

My 2-3 Year Weather (Career) Outlook

Kayla McDonald

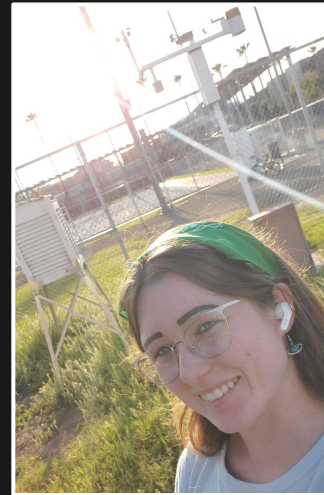
ASU Arizona State University



As an ASU student, what have I been up to?

- Freshman Year: I joined the ASU Weather Club, got a job at WeatheRate INC., volunteered at the COOP Station at ASU and was a part of an Arizona PBS weather story

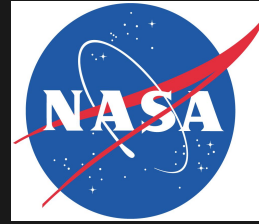
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On the side: I was also in the Sun Devil Marching Band my freshman year

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- Sophomore Year: I was the Science Mission Director for the ASU ASCEND program and I became a TA for the Introduction to Physical Geography Class
- By the end of the year, I became the vice president of the weather club for next semester



Your TA this semester is Kayla McDonald

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Zoom: <https://asu.zoom.us/j/kjmcodon5>

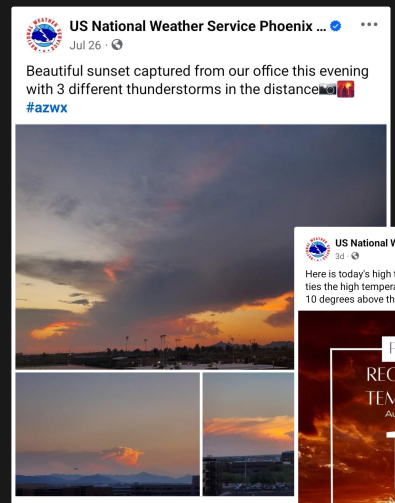
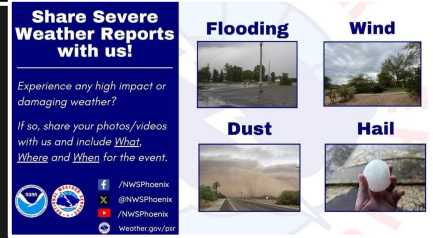
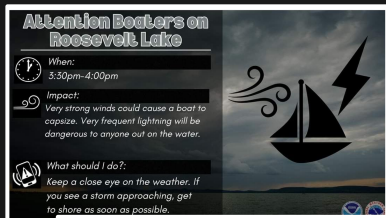
Office Hours:

Friday: 3:00-5:00 PM in person and/or Zoom
Or by appointment!



National Weather Service Phoenix

- This summer I've been volunteering at the NWS Phoenix office with Amanda
- During my time there I shadowed NWS meteorologists, created messaging graphics, ran the social media pages, organized the Storm Spotter database, redesigned the Storm Spotter Newsletter, launched weather balloons and answered Storm Spotter and public calls



Outlook for the Future

- While I still have 2-3 years of college classes left, I plan on keeping an open mind to all meteorology career options like broadcast meteorology, independent companies, or the US military, but I hope to end up working for the National Weather Service in the future

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My Tips for Navigating College

- Take opportunities!
- Get out of your comfort zone and explore the possibilities
- When looking at the big picture of classes, work, and external factors, it can make college overwhelming; take it each day and overtime you will complete your goals
- Be open minded to things that may not go according to plan



A sunset sky with silhouettes of palm trees and a building. The sky is filled with large, dark clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the setting sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The silhouettes of palm trees and a building are visible in the foreground against the bright horizon.

Thank You!

Any Questions?