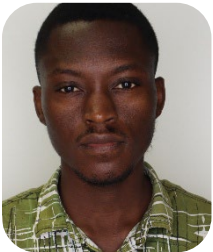




TESLIN BRANNAN

**Undergraduate Candidate – Environmental Science
Linfield University**

Teslin Brannan was born and raised in the Tanana Valley Watershed of Interior Alaska. Her scientific journey began in kindergarten and continued with her contributions to a decade-long study of a levee affecting a nearby slough. This experience evolved into broader environmental hydrological work, which includes riparian zone surveys, water quality monitoring, restoration efforts, and training educators and youth in citizen science hydrosphere protocols. Teslin has presented her findings at various state, regional, and international conferences throughout her educational career. She spends her summers working as a field intern with the Tanana Valley Watershed Association. Teslin is studying environmental science at Linfield University while also competing collegiately in the pole vault.



KWABENA DARKO OKYERE

**Graduate Candidate – Ph.D., Environmental Engineering
University of South Florida**

Kwabena is a graduate student commencing a Doctorate in Environmental Engineering at the University of South Florida (USF) in the Fall of 25, where he recently obtained his master's degree. With a strong academic background, including a BSc in Chemical Engineering from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, he has committed his career to developing sustainable environmental solutions.

As a Research Assistant at USF, his work supports integrated water resources management by addressing nutrient pollution and its impact on groundwater and public health. He has collaborated with multiple stakeholders, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), to monitor In-ground nitrogen-reducing biofilters, crucial for mitigating nutrient loading in sensitive watersheds in Florida.

As an active leader, he participates in the AWRA and AWWA student associations and has won multiple student awards at both the state and national levels.

Kwabena is dedicated to leveraging his expertise to drive innovative solutions for water resources management and also loves mentoring early-stage undergraduate researchers. In his leisure time, Kwabena loves to play pickleball and soccer with his friends.



REZVANE GHORBANI

**Graduate Candidate – Ph.D., Civil & Environmental Engineering (Water Resources)
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Rezvane Ghorbani is a Ph.D. student in the Environmental and Water Resources (EWR) program in Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) at Virginia Tech. Her research focuses on hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, flood risk assessment, and climate-resilient water management. She is committed to developing practical, data-driven solutions to support sustainable and equitable water systems.