

Educational background?

I was born and grown up in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where I went to elementary to high school. However, because I wanted something special to add into my educational background that is in a different system and in a diverse culture where ideas and creativity come through so I decided to get my bachelor degree in BS in Business Administration in Marketing and Entrepreneurship and innovation. At USFCA, I was able to not only learn academically but also discipline and values. Yet, at USF, I was able to share values and opinions with the community. At USF I had the opportunity to learn how to learn and share and discuss with people what I have learned because I believe through sharing different opinions and knowledge will however make an impact on a community — the world.

I have always had this idea of making a difference in the world. I have never considered applying to an environmental program until I have taken couple of environment classes at USF and it sparked my interest to apply for it for master degree.

Workplace experiences?

I have held different positions in the past five years, I worked at the USFCA cafeteria as a cashier and food server for two years, I have held leadership positions at both the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and Arab Student Union (ASU). I was an event coordinator for both organization during freshman and sophomore years at USF, and I was the president of ASU in my junior year. I was a USF employee at the Student

Leadership and Engagement as a Peer Advisor where I oversaw culture and religion organization as well as travel funding specialist / advisor.

Professional goals?

Marketing and social awareness.

Reasons for pursuing a Master of Science in Environmental Management at USF?

When I was back in my home town, Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, which located on the coast of the Red Sea, I used to go scuba dive with my siblings and friends every other weekends. We used to dive in an attractive scuba diving spot for divers lovers. When ever, I went scuba diving, I was amazed by the coral reef, the beautiful colorful water creatures. There were a lot of star fish on the bottom of the sea at 25 meters (000 feet). Unfortunately, divers take with them on their way up star fishes with them to decorate their homes with them. I unfortunately, was one of them who took a star fish. I had no knowledge or an awareness that this practice is a dangers habit for the water habitat and the environment. I ever since gotten to the USA, listening to the news about global warming arguments, attending some environmental classes, going on trips and activists talk about the environment and how ecosystem is all related, I have became more knowledgable about the environment and how small reckless human actions could hurt the environment. Nowadays, looking back, I see how the habit of taking fish star to decorate our homes with is dangerous. Moreover, On my recent visit back home in summer 2016, I went scuba diving to the same spot. I sadly noticed almost no fish star

on that same place where it used be full of them. I was hurt when I saw very few of them and I was thinking how will I show the next generation the fish star.

One of my side work goal is to be a scuba diving instructor, in fact I'm currently taking a PADI dive-master course, where I can use this fun sport as a way of spreading knowledge and saving the environment because back then when we used to catch fish star, it was the norm with a mindset of "everyone does it, why me who will save the environment and one fish star won't make a difference?" Plus lack of awareness of how those sort of habit is serious. So, my goal is to use my business skills to create an awareness and make a real difference in my hone town and the world.

Why you are an outstanding applicant?

I'm a hard worker and fast paste learner. I would like to share my knowledge and expertise in the environment with what I have learned through out the years. I believe that the environment is my passionate so I will devote all my time in learning