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ES OPPORTUNITIES

ECO LEAGUE

The Eco League is a consortium of colleges that specialize in environmental learning. Green Mountain students can study for up to two semesters at other Eco League schools. Visit www.ecoleague.org.

- Alaska Pacific University- Anchorage, Alaska
- College of The Atlantic- Bar Harbor, Maine
- Antioch College- Yellow Springs, Ohio
- Northland College- Ashland, Wisconsin
- Prescott College- Prescott, Arizona

ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

The Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage is one of the most beautiful campuses in the United States; a natural jewel set in the heart of a modern city, with the Chugach Mountains rising up behind nearly 200 acres of lawns, woods, and University Lake. With a total enrollment of 673 students, Alaska Pacific is just slightly smaller than the Green Mountain community. However, APU offers both undergrad and graduate programs. Located in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city with a population of 250,000, students are able to enjoy nature and a more urban location; central campus is only fifteen minutes from downtown Anchorage.

Alaska Pacific University is a private, independent university that promotes the fullest development of its students through liberal arts and professional programs while emphasizing individual attention to students, the development of leadership abilities, and the nurturing of spiritual and moral values. The University emphasizes personal growth through student-centered, experiential education using Alaska, the Arctic, and the Pacific Rim as laboratories for learning. (www.alaskapacific.edu)

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES INTERNSHIPS

Aviva Asher

• Youthwork Crew Leader at Smokey House Center, Danby, Vermont

"I lead a crew of youth, at-risk of dropping out of high school, in caring for turkeys, gardens, nature trails, seedlings, and more. In this idyllic setting, I took part in creating a safe environment for students to work, benefit from experiential learning, and engage in an agrarian lifestyle."

Timothy Poole

"I conducted independent experimental research to define parameters for trout farming practices with little to zero reliance on fossil fuels and wild fish populations."

Catherine Foutch

• Naturalist Intern at Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne, New York.

"Rogers is on 570 acres of land that runs along the Chenango River. I spent most of my time working with small school groups, teaching them about specific aspects of the environment or about nature in general, in a way that was fun as well as educational."

Lindsey Rogers

• Education Coordinator at Acadia National Park

"I was involved with the "Parks as Classrooms" program, and we strove to create programs for grade school children that utilized the park resources in a manner that was consistent with the learning objectives of the state mandated curriculum for the schools."

UN CLIMATE CONTROL CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL



As 189 signatory countries to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol gathered in

Montreal last week, Green Mountain College students were making their way to the city to demand that world leaders take responsible action to deal with climate change. Student leaders, including Noah Munro (Healthy Futures), Joe Karr (Club Activism), and Tyler Crow (Youth Energy Squad), encouraged GMC students to head north to participate in the Global March for the Climate on December 3, 2005. Several students— Ryan Black, Bennett Carothers, Chris Conner, Monique Couture, Beth Donovan, Joe Karr, Jongmun Lee, Sarah Lynch, Grace Nickerson, Joshua Olson, Aurora Lenz-Watson, and Madelyn Pomilo— along with a number of GMC alumni, and Professor Laird Christensen, joined approximately 35,000 others in Montreal. Those who had observer status sat in on meetings of the parties to the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol.

"The trip to Montreal was truly amazing. The march had so much energy and it was eye-opening to how many people came together to voice their opinion! The highlight of the trip was taking advantage of observer status at the actual UN conference. It was incredible! We got to listen to the delegates talk and negotiate climate issues- truly a once in a lifetime experience. Imagine sitting in a room with delegates from all different countries, all over the world, hearing them actually address these issues that are so real in our world. What a wonderful trip!"

-Monique Couture

"We left on Thursday, and headed over to Troy, NY, for some musical entertainment and so we could drive up I-87 on Friday, hanging our homemade signs all along the way. We spent all day pulling off every few miles and hanging up a new sign on an overpass with a catch phrase to raise awareness for what was happening in Montreal. The rally and march were very peaceful and enjoyable; a lot of drumming and chanting and no violence or any real police presence. The march concluded at a small stage where a few inspirational words were spoken before we headed inside to thaw out."- Chris Conner