

Megan Nelson - Aquaculture

My name is Megan Nelson. I am a Junior at Estacada High School. I'm an active member of the Estacada FFA Chapter and currently have my Greenhand degree. I joined FFA because I wanted to work with animals and the environment. I also wanted to join something that would look great on resumes and college applications. I plan to go to college and get degrees in Environmental Science and Marine Biology.

For my SAE Project I have set up two fish tanks and I am starting on setting up a third. The first tank is the one I have at home. It's a 55 gallon saltwater aquarium that I plan to have many different species living in. Currently, I have Live Rock, a clownfish, hermit crabs, and a feather duster inhabiting the aquarium. My second tank is in my FFA Advisor's classroom. It is a ten gallon freshwater tank. For this fish tank I have planned to incorporate underwater plants as a focal point. In this aquarium are snails, Platys, and a variety of plant species. The next tank I am starting on is one that will be home to Lake Malawi African Cichlids.

I hope to learn about a variety of aquatic environments from my project that will eventually help me with my goals of becoming a Marine Biologist or Environmental Scientist.

