**Erica Timmons**

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**Education**

- Purdue University Expected May 2019

Bachelors of Arts, Spanish Current GPA: 4.0 Bachelors of Science, Agricultural Business Management

Minor: International Business

Honors College

-Western Boone Jr/Sr High School May 2015

Honors Diploma, Valedictorian, GPA: 4.31/4.00

**Honors and Awards**

-Top AP World, Chemistry, World History, April 2012- 2015

 Biology, Spanish I, II, III, and IV Student

Selected by teacher of each course as a result of performance and enthusiasm displayed in the classroom throughout the year

-HOBY Leadership Seminar Selectee April 2013

Selected by teachers and guidance counselors as class’ most promising leader

-Two-time President’s Volunteer Service Award recipient July 2014, 2015

Recognized by President Obama for completing over 100 service hour in one year

-Indiana Soccer Coaches Association All-Academic Player November 2014, 2015

Contributing varsity player that demonstrated academic excellence during and after the athletic season

-AP Scholar with Honors Award July 2015

Received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

-10 year 4-H Member July 2015

Recognized for 10 years of participation in the swine and goat projects, 2015 Grand Champion Barrow

-Dammon Dean’s Scholars Program August 2015

Selected as a first-year Honors College Liberal student at Purdue, living-learning community aimed at developing long-term academic success

-Dean’s List, College of Liberal Arts, College of Agriculture August 2015, 2016

 Attained for having a 3.5 cumulative GPA

- Agricultural Economics Honors Program September 2016

Selected as a participant to discover how research contributes to advancement of knowledge, to experience discovery outside of classroom activities and to learn professional skills

-Emily Mauzy Vogel Sophomore Leadership Development Retreat Participant 2016

 Selected by a Purdue faculty member as a leader at Purdue that possessed qualities worth developing in a university-sponsored retreat

**Service and Leadership**

-Kiwanis Youth Global Leadership Academy August 2012-May 2015

Refined personal and group leadership by serving as Student Leader of the group for 2 service projects including two grant proposal processes

- AMP Freshman Mentor July 2013- May 2015

Mentored a group of Freshman students by planning lessons, facilitating discussion, and building personal relationships

- NHS President April 2014- May 2015

Administered the chapter’s monthly meetings and volunteer projects to coordinate the efforts of the members towards improving our local community

-Cultural Crossroads Student Program Director October 2014-February 2015

Modified the school-wide Spanish cultural education event by creating new curriculum & objectives

Coordinated and managed the cultural event to insure that both participants and visiting community members bettered their understanding of Spanish culture through a personal educational experience

-School Improvement Committee August 2012- May 2015

Selected by Western Boone’s department chairs and administrators to represent the student body while developing reports and editing school policies for the State Department of Education

-Student Government (Class Officer/Student Council) August 2012- May 2015

Pioneered class fundraisers and events by collaborating with peers in various projects

-HOBY Leadership Seminar Staffer June 2014-June 2015

Fostered group discussion and collaboration as a team mentor to solidify the leadership education provided by the four-day seminar

-Varsity Soccer Captain August 2014

-Ayuda y Aprende Service Learning Program September-December 2015

Tutored Spanish-speaking elementary school children for 2 hours weekly in order to promote further cultural exchange and acceptance in the West Lafayette community

-Christmas for Everyone Volunteer, Faith Community Center November 2016

Translated for Spanish-speaking families registering for financial assistance with Christmas shopping

 - Young Life Team Leader- McCutcheon High School September 2016-Current

Help lead a high school-focused outreach ministry that focuses on building relationships with local students through participating in shared events and experiences

- Hope For His Children Board Member/Media Director October 2015- Current

Attend board meetings to contribute to strategic planning of the organization as well as event and budget planning

Coordinate media efforts to assert the desired message to our contributors and potential contributors

- Purdue Peace Project Research Assistant, Purdue University November 2016-Current

Lead weekly meetings in collaboration with other staff member to monitor the work of strategic partners in El Salvador and contribute to the academic knowledge of peacebuilding through conducting research

**Scholarships**

-Presidential Scholarship May 2015/16

-Dammon Dean’s Scholar May 2015

-PEO Sisterhood STAR Scholarship May 2015

 -Boone County Agricultural Scholarship May 2015

 -Saxton-Schrier Alumni Scholarship May 2015

 -Bobby Hysong Memorial Scholarship May 2015

 -Mary Sering Trust Scholarship May 2015

**Work/Volunteer Experience**

- Hope for His Children Volunteer January 2011- Current

Crafted the organization’s media and social media campaigns to generate support for the organization by reaching our desired market for fundraising

Cataloged and updated files regarding the children in the program to create a system that promotes increased personal relationship between the American and Ethiopian participants in the organization

- Timmons Feed and Farm Supply Employee October 2013- July 2015

Managed cash register and organized store inventories to better facilitate the company’s business

- Caroline’s Promise Volunteer July 2014- July 2015

Traveled to Guatemala City, Guatemala two separate times to translate for a local church and school’s educational program by utilizing and expanding my knowledge of Spanish culture/language

Translated 120 letters from Spanish to English to assist the organization’s sponsorship program

-Supplemental Instruction Leader August 2016-Current

Facilitate group study sessions for peers in an agricultural economics course by planning and overseeing hands-on learning activities that reframe lecture material in a more palatable learning style

Collaborate with faculty and fellow leaders regularly to critique and refine the effectiveness of my leadership role

-Sunday School Teacher- Primera Iglesia Bautista Frankfort January-August 2016

Refined Spanish language skills through teaching 6-12 year-old children at a local Latino church by planning lessons and leading activities in both Spanish and English

-Even Little Things Handlettering and Photography, Owner September 2016-Current

Started a small business to utilize my skills in handlettering and photography to raise money for personal international missions trips as well as to raise support for the humanitarian organizations I work with

**Global Experience**

-Seven trips to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia January 2011- March 2015

Collaborated with Ethiopian nationals in humanitarian efforts regarding education for orphaned or impoverished youth

-Two trips to Guatemala City, Guatemala July 2014- July 2015

Translated for a local church and school’s educational program by utilizing and expanding my knowledge of Spanish culture/language