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2023

SUMMER SUCCESS SUMMIT:

PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS

**Save the Date for this NALA(STEM)
Virtual Workshop**

**July 20, 2023 from 6pm-8pm CST
More details to come!**



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Nia Gilliam, E.I.T.

Outreach Chair



What initially drew you to science?

Animals! I've always had a love for animals, especially dogs and cats. Through high school and into college I wanted to become a veterinarian. I've also always been passionate about the environment. Earth should be respected. I'm into Earth Day and doing clean up activities. I ended up switching my major in college to environmental engineering.

What do you do with your environmental engineering degree?

I'm in the deputy position for the younger engineers at Brown and Caldwell, an engineering consulting firm. At my job I mainly work in remediation - working on sites that have contaminated soil or groundwater. I work with a design team that comes up with a remedy to clean up the site and then finds a team that can do the construction. Last summer I was in upstate New York working as the quality control person, making sure whatever was being constructed matched the designs we came up with.

What was your experience finding an environmental engineering job like?

The biggest concern for me was company culture. I wasn't necessarily looking at how much I was going to get paid - instead, I was looking into benefits and the kind of community that a company built. I was really invested in finding a job that had balance, somewhere I could enjoy without extra stress. I didn't want to be hopping from job to job.

What are you currently passionate about?

Equity and environmental justice - which I have been able to incorporate into my job. I am part of the equity practice working group, a new group that created an equity work plan that focuses on water.



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