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Goal 1.4 Reflection

In this goal of my ePortfolio I was looking at the major principles of organismal biology and my progress over my undergraduate career. I used 3 artifacts, two were from my toxicology class and the other was from my upper level Ecology class. The toxicology class was offered as a biology course, but it was not extremely in depth. In this class I wrote a Risk Assessment where I looked at a site and determined how much the surrounding areas were at risk around that area. The second artifact was in that same class looking at a case study and being able to answer questions by picking out the necessary information that I needed. The third artifact was my first content paper in Ecology where I used the vague information that I was given to answer certain questions that I was given.

What I learned from these is that although these two artifacts in my Toxicology class were not extremely biology intensive, they showed me a different realm of biology that I have never thought about. Learning from these different types of writing has allowed me to broaden my horizon and understand scientific writing in different disciplines. The topics that I covered in these writings were not challenging, but I was not used to writing to a general audience so that was a bit challenging. The Ecology paper just reinforced all of the things that I have learned and showed me how much I have grown over my time here at Longwood.

Learning to write in these completely different styles has shown me how happy I am that I chose strictly biology. I love the challenge of writing in the biological field and I think that it’s so rewarding to feel that you have accomplished and written a good paper in such a challenging field. I look forward to taking my eagerness to continue to write and get better into the field of Nursing where I will pursue my dream.