



About Me:

I am Emily Hartzog, a senior majoring in Secondary Agricultural Education and minoring in Plant Science at Louisiana Tech University. My father has been an agricultural educator for 24 years, and he is my inspiration for choosing this degree. I have always enjoyed identifying and learning about plants since I was four years old, so deciding to minor in Plant Science was inevitable. I was raised by my two loving and caring parents in Angie, Louisiana, and I graduated second in my class from Franklinton High School. I was the Louisiana FFA State Association Reporter during my first year of college. I worked at Louisiana Tech University's Greenhouses as a student worker for over two years while completing my college coursework to expand my knowledge of plants and managing a greenhouse operation. I never thought that I would adjust to being far from home, but Louisiana Tech University has become my second home. My classes were smaller, my professors were relatable, and my overall experience was incredible. After graduating in February 2017, I hope to become a high school agriculture teacher to help students develop life-long skills for career readiness.

Mentors:

My parents, Gilbert Hartzog Jr. and Charlyn Hartzog, my family, and my fiancé, Brad Cooper, are my support system. They display God's love towards me constantly and motivate me to do my best. My boss from Louisiana Tech Greenhouses, Jake Reichley, provided me with opportunities and hands-on experiences at my job that I would not have received from anywhere else. Because he shared his knowledge with me and was patient with me, I can pass this knowledge on to others within my career field and run a greenhouse for my own FFA chapter.

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Quotes:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” -Matthew 5:16

“The grass isn’t greener on the other side. It’s greener where you water it.” -Anonymous