



ALUMNI FEATURE: SOPHIA CAMPBELL

Tell us about yourself. What interested you in LPS?

- “I grew up in Davenport, Iowa. My childhood home was a few blocks from the Mississippi river. . . I have many memories recreating on and near the river. By the end of college, I knew that I wanted to use the knowledge I gained from LPS and Environmental Science courses to find a career that advocated for conservation, public access, water quality and natural resources management.”

What have you been up to since graduation?

- “Upon graduating in 2019, I moved to Decorah, Iowa in December and began a career in 2020 as a Watershed Coordinator with the Winneshiek Soil and Water Conservation District. . . I began my current role with Iowa DNR in January 2025 as a Watershed and Source Water Protection Coordinator.”

What do you enjoy the most about your current job?

- “The best part of my job is the people. I’m so grateful that farmers invite me out to their farms where they share their stories and livelihood with me. We create memories and trust together through conservation planning.”

What advice do you have for current LPS students?

- “Get involved in some kind of club, community organization, or volunteer work. It builds social capital, decreases loneliness and division within our communities, and improves the overall health of our society. The people who come together and organize are creating positive change in our democracy. Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change.”

Campbell was named Watershed Coordinator of the Year by the Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance in September 2025



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