

# Alum Spotlight

## Department of Environmental Sciences



### Jamie Forbush: B.S. in Environmental Sciences, Concentration in Biology (2017)

Jamie Forbush completed her Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science with a concentration in Biology in May 2017. While attending the University of Toledo, Jamie studied a range of topics including Conservation Biology, Environmental Policy & Planning, Geology, and Statistics.

Jamie completed an internship with the Black Swamp Bird Observatory where she worked with the Observatory's Executive and Research Directors on data entry, non-profit administration, and assisted with the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Young Birders Club. Jamie also worked with the Nature Conservancy-Oak Openings Program as a Seasonal Education and Outreach Intern to combat invasive species, promote the Green Ribbon Event, and achieve grant deliverables.



After graduating from the University of Toledo Jamie spent a year as a Substitute Paraprofessional for Toledo Public Schools where she assisted teachers with lesson plans, PreK-12 supervision, and learned from and helped children with a variety of disabilities. Since December 2017 Jamie has been an Education Coordinator for Nature's Nursery Center for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Education in Whitehouse, Ohio. At the Center, Jamie plans and presents programs for all age groups with a variety of wild program birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Jamie is currently working to create a functional volunteer program and designing public Conservation Education Workshops. Jamie is an active volunteer for Metroparks Toledo, the Nature Conservancy, and the University of Toledo.

"I found the best way to be successful is through networking and creating stepping stones early to quickly pave the way towards my future career. If you already have the knowledge and experience you are ahead of the curve."