

My name is Cosette Veeder-Shave and I am a senior at the University of Mary Washington. I am majoring in Historic Preservation and minoring in Museum Studies. I grew up in Hyde Park, New York, on a sheep farm raising Corriedale and Natural Colored sheep. I started in 4-H when I was 5, and started raising sheep soon after. I was part of the Golden Fleece 4-H club before aging out of 4-H and loved my time with the group. Raising, and caring for sheep has taught me many important life lessons, including record keeping, time management, and perseverance. I served as the Dutchess County Wool Ambassador for two years and loved the chance to educate and promote sheep and wool. I have participated in the New York State Make it with Wool competition for the past 12 years and enjoy making clothes out of wool.

When not studying, I enjoy playing my violin, reading, and doing a variety of fiber arts, mainly knitting, sewing, and crochet. At school, I work as a writing center consultant and a peer mentor for freshmen. I also volunteer with the James Farmer Multicultural Center at my college helping to organize events that promote equality and inclusion. I will be graduating in spring 2022 and hope to pursue a Master's degree in Museum Studies.