



Paige Carpenter
BSc Environmental Studies
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Paige is from Long Beach New York, where she loves to swim, surf and play beach volleyball. She loves helping and teaching others, as she spends her summers as an ocean lifeguard and swim instructor. However, when she is not on the beach, you can find her hiking and skiing. As a sophomore at UVM she loves to explore Vermont and hopefully learn how to snowboard.



Alexis Chagnon
BSc Wildlife and Fisheries Biology
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Alexis is from St. Albans, Vermont. She is currently studying Wildlife and Fisheries Biology at the University of Vermont and is in her senior year. In her free time she enjoys being outside, kayaking, swimming, fishing, hunting, and hiking. While studying at UVM she discovered her interest in education and wants to teach and share her interest in the environment.



Cameryn Dondero
BSc Environmental Studies
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Cami is a senior Environmental Studies major at UVM. She is passionate about raising awareness about the positive and negative ways that humans affect the environment. Cami is excited to learn more about what can be done to help local communities and pass on that knowledge. She grew up in Long Island, New York and enjoys paddle boarding, hiking, swimming, skiing, running, playing guitar, babysitting, and yoga.



Naomi Chandler
BAc Zoology
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Naomi Chandler is a junior at the University of Vermont. She is pursuing a zoology major with a strong passion for conservation and the environment. She was drawn to Burlington in part by Lake Champlain and the beautiful waterfront. She is more than excited to help as much as she can to educate about and aid in the preservation of the lake and the life it holds.



Jillian Duprey
BSc Secondary Education
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Jill is a senior at the University of Vermont studying Secondary Education with a concentration in Math. She loves spending time outdoors, and during her free time she can be found hiking, walking, or swimming. During the summer she works as a lifeguard and swim instructor. She started as a Watershed Educator in the Fall of 2018 and loves to work with youth and help them discover a passion for the environment.



Mary Lynch
BAC Environmental Studies & Anthropology
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

As a junior at UVM, Mary is pursuing a double major in Environmental Studies and Anthropology. She is originally from the southern tier of New York state but loves Vermont just the same. Bird watching is one of Mary's favorite ways to connect with the outdoors. She is very excited to continue her work in unconventional classrooms with the Watershed Alliance.



Elizabeth Beall
BSc Environmental Science
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Elizabeth has lived in NYC most of her life and moved to Santa Fe this past spring. She enjoys being in Vermont, surrounded by mountains and close to Lake Champlain. She loves hiking. She's excited to continue her passion for environmental science for the next two years of college; she is focusing on a water resources concentration, and is looking forward to taking courses centered in this field of study. In addition, she is minoring in studio art.



Lindsay VanFossen
BSc Environmental Science
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Lindsay is a junior in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources studying environmental science with a concentration in water resources. She's from Pennsylvania, an hour north of Philadelphia. In her free time, Lindsay enjoys photography, hiking, painting, and watching the sunset whenever possible. She wants to help better the environment and our watershed as well as educate others on how to do so!



Grace Turnbull
Elementary Education
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Grace grew up living on a pond in Harvard Massachusetts. She is studying Elementary Education at UVM. She loves hiking and spending time outside exploring especially with her dog Bare. She also enjoys spending time in the kitchen making cookies and Vietnamese food! Grace loves teaching because she has the opportunity to inspire children about the wonderful world that surrounds them. Grace feels a responsibility to be a steward of our environment and wants to share this passion with others. She is excited to be a watershed educator and educate people about their local resources and how to protect them.



Gabe Frigo
BS Mechanical Engineering
Lake Champlain Sea Grant

Gabe is a rising sophomore who grew up in South Burlington, Vermont (about ten minutes away from the UVM campus). He is studying mechanical engineering. He enjoys generally being outside and especially enjoys pond hockey and hiking. Gabe feels a connection to the local area having grown up here and is excited to help educate kids who are going through the same schools he did growing up. He is excited to be a watershed educator and teach kids about the environment around them.

SUNY Watershed Alliance Interns

Heather Thompson

MS Environmental Science



Heather studied Conservation Biology as an undergrad at St. Lawrence University and is currently pursuing a MS in Environmental Science at SUNY Plattsburgh. Heather grew up in rural St. Lawrence County and visited 2 different continents as an undergrad, though she still prefers her home here in the Adirondacks because she lives for fall foliage and apple cider. Heather's favorite part of her job is having the opportunity to engage students in a field that she is passionate about, while teaching them about the issues facing their watershed and giving them hope for a better future for Lake Champlain.

Grace Dawson

Social Work

Grace is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in the Social Work program. Grace's favorite part of her job is getting to see the interactions people have with their environment and thinking about how we can positively change how humans experience the outdoors. Grace is from Illinois, she moved out here after falling in love with the mountains, a lot of her free time is spent outside hiking and camping in the mountains that drew her out here in the first place.

