

Nicholas J.

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Aspiring Ecologist & Animal Behaviorist

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Work Experience

Animal Care Apprentice, Jackson Laboratory

June 2022 - August 2022

- Monitored the health of lab mice
- Found sometimes subtle differences and abnormalities in mice and reported them accordingly
- Able to identify different mouse strains and recognize specific traits
- Coordinated with coworkers to complete tasks
- Fast-paced environment

Fry Cook, Burger King

November 2021 - May 2022

- Responsible for efficiently cooking burgers and facilitating orders
- Had multiple food items cooking at once at the fry station, which required oversight and multitasking
- Learned basic cleaning and maintenance skills
- Cleaned dishes at a fast pace

Relevant Skills

- Animal monitoring and health assessment
- Species identification
- Adaptability in fast-paced environments
- Multitasking and team coordination
- Attention to detail
- Grasping new concepts quickly
- Research and writing

Education History

Bangor High School

Year of Graduation: 2023

- AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Studio Art
- Awardee, All Saints Catholic School Scholarship

Central Maine Community College

Early College Program, Spring 2023

- College Algebra

References

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Derek Ash and I have worked as a Senior Animal Trainer at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. I have been with JAX since 2003 and I have seen quite a few trainees join our team at JAX.

During the summer of 2022 the Jackson Lab Nicholas Zetterman joined us at JAX as a part of our Summer Apprenticeship program. The program itself lasted for 8 weeks from June to August and served as a "real-work" introduction to the entry-level positions held in animal care.

Nicholas earned his position out of many capable candidates, and once accepted into the program he showed great drive and a refreshing eagerness to learn. Nicholas worked in a group of five other apprentices in both maximum and standard barrier animal care facilities, as well as sterile material handling. Nicholas showed that he could work well in a team, follow instructions, handle the high demands of working inside of barrier areas, and was given a few opportunities to show his leadership skills as well. Nicholas did not disappoint.

It should be noted that the apprenticeship program was a paid position with all the demands of an hourly position at JAX, and Nicholas carried out his duties with the expected professionalism and work-ethic that we would like to see in legitimate New Hires here at JAX. Some of Nicholas's duties included: The handling and care of laboratory mice, including restraint and euthanasia. The daily cleaning and maintenance of a functioning barrier area. Nicholas maintained a daily work schedule where he was responsible for a quantity of boxes being changed. He also underwent several trainings and lectures while here at JAX, to help enhance his understanding of the tasks he would be carrying out.

His interests in science and ecology were a boon to him in his work here at JAX as well, and his personality and sense of humor were appreciated greatly! Nicholas Zetterman is a very good example of a young person with priorities and motivations that drive him towards excellence. We would genuinely love to hire on ten more just like him in a heartbeat!

Any institution would be very lucky to bring a hardworking, intelligent, and creative young man such as Nicholas into their ranks. I hope you consider him very seriously as he is an individual to watch.

If you have any other questions regarding Nicholas or his performance while he worked at The Jackson Laboratory, I welcome you to email or call me directly.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to give Nicholas "Nick" Zetterman my highest recommendation. I had the pleasure of being his high school advisory teacher and having him AP Biology this year. Nick is a very intelligent, personable, and creative student who clearly demonstrates a love for learning and is easy to be around. He is passionate about science, especially biology and the environment. Nick is also a great team player and adds both substance and a positive "can-do" attitude to any group he joins or any project he works on.

At the start of his high school career his interest lay elsewhere, but during his senior year I have seen a remarkable change in him as he grows into a fine adult striving to see the limits of his talents. Earlier in his high school career he didn't take the most challenging courses, and I was very pleased to see Nick choose a very rigorous schedule for himself for his senior year with both AP Biology and AP Environmental Science in his schedule. While Nick is easy to recognize as a high performing and serious student he is also kind and fun loving in appropriate ways. I was always impressed with his well balanced approach to life and school. While Nick is quiet and reserved he's always got a lot to add when asked. Nick was typically a high performing student on assessments, but when stumbled on an assignment he always responded positively to the challenges presented by this rigorous class and responded to setbacks with redoubled effort. Which is all the more impressive since he hadn't been encountering rigorous challenges earlier in his school career.

Last summer Nick had an internship at Jackson Lab where he learned a lot and it clearly left him wanting more. I've had many excellent conversations with him about this and other things. I have enjoyed getting to know him in this way and enjoyed his humor and interest in life. I'd take a class of students like Nick and day, and I'd hire him for any job he wanted because he'd get it done 100%.

There is no doubt that Nick will succeed at whatever he chooses to do. If selected, this talented young person will meet with personal success and add a lot to your community and will step up to whatever you put in front of him all while somehow maintaining a low stress and positive attitude. Thank you for your time and consideration in considering this well qualified, intelligent, and talented young person. I promise you he *is* the person you are looking for.

Sincerely,

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