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## BSc Geological Sciences 2013



### Why Geology?

I grew up near the Appalachian Mountains in northwestern NJ, and their presence has influenced me to study this planet we live on.

After taking some introductory classes at Rutgers, Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, I came to appreciate the dedicated faculty and small student cohort of in the Geo Department and happily stayed in the major. I am passionate about protecting and conserving the Earth's resources, and want to help others understand their impact on our natural environment.

### What I am doing now:

I have spent a few years doing service work in water quality monitoring and waste reduction efforts, mostly through AmeriCorps Programs. Now I am getting my Masters of Arts in Teaching from Duke University in secondary education, and will become a high school Earth and Environmental Science teacher in Durham upon my 2017 graduation. I also dedicate a lot of my time towards reducing food waste in my local community and connecting it to food-insecure people.

### Plans for the future:

I want to instill environmental literacy in the young adults I teach and hopefully create Earth/environmentally – conscious individuals. In the long run, I see myself becoming a Sustainability Coordinator for a school district with the goal of building infrastructure for schools to be more water, waste, and energy conscious, while also integrating these aspects into K-12 curriculum.