



Where are they now?

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The Detection of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) in 3 Maine Lakes by Synchronous-Scan Fluorescence Spectroscopy (SFS)

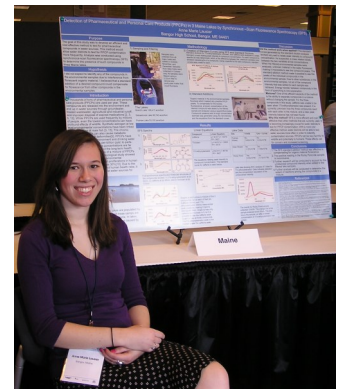
What are you doing now?



I am currently studying at the University of Maine working towards my masters in Civil Engineering, focusing on water resources. For my undergraduate degree I went to The George Washington University where I received my B.A. in Environmental Studies and Geography, which fostered my interest in the human dimensions of water resources. This year I was awarded a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship to fund my research on incorporating principles of equity in a sustainable water management framework aimed to balance human and ecosystem water needs. In the future I hope to continue with my research and pursue a Ph.D.

How did the SJWP competition effect, or influence you?

The SJWP competition significantly benefited me both academically and personally. Working in a University lab as a high school student furthered my passion for water research and helped me to develop skills that I would not have learned otherwise. Having a published paper in the US-SJWP student journal opened so many doors for me to do research as an undergraduate and then again in my graduate program. I believe that the opportunity to conduct independent research and present it to water professionals built my personal confidence and has served as valuable experience as I continue research in the field.



Would you care to give a testimonial about the SJWP?

The competition was an exciting opportunity to share research that I was passionate about. I loved having the chance to meet other students who shared similar interests, and see how diverse the projects were. It was an eye-opening experience to see how many opportunities existed within water research, and it motivated me to pursue other opportunities within the field. Since competing in 2009, I have spoken to groups of high school students to encourage them to pursue water research, recognizing the impact participating in the US-SJWP has had on my academic career.