Spotlight on Environmental Science and Studies Graduates
- Jackson Bates ’19 -

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Doane Highlights:
Environmental Science Major, Biology Emphasis
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Doane Wrestling
Organic Chemistry and Biostats Tutor

Current Highlights:
I am currently living in cabins throughout the great Northwoods where I conduct spruce grouse habitat surveys. Our work allows the state of Minnesota to make sound decisions based on scientific data for a variety of land use practices to benefit the people of Minnesota now and in the future.
In May, when this job is done, I will head to Utah to work for the Northern Colorado Plateau Inventory and Monitoring Network where I will conduct a variety of plant surveys for the National Park Service throughout Utah and western Colorado.

Jackson Remembers:
“What I remember best about Doane is that it allowed me the opportunity to take a wide range of classes that gave me real-world experience with professors that wanted me to succeed. My education from Doane has allowed me to excel in a position that sits at the crossroads of real-world issues like land use: e.g. the lumber industry and hunting, and conservation. It has given me multiple perspectives that have allowed me to see issues from all sides and has gifted me professors to act as references that have spoken on my behalf to help me get positions in jobs that stretch my comprehension of what is good for the world.”