**Emily Labandera**

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**OBJECTIVE**

Seeking a research opportunity to broaden my knowledge of aquatic ecosystems as well as utilizing water resources adequately

**EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering December 2015

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

GPA: 3.58/4.00

* Financed 100% of college expenses through scholarship awards (FOS and Bright Futures)
* Relevant coursework, University of Florida: Computational Methods in Environmental Engineering, Phase Partitioning in the Environment, Industrial Ecology, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Elements of Atmospheric Pollution, Applied Ecology, Wastewater Microbiology, Hydrodynamics

**EXPERIENCE**

Sales Associate at Nordstrom Rack June 2014- August 2014

Aventura, FL

* Attended and interacted with local and international customers in the women’s department
* Swiftly handled products through mobile checkouts
* Reconfigured the design and presentation of the clothing in the department

Exhibit Docent at Florida Museum of Natural History May 2013-Present 2014

* Presented historical and scientific facts to the general public on fossil exhibits, natural landscapes, wildlife, and various Floridian ecosystems

Mentee, Gator Launch Mentoring Program September 2012- May 2013

University of Florida

* Engaged as a mentee and underrepresented Hispanic female to enhance my knowledge, eligibility, and experience in the engineering field
* Attended professional career seminars to acquire the skills necessary to evoke my capabilities to a possible future employer
* Shadowed a professional engineer on an onsite project to correct a contaminated site due to an underground gas leakage

Gator Certified Professional January 2013

**AWARDS**

Florida Opportunity Scholars August 2011-December 2015

* Earned a full scholarship to attend the University of Florida for the duration of my studies
* Participated as a mentee in the program, heeding guidance for a successful college experience, in terms of financing, studying and engaging in school activities
* Received the award for being a first time, first-generation college student, and for academic achievement

Florida Bright Futures August 2011-December 2015

* Achieved the top paying Florida Academic Scholars award for academic excellence

Harvard Book Award April 2010

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Volunteer trip to San Jose, Costa Rica March 2014

* Taught children in low income neighborhoods of San Jose the importance of hygiene and quality nutrition
* Aided caretakers and nurses in an elderly home in San Jose
* Traveled to and ventured through Costa Rican tropical rainforests and pacific coast beaches

Heal the World Club Member July 2013-Present 2014

* Fundraised for special projects sponsored by Heal the World such as Project Nepal
* Cared for and worked with dogs and cats to nurture them during their stay prior to adoption at the Alachua County Animal Shelter
* Visited and entertained cancer patients with board games and storytelling during their stay at Hope Lodge
* Donated canned goods in local food drives for the Gainesville Community
* Interacted with elders at Al’z Place, a therapeutic care center for those with Alzheimer’s disease or memory impairment

Baby Gator Child Research and Development Center- University of Florida October 2012- April 2013

* Encouraged a class of 2-3 year old children with lively outdoor activities, teamwork, respect towards others

Sustainable UF- Sustainability Hut March- May 2012

* Raised awareness to students through questionnaires, and interactive activities to assess what could be done

to improve sustainable practices in a work, school and home setting

* Collaborated with other staffers to promote the Zero Waste initiative of the University of Florida to lower

energy consumption and to lower any waste output in order to have a neutral effect by 2015

**SKILLS**

Computer: Microsoft Office, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, AutoCAD

Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish

Miscellaneous: CPR Certified