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Center for *ENVS & MEM* Newsletter

Environmental Student of the Week

Megan Bittner



Megan, a freshman ENVS student, grew up in a small town called Flower Mound, TX, then moved to Aurora, CO for her sophomore year of high school. She chose the ENVS program as result of her deep passion for farm to table that involves knowledge about ENVS, nutrition, and culinary arts. Additionally, she has an interest in what other cultures around the world eat and how it shapes who they are today. Megan has always had a passion in eating food directly from the earth, as that is how she grew up, and would like to come to a better understanding of the environment. More specifically, she would like to focus on how humans impact it and how we can benefit by understanding what nature has to offer health-wise. In her free time, Megan enjoys hiking and running as well as listening to music. Let's all give Megan a warm welcome to Gunni, and as a ENVS/MEM work study student!

Western's MEM Alumni and Current Students

- * Share your project, share potential projects, ask questions and make connections! Have awesome job opportunities posted or share your post-graduation journey here! We are all here to help each other. Make sure you follow us on [Facebook](#).

MEM Housing Options

- * To any MEM student who is still looking for a place to live, please post your available apartments/ housing in the Gunnison Valley to the MEM Student Housing Exchange Facebook page for new incoming MEM students. A good place to check is also the Gunnison Market Place group or the Gunnison Shopper.

Events and Items of Interest

- * Tomorrow, **September 2nd 2-5pm**, there will be a **Sustainable Smart Home Living Learning Center open house** at 202 W Maple St, Superior CO. Sustainable Systems of Colorado invites you and your friends to join them and check out the progress they are making to achieve greater energy sustainability and property value accumulation.

- * **Mountain Roots** is looking to fill a 2 hour/week **volunteer position** to help with their multi-farmer CSA distribution at their office in Gunnison, 202 E. Georgia Ave. While this is an unpaid position, you'll be able to take charge of box distributions, engaging with community members, farmers, and learning what it takes to run a 55 member CSA program. This position **begins immediately** and runs every Friday from 4-6pm until October 23rd. Contact csa@mountainrootsfoodproject.org for more information.
- * On **Tuesday, September 5th at 6-8pm**, Luke Mehall will be having his only [book tour event](#) of 2017 at Rumors Coffee and Tea House 414 Elk Ave in CB as he returns for a night of stories, poetry, and dirtbags, to benefit Gunnison Valley Climbers. All raffle proceeds will go to the local climbing group, Gunnison Valley Climbers. His most recent issue, [The Climbing Zine, Volume 10](#) has just been released as well as a cool [short film](#).
- * There will be a **Crew leader training for Wet Meadow Restoration project in Gunnison** on **September 5th** where you will be able to learn from the experts at Wildland Restoration Volunteers to safely lead crews and volunteers. If interested in the Crew Leader Training, please contact Morgan Crowley at morgan@wlrw.org, or call 303-543-1411 Ext. 3# for more information or visit the website [here](#).
- * At the **Natural Resource Career Summit**, get the scoop from CAEE and the Colorado Youth Corps Association on where to look for employment opportunities and how to successfully search and apply for positions at federal, state, and local government agencies in the university center ballroom **Wednesday, September 6th from 12-2pm**. Visit the registration [page](#) to sign up for it today!
- * Join us for a **campfire social gathering** at Coldharbour Ranch **September 7th at 6pm** for tacos and stories on community engagement with the SEED (Sustainability Education Equity and Diversity) Program! SEED aims to ensure that all youth in the Gunnison valley have the same opportunities for education, regardless of family affluence, race/ethnicity, or immigrant status. See you there!
- * The Headwaters Alliance/Willow Creek Reclamation Committee is hosting the **inaugural Headwaters Mountain Bike Race** just North of Creede on **Saturday, September 9th**. The race goes through the Bachelor Loop, an 18 mile route with over a 2,000 foot elevation gain that showcases the region's heritage along with some of the best scenery on the East side of the San Juans. Sign up [here](#) for the race or [here](#) to volunteer!
- * The **14th Biennial Conference of Science & Management on the Colorado Plateau & Southwest Region: *Interdisciplinary Approaches & Solutions for Conserving the Southwest's Land, Water, Biodiversity & Cultures*** will be on **September 11-14th** at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, AZ. Registration is still open: As in the past, [registration](#) includes light morning refreshments, lunch, breaks, and two receptions.



MEM student Stephanie Lein's photo above of the August 21st solar eclipse.

- * A **Two-Day Live ISSP Sustainability Associate Prep Course** is coming to Denver **September 14-15th**. Offered by ISSP Education Partner Everblue, this course prepares sustainability professionals to take the ISSP Sustainability Associate (ISSP-SA) credentialing exam. The course provides an overview of the ISSP standards, sustainability terms, and job skills expected of sustainability practitioners. [Register](#) today!



Get involved to make change! Contact kclark@western.edu for organic food production, sborden@western.edu for the Sustainability Coalition, achavez@western.edu for revolutionizing campus solar, or ian.gonzalezbasco@western.edu for campus Zero Waste! Go beyond your courses--we are here to support your vision for the future.

- * Pryce Hadley, a second-year MEM student, is **looking for an undergrad volunteer research assistant** to join him in a study of city/county open space park ranger practices for addressing emerging land management challenges - from human-wildlife conflict to homelessness. The ideal candidate for this position has sufficient time to participate in site visits 4-5 hours from Gunnison. Contact pryce.hadley@western.edu for more info.
- * From **September 29-30th**, the **E² ENGAGE Energy Conference** will bring senior multi-disciplinary energy experts and innovators from the fossil fuel and renewable energy sectors together to speak about the current state of our energy landscape in the West, and the opportunities offered by the future energy landscape. Go to their registration [page](#) to sign up today and find out more about it!
- * Join us and 2,000 other higher education sustainability professionals in San Antonio, TX from **October 15 - 18th** for the **2017 AASHE Conference & Expo: Stronger in Solidarity**. Attendees will come together to discuss how the campus sustainability community can break down walls, build bridges and continue to make progress toward a healthy and equitable future for all. [Register](#) now!
- * Mountain Roots Food Project and the Master of Environmental Management Program at Western Colorado University welcome applicants for our 2017-18 **Community Program Development Fellowship**. This is a one-year award that provides a student the opportunity to engage in community –based research and more. See attachment for additional details!

- * A **National Environmental Policy Act Course** will be offered from **November 2-3rd** consists of approximately 12.5 hours of continuing education, including 1 hour of ethics. You must let them know, at least 45 days in advance of the conference, the states or organizations for which you will need credit (see registration form). Credit hours for states will vary and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Register [here](#) for the class.
- * On-campus **Freecycle**, located in the basement of UTE Hall will be open 12-1pm and 4-6pm, M/W/F during the semester. Please feel free to come and take what you need, as well as to drop off what you don't. Volunteers are also needed to help run Freecycle so stop on by to find out more about it!

Local Jobs

- * Growing Gardens, a Boulder based non-profit organization, is looking for a **Food Project Farm Manager**. Deadline to apply is **TODAY** with a start date on November 1st. The Longmont Site Farm Manager will oversee the cultivation of an organic, one-acre urban farm focused on producing food for the Longmont community. In addition, this position will lead groups of children, teens, adults and seniors for garden focused programming. Go [here](#) for more info.
- * Conejos Clean Water in the San Luis Valley is currently looking for a **Director of Finance and Organizational Development**. This position will focus on building capacity for Conejos Clean Water through grant writing, grassroots fundraising, financial management, and networking (including social media) among other responsibilities. Application is **due Monday, September 4th!** Go [here](#) for more information about it.
- * Open Space & Trails in Pitkin County is currently looking to hire a **Senior Ranger**. Under general supervision, the ranger will perform patrols of Open Space and Trails (OST) properties throughout the County to enforce codes and regulations and protect visitors and cultural and natural resources among other responsibilities. Application for this position is due **September 14th**. More info can be found [here](#).

Distant Jobs

- * The City of San Diego, CA is hiring a **Program Manager** for the Environment & Policy Analysis Division and Planning Department. Go [here](#) for more information. Deadline to apply is **September 5th**.
- * The American Bird Conservancy is looking for a **Private Lands Forester** in Marquette, MI. Go [here](#) for more info on the position. The deadline to apply is **September 8th**.

- * The Central Arizona Conservation Alliance is looking for a **Conservation Alliance Engagement Coordinator** in Phoenix AZ. This position will be open until filled. Visit this [attachment](#) for more information or their website.
- * The World Wildlife Fund is currently looking for **Global Forest Lead Scientists** with flexibility in the location and the positions will be open until filled. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information!

To find more available jobs currently listed, visit the ASU [Sustainability Digest](#) web page!



Pictured above is the 4th MEM cohort and the wonderful MEM staff !