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Ms. Sandra Davey  
Wildlife Conservation Society  
2300 Southern Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Sandra Davey:

I am pleased to apply to the Conservation Educator position at the Central Park Zoo, which I saw posted on LinkedIn. As a senior majoring in Wildlife & Conservation Biology at the University of New Hampshire, I am eager to apply my skills and experiences as an emerging professional in the field of conservation education. The Wildlife Conservation Society's vision in particular draws me to this role; ensuring the protection of wildlife and creating societal awareness around threats to habitats and species are issues of upmost importance to me.

Over the past several years, I have gained experiences and developed my knowledge in a variety of areas. Central to these experiences are my passion for wildlife conservation and my commitment to communicating knowledge to others. Through my work as an outreach volunteer with Massachusetts Audubon, I frequently presented at public events on a host of conservation issues, ranging from protection of local watersheds to tips on living "greener". Additionally, I developed interactive lessons and activities for school-aged groups, planned and organized event programming and created promotional materials. As a camp counselor, I created and implemented an inquiry-based nature program. Through this program, campers learned to identify plant species, used compasses and GPS devices, and developed an understanding of forest and estuarine ecosystems through observations and sampling activities. During my internship at the Center for Wildlife, I demonstrated my ability to handle a broad range of animals through daily routines, medical care, and rehabilitation efforts. These past experiences, along with my dedication to excellence, my fervor, and collaborative nature will allow me to be successful in the Conservation Educator role.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am confident that not only my skillset and knowledge make me an ideal candidate, but that my values are in close alignment with those of the Wildlife Conservation Society. I will bring my creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to the transference of knowledge to this role. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss my qualifications with you.

Sincerely,

Max Hughes