

Crystella Gonzales



Name: Crystella Gonzales

Hometown: Dixon, NM

School: Northern New Mexico College

Major: Environmental Science

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About Yourself:

Hi, my name is Crystella Gonzales from Dixon, where I grew up, and my grandparents taught me to appreciate the environment through our orchards and gardening. After receiving my GED spring of 2014, this motivated me to continue with perusing a higher education. I am currently an undergraduate student at NNMC, where I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

Career Experiences:

In 2007 I worked with the RMYC in Taos as a sawyer. Under supervision, I performed manual labor necessary to develop, maintain, protect forest areas, and woodlands through such activities as raising and transporting tree seedlings; and building erosion and water control structures that encouraged the river to meander. I joined the NRCT program for the opportunity to gain researching experience on various environmental issues. Through the NRCT program I have had the opportunity to work as an intern with the NRCS, where I assisted in surveying, GPS marking and tracking, collecting soil samples using a soil auger, and preformed general office duties. I am currently working as an intern at the Valles Caldera National Preserve, where there is an ongoing project on the effects in population changes in ecology after a fire. I assist with basic arthropod identification to Order, sorting and labeling invertebrates, and maintaining the invertebrate collection.

Skills:

GPS marking and tracking, maintain and operate a chain saw, Microsoft word, PowerPoint, swimming, hiking, camping, skiing, fishing, snowmobiling, and gardening.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- NRCT Secretary
- NRCT Ambassador to the National Park Service at the Valles Caldera 2016-2017
- NRCT member
- Participated in the Accelerate Program fostering STEM leadership and development.
- Physics club president 2016
- Physics vice president 2014 – 2015
- Dean's list Spring and fall of 2015
- Dean's list Fall of 2016
- AmeriCorps Education Award Scholarship

Plans after Graduation:

After graduation, I would like to work at a Federal or Government agency such as: U.S Forest Service, Los Alamos National laboratory, National Park Service or the NRCS where I can help manage and sustain a healthy environment.