

The knowledge and experience I gained in my time at Colorado State University as an Environmental Health and Safety student was very nearly priceless. Although originally I had never intended to go into Environmental Health, the program appealed to me as it offered a wide array of applications, was a growing field and ensured at the very least that I would have a broad background in science should I decide to continue my studies in other science fields.

My first class in Environmental Health, Dr. Gilkey's ERHS 220- sold me on the program and I have been actively involved in environmental health since. As a senior I was able to participate in the internship program and got my first job in the Environmental Health field at Ball Corporation. At Ball I learned about some exciting new programs such as Sustainability, Behavior Based Safety, Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems and Continuous Improvement/Quality Control Applications. The internship program requirements ensured that I was treated as a valued member of the team and gained valuable skills and knowledge from my internship ensuring I would be prepared to enter my career field at graduation. With the education I gained from the EHS program at CSU and the excellent faculty at Ball I gained the confidence and experience needed to be a professional in the field.

My internship eventually turned into my first full time job within the field and I worked for Ball for another year and a half. I did a wide variety of tasks including: data management, sustainability organization and reporting, OSHA training, facility inspections and EHS program design etc....The experiences I gained during my internship and first year within the field increased my interest and supported my decision to go into the EHS field.

I continued my education and graduated in August 2009 with a M.S. in Occupational Health and Safety and Environmental Management from Columbia Southern University and am currently working as a Safety Consultant for Pinnacol Assurance. Without the knowledge I gained from the exciting courses, support from the EHS department's excellent faculty team and education opportunities provided by the EHS program I would not have made it to where I am- with a job I love and a field I am passionate about!