

## UW Student Chapter Corner – Meet the 2022 Officer Board

### **Devin Gearhart, *President***



I am a senior majoring in both Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management and Environment and Natural Resources. I'm also pursuing an Honors Minor and a Geographic Information System certificate. I have been a part of The Wildlife Society since 2019 in my home state of Pennsylvania and have been a student officer since my freshman year. I joined TWS to meet other people interested in the wildlife field and to participate in awesome opportunities such as river otter surveys, wildlife conferences, and professional presentations. In my free time, you can find me hiking, kayaking, and taking photos. I am currently working in a fisheries lab and am leading a project to better understand gill lice dynamics in Wyoming. I would like to pursue a career in wildlife research, potentially continuing my undergraduate research on gill lice or exploring topics on other wildlife species.

### **Emma Lujan, *Vice President***



I am originally from North Carolina but moved to Wyoming to pursue a degree in Zoology. I joined The Wildlife Society because it seemed like a good way to meet people who work in the field. During my time in TWS I have made some great friends and developed meaningful connections with wildlife professionals. After graduating next year (2023), I want to further my education and ultimately earn my PhD. My dream job would be working on Antarctic research or lemur conservation in Madagascar.

### **Lindsay Buckold, *Secretary***

\*Did not provide a photo\* Lindsay is a Zoology and Environment & Natural Resources major. She is current a junior.

**Kayla Wenzler, *Treasurer***



I first joined The Wildlife Society in the fall semester. I had heard about The Wildlife Society since freshman year. I wanted to expand my horizons in wildlife-related fields, and joining the club was the perfect opportunity to do so. I am currently majoring in biology.

**Lindsay Mitchell, *Social Media Officer***



I am a sophomore at the University of Wyoming, studying wildlife biology and management along with environment and natural resources, with a minor in Spanish! I was part of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's teen internship program where I worked with bears, tigers, giraffes, black-footed ferrets, and everything in between! I am very passionate about palm oil conservation, and I have developed lessons on this topic to present to the community. I wanted to join TWS to get connected with other wildlife professionals and learn more about wildlife in the state of Wyoming and around the country! As for my future, I am not quite sure yet, but I know I want them to include animals and education!

### **Ruby Jenco, *Executive Officer***



I am a junior studying Environment & Natural Resources and Wildlife Biology & Management with minors in Outdoor Leadership, French, and Honors. I'm originally from St. Joseph, Missouri, but I came to the University of Wyoming because I absolutely loved the programs at both the Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources and the Department of Zoology & Physiology. My post-college plans are still a bit up in the air, but I think I want to focus on public outreach and education whether that be through State and National Parks, or through other educational outlets. I believe the best way to get individuals to care about the conservation of natural resources is to expose them to the environment and teach them about all its interconnections.

I've been a part of The Wildlife Society Student Chapter at UW since freshman year. In my freshman year alone, I attended WY-TWS's Chapter Conference, participated in otter and moose surveys, and heard from all sorts of wildlife professionals from around the state. I appreciate all the ways TWS has taught me to look through the various lenses of wildlife biology and management and I can't wait to be a part of this organization for years to come.

### **Natalie Unruh, *Executive Officer***



I am studying Wildlife and Fisheries Biology Management with a minor in Environment and Natural Resources. I am originally from a small town in South Central Kansas but came to UW to be closer to the mountains as I love hiking and skiing. I joined TWS because I wanted to learn more about the wildlife field. Joining TWS has allowed me to meet other people who are interested in wildlife and the outdoors.