

Taylor Gorycki

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Food systems and community-impact professional with 8+ years of experience advancing food access, strategic partnerships, community engagement, communications, and impact measurement. I bring a systems-thinking perspective shaped by work in hunger relief, food recovery, local food systems, social justice, and international community development. Experienced in translating data into actionable insights, building trust across diverse communities, and working collaboratively toward shared goals.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation, USA

Manager of Communications and Impact

January 2026 - current

- With a vision to be changemakers for a sustainable hunger-free world, the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation mobilizes experts, innovators, volunteers, and donors to feed children in the U.S. today and advocate for policies that ensure no child is hungry again tomorrow. We're addressing the root causes of hunger by driving initiatives that help people respond, empower, and unite their communities.
- I serve as the strategic lead for communications, impact reporting, and stakeholder engagement for the Foundation, partnering with executive leadership, nonprofit organizations, and business teams to expand program visibility, strengthen community partnerships, and maximize mission-driven impact.

Community Relations Coordinator

November 2021 - January 2026

Local Food Connection, Newsletter Writer/Editor, Bethel, ME

March - July 2020

- Led the planning, development, and editorial production of a monthly newsletter, overseeing content strategy, writing, and editing. Included conducting interviews with food systems experts and local food professionals to develop engaging, community-focused stories.
- Doubled newsletter subscribers within the first two months, driving significant audience growth and engagement.

Morning Glory Farm, Masters Research Student & Farm Apprentice, Bethel ME

Summer 2019

- In addition to my research on sustainable and off-grid living, I assisted with all the farm chores: grazing livestock rotation, livestock feeding and watering, egg collection, cow milking, haying, composting, frost protection defense, poultry transportation, and meat processing. I weeded, harvested, and stored the farm's diversity of fruits and vegetables; collected & processed the farm's apples into sauce, cider, wine; and processed the farm's cow milk into fresh yogurt and soft cheeses.

Saha Global, Water Field Representative, Tamale, Ghana

Summer 2017

- Brought clean drinking water and health education to the rural community of Nakpanzoo through crowd fundraising, construction of a water treatment center in the village, and one-on-one home visits with the 132 families of the community.
- Trained women entrepreneurs from the community to run the business sustainably by putting the necessary revenue back into the physical maintenance of the business while using the remaining funds to compensate the entrepreneurial women for their work.

BOARD LEADERSHIP

Sodexo Global Generations, *Advisory Board Member*

July 2026 - current

Vermont First, *Executive Board Member*

January 2026 - current

EDUCATION

University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo, Italy

Master of Science in Gastronomy (concentration in World Food Cultures and Mobility)

Onsite Study Intensives: Sicily, Italy; Negros, Philippines; Komotini, Greece

Activities: Masters Program Student Government Representative; UNISG Garden Club

Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre: Creative Social Change

Minors: Environmental Studies; Political Science

Study Abroad Semesters: Freiburg, Germany; La Serena, Chile

Honors: Centennial Center for Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Innovation: LEADS Certificate;

Dean's List; Presidential Scholar; CCL Cohen Fellow, Julius G. Blocker Fellow

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Continued Education & Certifications:

- AI for Business Leaders (Quantic School of Business and Technology) - expected Fall 2026
- Certified Associate in Project Management (Project Management Institute PMI) - expected Fall 2026
- Open Water Scuba Diver (SSI & NAUI) - 2013, 2026
- Compassionate Accountability (Next Element) - 2023
- Certified RYT 200 Yoga and Meditation Teacher (Samyama Bali) - 2021
- Facebook Social Media Marketing Professional Certificate (Meta) - 2021

Skills & Tech: public speaking, writing, AI prompting & design across multiple platforms, project management, event planning, Microsoft & Google applications, DSLR photography, Adobe Creative Suite, social media content creation and platform management

Volunteerism & Community Engagement: Slow Food (VT, USA and International), WWOOF USA, Intervale Community Farm

Favorite Things & Interests: traveling (37+ countries across 5 continents), scuba diving, reading, gardening, permaculture, homesteading, sustainable food systems, animals, off-grid skills training, all things outdoor recreation, cooking, ceramics, fiber arts, photography, antiquing