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Jessica Chou

Jessica is a sophomore Environmental Resource Management major at Penn State University where she holds a 3.87 GPA. She is an active member of the Student Farm Club, where as the Campus Club Engagement Coordinator she helps to plan events and engage community conversation about the food system. In addition, Jessica is the Co-President of the Music Service Club. As a violinist, she, along with other musicians and singers, share the therapeutic and joyful properties of music with the State College Community.

Jessica's most recent work experience was an internship with the PA Department of Environmental Protection, Chesapeake Bay Office. Some of her responsibilities included outlining a new administrative manual for the Chesapeake Bay Technical and Financial Assistance Programs, developing a tracking spreadsheet for budget and expenditures for two Bay Program Federal grants, and collating funding information for the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan. Prior to that, Jessica held an internship with the Student Farm at Penn State learning about the production side of the food system.

While attending Penn State, she has been awarded the John T. & Paige S. Smith Scholarship, the Raymond F. Russel Memorial Scholarship, the President's Freshman Award, and the Net Impact Healthy Foods Fellowship. Jessica recognizes the importance of solving global environmental issues by working locally and engaging with local communities.

She would like to start a company that guides people to be environmentally aware and to have sustainable habits. Jessica believes environmental science education is important not only for the conservation and management of natural resources but also for the social aspects of environmental stewardship and sustainability.

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Olivia Turner

Olivia is a junior, majoring in Biology with a concentration in Environmental Biology at Shippensburg University, where she holds a 3.985 GPA. She is an active member and Co-Chair of the Honors Environmental Committee as well as a Student Leader on the Shippensburg University Orientation Team.

Olivia is also a member of the Circle K. International Club and the Co-Captain of the Shippensburg Women's Intramural Soccer Team. Olivia held an engineering internship with the Natural Resources Department at Century Engineering, Inc. She also is a team member and Certified Trainer for the Texas Roadhouse.

During her studies at Shippensburg University, Olivia has had multiple semesters on the Dean's List. She has also been awarded Honorary Mention in the Honors First Year Student Outstanding Research Award and the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Northeast Regional Honors Council competitive scholarships to attend the Partner in the Parks experience.

Olivia understands the importance of environmental education and the importance of teaching societies how to make environmentally conscious choices. Following her undergraduate studies, Olivia plans to pursue a career as an environmental scientist.