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My goal in life is to make a change in the world. And my dream is to be a part of feeding our planet sustainably. I'm obsessed with our ecosystems and the environment, everyday I learn more about our planet. I'm excited to expand my knowledge and use it to help those in need.

#### **EDUCATION**

Graduating May of 2023 Senior, Fayetteville High School

- 3.96 GPA
- 27 on the ACT
- Ranked 10 in my graduating class of 557 students
- Started gaining high school credit in 8th grade through accelerated math and science
- I have enough credits and the GPA to graduate with high honors in the spring
- All accelerated core classes like chemistry, biology integrated, physical science, English, geometry, algebra
- Kept 4.0 in all my AP classes including: AP Language and Composition, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, and Plant Science is weighted as an AP class
- Currently enrolled in Concurrent College Algebra, English Comp I, and Comp II
- Completer in Agribusiness Management, Plant Systems, and Orchestra
- 3 years of Spanish, capable of speaking and writing
- 3 years in color guard
- 4 year member of the Fayetteville FFA chapter

## **SKILLS**

- Hardworking
- Manual labor expert
- Multitasker
- Lift up to 90 lbs and carry it 10 yards
- Organized
- Great at following instructions without needing details
- Timely
- Dedicated
- Outgoing
- Great at problem solving
- Understands irrigation and pipe laying
- Great at excel and computer applications
- Good at accounting including invoices, receipts, and saving money
- Figuring things out, working around obstacles, and finding solutions
- Good at critically thinking through complicated tasks
- · Great at juggling multiple tasks at once

## REFERENCES:

**Zach Taylor**: 479-502-6845 (Fat Top Farm),

Jade Cameron: 479-466-5284 (FFA and Farm advisor)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## Line Worker, Pink House Alchemy

10/11/21 - 12/18/21

I worked in a commercial kitchen, learning FDA food safety practices and bottling hummingbird nectar. I worked in the warehouse line and we were able to do about 5 pallets a day

#### Production manager, Fat Top Farm

05/15/17 - now

I've worked for my dad for about 5 years. I am in charge of production on the farm, overseeing other employees directing them through the sterilization, inoculation, and fruiting of our mushrooms. I also manage their emails/invoices. I even designed a compost bin to make a useful material from the old mycelium blocks

#### Owner and operator, Greenburrow Farm

02/18/22 - now

In the beginning of 2022 I applied and was approved for a \$5,000 youth loan from the USDA. This started my sustainable lettuce farm. I want to make a change in the world so my farm is till-free, tractor-free, and pesticide/fertilizer free. Last season I was able to produce 100 lbs/week. I just received a \$15,000 Arkansas Grown grant funded by the Waltons and it should increase production by two fold.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Completer in Agribusiness Management, Plant Systems, and Orchestra
- 2 years Agribusiness
- 3 years Plant Systems including greenhouse management
- FFA Officer and Secretary for three years
  - o I have my greenhand and state degrees
- In FFA I competed in
  - o Beef Quiz Bowl
  - o Opening Closing Ceremonies
  - Parliamentary Procedure
  - Forestry
  - o Floriculture
  - Nursery Landscape
  - Food Science
  - World Food Prize
- Competed in World Food Prize by writing an essay about an underdeveloped country and solutions to their food crisis
  - Completed state level and became a Bourlag Scholar
  - o Invited to the international conference in Nov 2022
- FFA State Champion in Specialty Crop Production 2022
- Placed gold and in the top 8 nationally for Specialty Crop Production
- 6 year violinist in our public school orchestra, first chair last year, tbd this year
- 3 years of color guard, rifle, saber, and flag line
- Volunteered at a laundromat washing clothes for the homeless
- Head photographer for 2 years in yearbook
- Sole proprietor of my own fresh lettuce operation
- Camp counselor for two summers: 2017, 2018
- 2 years of **Krav Maga** self defense