

# Darryl Allen Nichols

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## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Science in Agricultural, Food & Life Sciences** | Food Science Major | 3.12 GPA | August 2018  
University of Arkansas | Dale Bumper's College of Agricultural, Food & Life Sciences | Fayetteville, Arkansas

**Associate of General Studies** | Emphasis in Education | 3.3 GPA | May 2016  
University of Arkansas – Fort Smith | School of Education | Fort Smith, Arkansas

## EXPERIENCE

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Simmons Foods | Quality Assurance Department | Siloam Springs, Arkansas  
**Food Safety & Quality Assurance Intern** May 2018 – Present

- Perform HACCP validation by verifying scientific & technical support used for production processes
- Create HACCP compliance PowerPoint for QA manager training
- Prepare decision-making document according to FSIS Appendix A to change production processes
- Analyze water microbial data using the statistical program Minitab to establish trigger for micro testing
- Create questionnaire for QA Manager “FSQA Spotlight” using Google Forms

University of Arkansas | Food Science Department | Fayetteville, Arkansas  
**Undergraduate Research Assistant** August 2017 – May 2018

- Performed aflatoxin assays
- Measured moisture content of rice
- Operated a rice cleaning machine for experiment preparation
- Hand-sieved corn for mold-prevention experiments
- Transported commodities to the pilot plant for experimentation

Arkansas Food Innovation Center (AFIC) | Fayetteville, Arkansas  
**Food Science Intern** May 2017 – August 2017

- Assisted in interviewing potential producers/entrepreneurs for use of the AFIC pilot plant
- Tested the pH, Brix percentages, Water Activity, Lactic Acid, and Salinity of food products
- Mapped AFIC's floor plan using AutoCAD Plant 3D
- Performed QA tasks: Ensured food safety regulations are followed in the pilot plant
- Managed scheduling and payments of producers
- Verified that Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures were followed by conducting ATP meter tests
- Created nutritional labels for producers
- Researched the potential upscaling of kombucha production

University of Arkansas | Human Resources Department | Fayetteville, Arkansas  
**Student Worker** August 2016 – May 2017

- Greeted patrons, answered and directed calls, scanned, filed, and distributed paperwork
- Worked with RazorTemps to develop job offer documents and conducted interviews
- Entered data into Uark Access and Basis programs

## VOLUNTEER WORK

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- Walton Arts Center (2017) 38 hours
- Northwest Arkansas Food Bank (2016-2017) 26 hours
- Conversation Club Group Leader (2016) 10 hours
- Beaver Watershed Alliance (2015-2017) 32 hours
- Ozark Society (2015) 4 hours
- English Language Partner (2015) 8 hours
- Education Renewal Zone's Mentoring Darby Junior High Students (2015) 5 hours
- Greenwood, Arkansas Boys & Girls Club (2015) 10 hours

## PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

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- Lifeguard Certification (2015 – 2017)
- Child Maltreatment Training (2015)
- Writers' Workshop with Taylor Mali (2015)

## ACTIVITIES & INVOLVMENT

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- Food Science Club Member (2016-2018)
- Future Educators Association Member (2014 – 2016)
- Dining Hall Committee Member (2015 – 2016)
  - UAFS Lion's Den Housing Representative
- U of A – Fort Smith Student Government Association Legislative Body Member (2014 – 2015)
  - Representative of the College of Languages and Communications
  - Member of the Campus Affairs Committee

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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General Nutrition Centers | Fayetteville, Arkansas

*Sales Associate* December 2015 – September 2016

University of Arkansas – Fort Smith | Fort Smith, Arkansas

*Resident Assistant* August 2015 – May 2016

Camp War Eagle | Rogers, Arkansas

*Counselor* May 2015 – August 2015

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Boreham Library | Fort Smith, Arkansas

*Circulation Desk Assistant* March 2013 – May 2015

Gerber Products Company | Fort Smith, Arkansas

*Manual Labor* May 2014 – August 2014