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1. Program of study and year?

Veterinary Medicine VM2

2. Hometown?

Port Huron, Michigan

3. What are your research interests and why did you choose them?

I not do much with research currently! I'm an equine/mixed animal veterinary student currently, but I used to do *Chrysemys picta* turtle population research.

4. What is one thing you think everyone should know about your research project or research interests?

Equine medicine is crazy, but it has some of my favorite opportunities for community outreach! I volunteer in South Dakota yearly with a team of veterinary students and incredibly caring professors who teach us to provide preventative care to the horses and pets of the people of the Crow Creek and Rosebud Reservations. Learning about their history and culture is incredible! There's nothing I love more than volunteering in the veterinary field!

5. Give a shout-out to a professor, mentor, advisor, or someone at ISU who has helped you?

A big shout out to Dr. Farrell, one of the current ISU Equine Surgery Residents - you'll never find someone who is more patient with students and passionate about equine medicine, even at 3:30 am.

6. What extracurricular programs or groups have you been a part of ISU that are foundational to your experience here?

Honestly, my classmates are amazing. The vet school treats each class year as its own club and I really appreciate my classmates! We work together to survive and have fun with some hilarious memes along the way. Class of 2022 = best class.

7. What is the most valuable experience you have had while studying at ISU?

Definitely volunteering at the Rosebud Reservation with Dr. Lee and Dr. Billek has been my most valuable experience so far.

8. What do you plan to do after you graduate from ISU?

I hope to return to Michigan to become an equine or mixed animal practitioner for my own community!

9. What motivates you?

Working with other students and owners to foster the human-animal bond is what motivates me. I have a passion for community volunteerism and spend time volunteering with the Story County 4-H dog project, too!