

## Smith Jennings Easton

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### Academics

#### Auburn University

8/2025-present

- M.S. in Entomology (Thesis)

#### Delaware Valley University

8/2021-5/2025

- Bachelor of Science - Zoo Science with a Minor in Environmental Science
- Summa Cum Laude

#### Caesar Rodney High School

Class of 2021

- Valedictorian - Class Rank 1/510 with GPA of 99.1602

### Employment

#### Auburn University – Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

7/2025-present

- Laboratory Research Assistant
  - Assist and perform research activities at the Auburn Bee Center with a focus on new treatments against varroa mites (*Varroa destructor*), common pests of Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera*)
  - Work in the labs several apiaries, inspecting hives and participating in management
  - Assist with extension events for beekeeping groups

#### The Little Rock Zoo

5/2024-7/2024

- Ambassador Animal Intern
  - Maintained clean mammal, reptile, and bird enclosures as well as respective equipment
  - Prepared complete and balanced diets for mammals, reptiles, birds, and arachnids and completed daily husbandry tasks
  - Planned and executed training plans for several species, including flight training birds
  - Handled mammals, reptiles, and birds, including falcons, and presented them to guests
  - Worked with hoof stock, learning to pick hooves and maintain safety with large animals

#### The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University

8/2023-4/2024

- Live Animal Center / Education In Outside In Intern
  - Maintained clean mammal, reptile and bird enclosures, including respective equipment
  - Prepared complete and balanced mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird and insect diets and completed daily husbandry duties
  - Designed invertebrate enclosures for optimal living conditions and guest viewing
  - Responded to live animal inquiries from museum guests and ensured rules were followed

#### United States Department of Agriculture BIIRU Research Support

5/2023-8/2023

- Research and Support Assistant
  - Managed and maintained diet, husbandry, and other requirements of Emerald Ash Borer beetles and *Spathius* wasps
  - Utilized various life stages of insects when rearing, infesting, collecting, exposing, etc.
  - Gained further understanding of both ecological and research processes

- Prepared and completed data collection and processing in laboratory
- Managed ash tree population and other grounds maintenance
- Assisted in field research projects

### **Delaware Valley University**

8/2022-5/2025

- Resident Assistant
  - Managed a university residence hall floor of twenty-five ethnically and gender diverse undergraduate students, ensuring a cohesive functioning community
  - Ran monthly floor meetings and conduct frequent room drop-ins to discuss events, developments, and concerns to ensure that students are kept up to date on all pertinent information, and plan, schedule and facilitate routine programs and social events
  - Enforced and report University and Residence Life rules and regulations resulting in a safe, orderly and enjoyable living environment
- Supplemental Instructor
  - Facilitated supplemental instruction with weekly problem solving and review sessions for challenging freshman level mathematics
- Algebra and Calculus Tutor
  - Assisted students with algebraic and calculus problem solving

### **State of Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation**

6/2022-8/2022

- Brandywine Zoo Camp Educator (Full-Time Internship)
  - Managed, supervised and facilitated full day camps for campers ages 4 to 17, including zoo related instruction, creating hands on activities, and actively engaging all participants
  - Conducted zoo tours with a focus on education
  - Handled and presented various species of animals as part of camp lessons and programming and addressed any questions from campers
  - Maintained safe facilities upon camp dismissal

### **Leadership – Delaware Valley University**

- American Association of University Women Vice President 3/2023-5/2024
- Apiary Society Treasurer 8/2023-5/2025
- LeaderShape Institute 3/2022

### **Awards/Honors**

- Delta Tau Alpha Honor Society at Delaware Valley University 10/2023-5/2025
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Delaware Valley University 2/2022-5/2025
- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout Rank 2/2021

### **Clubs/Activities/Membership**

- F.S. Arant Entomology and Plant Pathology Club 8/2025-present
- Delaware Valley University Apiary Society 9/2021-5/2025
- American Association of Zoo Keepers (Del Val University Chapter) 9/2021-5/2025

### **Skills**

- Proficient in handling several types of wildlife, domestic animals, and insects
- Animals in the Public Eye – Prepared one hour written lesson plans and presented to students
- Proficient in Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, and Google Sheets
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Excel