

Denise Castillo-Gonzalez

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Sustainability Professional seeking to contribute knowledge and experience in the private/public sector via a position involving sustainability education. Passionate about education as documented through work as a Sustainability Specialist for the City of Albuquerque, and previous experience as a Global Sustainability and Compliance Project Coordinator for Costco Wholesale.

Education

Master of Liberal Arts (ALM) in Sustainability | 2021 |

Harvard University

Focus on sustainability and environmental science for the improvement, and preservation of our environment and communities.

Bachelor of Arts | 2013 | University of New Mexico

Majored in Spanish, with a minor in American Sign Language and French. Spent a summer abroad in Mexico City studying the Spanish language and Mexican culture.

Experience

City of Albuquerque, Sustainability Specialist — November 2021 - Present

Position focuses on adaptation and resilience, including data reporting to platforms such as American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), and Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). Oversee the City's Community Energy Efficiency Project, heat mitigation, community engagement and education, Climate Action Plan implementation and reporting.

Costco Wholesale, AM Merchandising — June 2020 - November 2021

Responsibilities included managing inventory levels, and maintaining floor presentation at all times.

Costco Wholesale, Sustainability Project Coordinator — June 2018 - June 2020

Managed international and nationwide sustainability programs in warehouse locations for the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Tracked utility consumption, researched inefficiencies, expanded food donation programs, and managed waste operations focused on landfill diversion.

Costco Wholesale, Various Positions — September 2009 - June 2018

Worked in various positions, including Gas Operations Intern, Account Manager, and multiple customer service positions.

Achievements

Managed the national expansion of Costco Wholesale's food donation program, and developed new operational procedures to include perishables for all locations in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Graduate capstone project completion with the City of Albuquerque. Project consisted of proposing a Green Bin Pilot program for curbside collection of green waste (yard clippings, wood pieces, or other miscellaneous material).

Graduate certificate in Green Buildings and Materials from Harvard University

Board member on the Middle Rio Grande's Urban Waters Chapter (EPA)

Languages

Spanish, American Sign Language, and French