

Spotlight on Environmental Science and Studies Graduates - Jessica Donnelly '16 -

Environmental Program Specialist II

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

Lincoln, NE - Nebraska City, NE

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Doane Highlights:

Environmental Science Major

Doane Women's Soccer

Roots and Shoots Club

Current Highlights:

- Natural Resources Department as a Floodplain Specialist assisting engineering methods with the National Floodplain Insurance Plan, where I created community maps using ArcGIS for FEMA.
- Currently, I administer 31 projects totaling \$3,067,101 for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Program. These grants are provided to schools, organizations, local government, and local integrated waste management projects, and can include recycling systems, equipment, household hazardous waste collections, and composting. (Fun Fact: My program has funded Doane in the past for the track and field remodel using recycled tire crumb rubber in 2019)
- Nemaha Natural Resources District Board 2019-2020 Subdistrict 4.
- Volunteer for the Nebraska City Youth Soccer Association: Coach/ Referee.

Jessica Remembers:

"As an out-of-state student-athlete transfer, I was welcomed into a nurturing community where I made lasting connections. The staff were very accommodating when it came to my obligations as an athlete; If I had questions and needed additional time for projects/tests, the doors were always open. I never did get the chance to canoe down the Niobrara River (due to soccer), however the class projects offered rich content that I still reference in my career today."



Along the Mississippi River attending the 2019 New Orleans, LA Resource Recycling Conference.



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