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About Yourself:

I am a Mexican American student at New Mexico State University pursuing a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Ecology. My parents were Mexican immigrants that were unable to receive a higher education and they have encouraged me from a young age to always work hard. I chose this career path because wildlife is my passion. I enjoy working in the field and I am also driven by wanting to voice the importance of wildlife conservation to the public.

Career Experiences:

Through NRCT, I assisted a graduate student in her research on Chiricahua and Plains Leopard Frog and Bullfrogs at Ted Turner's Ladder Ranch in New Mexico. Our work consisted of taking day and night occupancy surveys, water quality surveys and dietary surveys.

I have two semesters of experience as a peer instructor (BioCat) for the biology introductory course (BIOL 111). My duties include facilitating workshop sessions to assist students in coursework, hold help desk hours and help students think critically.

Plans after Graduation:

After graduation my goal is to work my way up for a government agency as a wildlife research technician. At some point in my career I would like to work on the public education aspect of science. I believe outreach is very important and having the experience as a research technician would help me translate what scientists do and why it is important for the public to be more aware of conservation.

Skills:

Bilingual fluency in English and Spanish. Proficient computer skills including Microsoft Windows. Strong communication. Provided welcoming customer service and processed customer payments. Experience camping, hiking, backpacking and driving off road vehicles.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

Active member, Head of Fundraising Committee, and ACES representative of the New Mexico State University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society for the year of 2019-2020.