, and consumers.
- **Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission:** Tallahassee, FL (October 2014 – February 2015)
  - Staff Assistant in FWC's Division of Law Enforcement Captive Wildlife office.
- **Sun-Ag Inc.:** Fellsmere, FL (2013 July-August)
  - Intern
- **Scott Citrus Management:** Fort Pierce, FL (2013 May-July)
  - Apprentice

## **Certificates/Training**

- Department of Environment Protection- Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector (5/26/2016)
- Produce Safety Alliance - Certificate of Grower Training Course (10/23/2018)
- EPA- Pesticide Handler and Worker License (8/1/2013)
- Project Wild – environmental education certification (2014)

## **Activities/Community Involvement**

- **Florida Cracker Sheep Association** (2017-Present)
  - Vice President of group focused on the preservation of a critically endangered heritage breed.
- **Large Black Hog Association** (2017-Present)
  - Member of group focused on the recovery of a threatened heritage breed.
- **Slow Foods Gold and Treasure Coast** (2018- Present)
  - Board member of organization with the goal to provide food that is good, clean, and fair for all.