

# THE RECAP

As the year ends, and I look back on the many opportunities I have had this year at Pennichuck, it makes me excited to see what this next year has in store. I have only worked here for seven months, and it feels as though the time has flown by. In this blog, I will be sharing with you some of my favorite highlights from 2024.

## My First Week

When I started in June, I had no idea what to expect. The morning of my first day was filled with nerves and excitement. I remember coming in the front lobby and Tara from HR came down and was so friendly which put me at ease. I was onboarded with a group of four other new hires which made me feel less alone. My first week consisted of meeting new people, getting a tour of the treatment and distribution plant, going out on the field with the engineering interns, and trying to navigate my way back to my cubicle after getting lost in the building.



## Removing Invasive Species

It was a very hot and rainy day in July when Ashley, the engineering interns, and I went to remove the invasive species of Eurasian Water Chestnuts from the supply pond at treatment. In addition to removing the water chestnuts Ashley was also having the interns identify other species of plants in and around the pond for our records. I remember thinking "I can't believe I get to do this", it was such a neat experience and one I hope to be able to be a part of next year.



## Participating in UMass Boston's Careers in Water Panel

About a week before the career panel, I was reached out to by some of my co-workers asking if I wanted to participate in a career panel at UMass Boston. Feeling very honored, but also not the most qualified (because why would someone want ME to speak to a class) I said yes. It was an AMAZING opportunity, and I talked to the class about what it looks like to work in communication and marketing in the water industry and showed them just how many job opportunities are available in this industry. It put me out of my comfort zone in the best way and I look forward to hopefully having many more opportunities to showcase the many jobs in water.



## Helping with Watershed Presentations

For the last two months, I have volunteered with Watershed Presentations through Pennichuck's partnership with the Adult Learning Center's Xploration STEM program. In this program Xploration visits 5th grade classrooms throughout Southern New Hampshire. This has been an enriching experience to teach kids about pollution prevention in water and I am excited to start being a part of them again in the New Year.



2024 has been a great year for me starting at Pennichuck. I have learned so much about the water industry since being here, and still have so much to learn. I am excited for the many more new and exciting opportunities at Pennichuck come the new year and can't wait to continue sharing my experience.