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Education

The University of Rhode Island

May 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Art Studio Track, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Education

Relevant Coursework: Grant Writing, Place-Based Learning, Program Development, Illustration, Sculpture, Environmental Arts and Humanities

Relevant Work Experience

SMILE (Science and Math Investigative

January 2026 - Present

Learning Experiences) Program Staff

- Coordinated efforts to prepare and educate URI student mentors to teach environmental lessons to 4th and 5th graders on SMILE's annual Ecology Field Day.

URI Arts & Sciences Student Fellow

May 2023 - July 2023, May 2025 - July 2025

- Two-time recipient of Fellowship grants from the University of Rhode Island to pursue work writing original graphic novels with environmental stewardship themes.

RI Agriculture & Food Systems Fellow

January 2025 - December 2025

- Created artwork and graphics to disseminate scientific research to the public in creative, approachable, and understandable ways.

Internship Experience

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

February 2026 - May 2026

Community Education Intern

- Assisted lessons at the Audubon Nature Center and developed new exhibition on climate change advocacy.

Environmental Education Social Media Intern

December 2025 - Present

- Created artwork and graphics to promote the Environmental Education degree program and coordinated efforts to establish and strengthen social media presence.

SMILE (Science and Math Investigative

January 2025 - May 2025

Learning Experiences) Program Student Mentor

- Developed and delivered science lessons to 4th and 5th graders during Ecology Field Day.

Master Gardener Program TA

January 2025 - May 2025

- Facilitated Master Gardener classes and developed educational materials and artwork for the program.

Volunteer & Leadership Experience

Production Designer, Kingston, RI

January 2024 - Present

- Designed and curated costumes, built and decorated sets, created props, and raised funds for several URI student films.

Sunrise Rhode Island, Providence, RI

December 2018 - March 2020

- Organized logistics, led team meetings, taught seminars and led orientation trainings, testified at Senate hearings, and prepared public speeches on Sunrise's climate activism campaigns.

U.S. Youth Climate Strikes, Providence, RI

September 2019

- Organized, led, and spoke at several Rhode Island youth climate strikes.

ACLU National Advocacy Institute, Washington, DC

June 2019

- Participated in a week-long social justice seminar and gained leadership experience.

Climate Reality Leadership Training, Atlanta, GA

March 2019

- Participated in a four day intensive training on the climate crisis and led working groups.

Accolades

The David LeClair Trailblazer Roots Award, 2026

- Founding recipient of this community building and leadership award for URI's Environmental Education degree program.

Study Abroad

South by Southwest Study Abroad Trip

March 2026

- Learned about production design and filmmaking at the South by Southwest study abroad trip to Austin, Texas.