

## Introducing Darby Gilbert... Nature's Well-Rounded Advocate

Darby Gilbert (They/Them) is a Freshman at Frostburg State University majoring in Wildlife & Fisheries with a Minor in History

“Honestly, I chose Frostburg for the community and also the size of the school.” And in their younger years before college, Darby grew up in the rural region of Central Pennsylvania accompanied by their mother, father, and brother who, just like them, is also currently a student at UGA!



Darby wasn't only around family growing up though, they grew up surrounded by the beauty of nature, spending their time outside skating, horseback riding, jumping on the trampoline, and enjoying time with several furry friends like horses, dogs, and even a cat, promptly sparking their passion for wildlife at a young age and further influencing their dream of either becoming a park ranger or wildlife biologist, which are two very different roles in a similar field...

For context, [Park Rangers](#) are people who work in places like national state parks. They're the ones responsible for protecting the area's resources, ensuring the wildlife is protected as well as teaching others about what all the areas have to offer with educational tours.

A [Wildlife Biologist](#) on the other hand is someone who studies all things wildlife from their behavior to the ecosystems they live in

Both roles care deeply for animals, the environment, and preserving the earth in a way that protects both them and us as humans- and how admirable is it that Darby's dream is to do one of those things?

In true Taurus fashion, nature isn't their only passion! Proclaiming that a huge goal of theirs in life is to one day be able to foster children and care for them, nearly mirroring the same passion they've expressed for nature and wildlife.



Similarly, Darby has several hobbies and interests ranging from occasionally reading tarot cards, being a huge Swiftie (who owns something interesting touched by the Grammy-winning artist) "I actually own a guitar signed by Taylor Swift, I got it from my grandpa!" they are also very musical and love singing- sometimes engaging in karaoke events on campus from time to time with friends.

In their short time on campus, Darby has already engaged themselves in the Frostburg community and didn't let their introverted side stop them from building relationships with others despite being in a new state and area...

In October 2023, Darby joined Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA), a respected sorority on Frostburg's campus that exists to promote uplifting oneself and instilling values like balance, integrity, learning, generosity, and growth to name a few.

Darby hasn't always had a desire to join sorority life, nor were they looking at many "Honestly, Alpha Sigma Alpha is actually the only sorority I actually looked at, but they just seemed like normal people, and I liked their vibe- they're all very nice!"

All in all, in such a short time, Darby Gilbert's life and goals from their upbringing in Central PA to their current educational efforts reflect a strong vision for a better world where all beings on this world are cared for with respect and passion.