



Brittanie Loftin

About Me:

My name is Brittanie Loftin. I am a senior in Environmental Science. I was raised in southern Louisiana in a town called Moss Bluff where I graduated from Sam Houston High School in 2015. I enrolled in Louisiana Tech University initially majoring in Mechanical Engineering. However, my passion for animals and conservation lead me to change my degree to Environmental Science. While at Louisiana Tech, I had taken an Ecology class which gave me the opportunity to learn how to develop experimental design and interpret the results of an experiment, which inspired me to continue my academic career by pursuing a master's degree. During the summer quarter of 2017, I became involved with two projects under Dr. Terri Maness. I was very honored to be able to work with Dr. Maness on both of these projects, which have allowed me to gain a variety of valuable skills that I will need as I continue both my academic and professional career.

Mentors:

My parents have been my biggest mentor and supporters, in both my academic and personal development. They taught me the value of integrity, hard work, and always doing your best. I want to thank Dr. Maness for taking me under her wing and giving me the opportunity to work with her. She taught me many skills and concepts that have allowed me to grow professionally. I would also like to thank my advisor, Dr. Natalie Clay, who not only inspired me to continue my academic career, but who gave me valuable advice during my time at tech which helped me grow tremendously both professionally and personally. I was very thankful to her for allowing me to be the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Ecology, which helped me learn how to communicate effectively to others. Both Dr. Clay and Dr. Maness have been incredible role models for me and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from them.

Quote:

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.” – Joshua J. Marine