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Biology: Coastal Ecology and Conservation

Background

Hi! I'm Anneau (pronounced like anew).

I'm a junior biology major with a concentration in coastal ecology and conservation. I've had a blast at USCB, and I love the small community environment we have. The small campus size really allows you to build person-to-person connections with professors and faculty. That's partly why I chose USCB, but mainly it was to be close to our coastal environment.

My love of ecology has been a lifelong culmination of moments where I connected with nature. I grew up here and spent my childhood outside, tromping through the marsh and woods.

I want to continue my education in ecological science to become more capable to protect what inspired wonder in me as a kid. I find the natural world precious and learning about the interwoven nature of biological systems gives me a sense of connection to the world around me.

Favorite Class

My favorite class is a directed studies course with Dr. Eric Montie. Dr. Montie's research focuses on passive bioacoustic monitoring of estuarine soundscapes. In this course, I can contribute to a research lab, do field research, and collaborate with graduate students from the College of Charleston. This course, more than anything else, made me realize how satisfying and challenging a career in biological research could be for me. If this sounds interesting to you, feel free to reach out! I like to talk about bioacoustics and dolphin signature whistles more than most want to hear about it.



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Best Piece of Advice

If I could go back in time to when I was starting out, I would give myself two pieces of advice: first, communicate with your professors before, during, and after your course. They are your best asset to help you succeed. They are on your side and have gone through everything you are going through now and can probably understand you best. Secondly, there will come a time where you may doubt your career path, your major, and maybe even your decision to be in college. When this happens, revisit the things that drew you to what you're studying. For me it meant reinvesting my connection with nature: hiking, camping, and documentaries narrated by David Attenborough.

Fun Fact:

"I'm passionate about martial arts and studied Shotokan and Kyokushin Karate in Japan for nearly two years.

