



## **Nathan Hammond**

### **B.S. – Biology: Applied Biology**

#### **About Me:**

My name is Nathan Hammond and I am a senior Biological Sciences major. I have lived in Louisiana for the past decade. I came to Louisiana Tech in July 2013 and enrolled as a Biomedical Engineering major. I quickly realized that engineering was not my calling and began to search for a new major.

#### **Why Biology?**

After leaving Biomedical Engineering, I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do with my life, so I began to look back on my life for guidance. The number one thing that stuck out to me was my love of nature and my desire to be outdoors. Biology became the obvious choice and I dove head-first into the major.

#### **Mentors:**

In my junior year, I met Dr. Jennifer Hill. She was the new Ecology professor, having taken over the position the previous school year. I knew that she had a background in marine biology, something that I had developed a deep interest in. After speaking to her on several occasions outside of class, I asked if it would be possible to work with her. In January 2016, I got my wish and have been working with her ever since, most notably on a marsh enrichment experiment that we are still undertaking.

#### **Quotes:**

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.” -John Muir