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## Cecilia Pershyn Education Coordinator for the Blue Economy Program at Riverside Academy

Cecilia Pershyn is the Education Coordinator for the Blue Economy Program at Riverside Academy. She has held this position since the launch of Riverside Academy in 2017, where she has helped to build the Blue Economy Program. As Education Coordinator, Cecilia plans field trips, work experiences, guest lectures, and more for Riverside students. The intention of this program is to build a pipeline from Riverside Academy to Buffalo State.

Additionally, Cecilia spearheads “SHARK Time,” the career advisory program at Riverside. Here she plans, writes, and implements interactive lessons that are aimed at preparing students for college excellence and successful, sustainable careers. She presented on “SHARK Time” at a national conference in Baltimore last July.

Cecilia holds a Bachelor’s in Environmental Science from Evergreen State College and is working on her Master’s in Great Lakes Environmental Science at Buffalo State. Cecilia’s love for water comes from growing up next to Lake Erie and the Niagara River. She has interned at Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and for a coral reef restoration program in Thailand. Cecilia channels her passion for water ecology and environmental science into her work. She believes that by connecting students to Buffalo’s water resources, she helps build a sense of environmental stewardship which will lead to future conservation scientists and sustainable business owners.

