Joshua Wangerin

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Self-directed student driven by deep curiosity and a systems-thinking mindset. Pairs 10+ years of production agriculture experience with formal education in economics and crop production. Passionate about helping family farms thrive.

EDUCATION

Montana State University, Bozeman, MT — Expected May 2027

- B.S. Economics and B.S. Sustainable Food and Bioenergy Systems (Crop Production), **4.0 GPA**

Relevant Coursework

- **(Econometrics / Economic Policy Evaluation)** Constructed a panel data set from government sources. Evaluated whether farm consolidation affected the economic well-being of rural communities. Measured statistically significant impacts, interpreted with caution due to data limitations
- **(Economics of Ag Policy)** Test whether adoption of State Meat and Poultry Inspection programs increases the availability of locally produced beef for consumers; ongoing
- **(Senior Capstone)** Facilitated action planning sessions at the Governor's Summit on Local Food and Agriculture; continue to map regional food-system assets

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Towne's Harvest Garden, Bozeman, MT

Production Manager — Nov 2024 – Present
Crew Member — Aug 2024 – Nov 2024

- Faced with sparse, messy farm records, took a systems approach by designing a farm management tool, establishing baseline metrics to track performance over time
- Balanced the complexity of 50+ crops on five acres with delivering full value to CSA members, helping grow membership from 65 to 83 (2024–2026) as farm sales rose year over year

SZ Bar Ranch — Jun 2019 – Jul 2020, Nov 2022 – Present

Ranch Hand

- Provide routine and emergency animal care for approximately 300 cow/calf pairs
- Work with crews to keep cattle handling safe for animals and people, in feedlot and on range, with no major injuries
- Balance school, Army service, and a farm management role while remaining a reliable presence on the ranch

MILITARY SERVICE

592nd Ordnance Company — Feb 2023 – Present

Ammunition Specialist (89B), Specialist

- Handled live ammunition during annual trainings where safety and accuracy allow no margin for error, maintaining 100% accountability with zero safety incidents
- Earned certification as gunner on an M2A1 mounted gunnery team, sustaining absolute safety through continuous, multi-day live-fire operations

LEADERSHIP

Friends of Local Foods Club, Montana State University — Mar 2026 – Present

Re-founding President

- Re-founded the club on three pillars: professionalism, service, and community engagement
- Planned and led multiple events to increase club engagement, growing membership from 0 to 28 members

CERTIFICATIONS

- Secret Security Clearance
- Certified Forklift Operator
- American Red Cross BLS
- Army Combat Lifesaver (CLS)

SKILLS

- Confident public speaker
- Teaching complex concepts
- AI literacy
- Spreadsheets (Excel)
- Stata, R, and Python

HONORS

- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America
- Dave Buschena Memorial Scholarship
- Company Soldier of the Cycle, Basic Combat Training