



# Henry Mueller

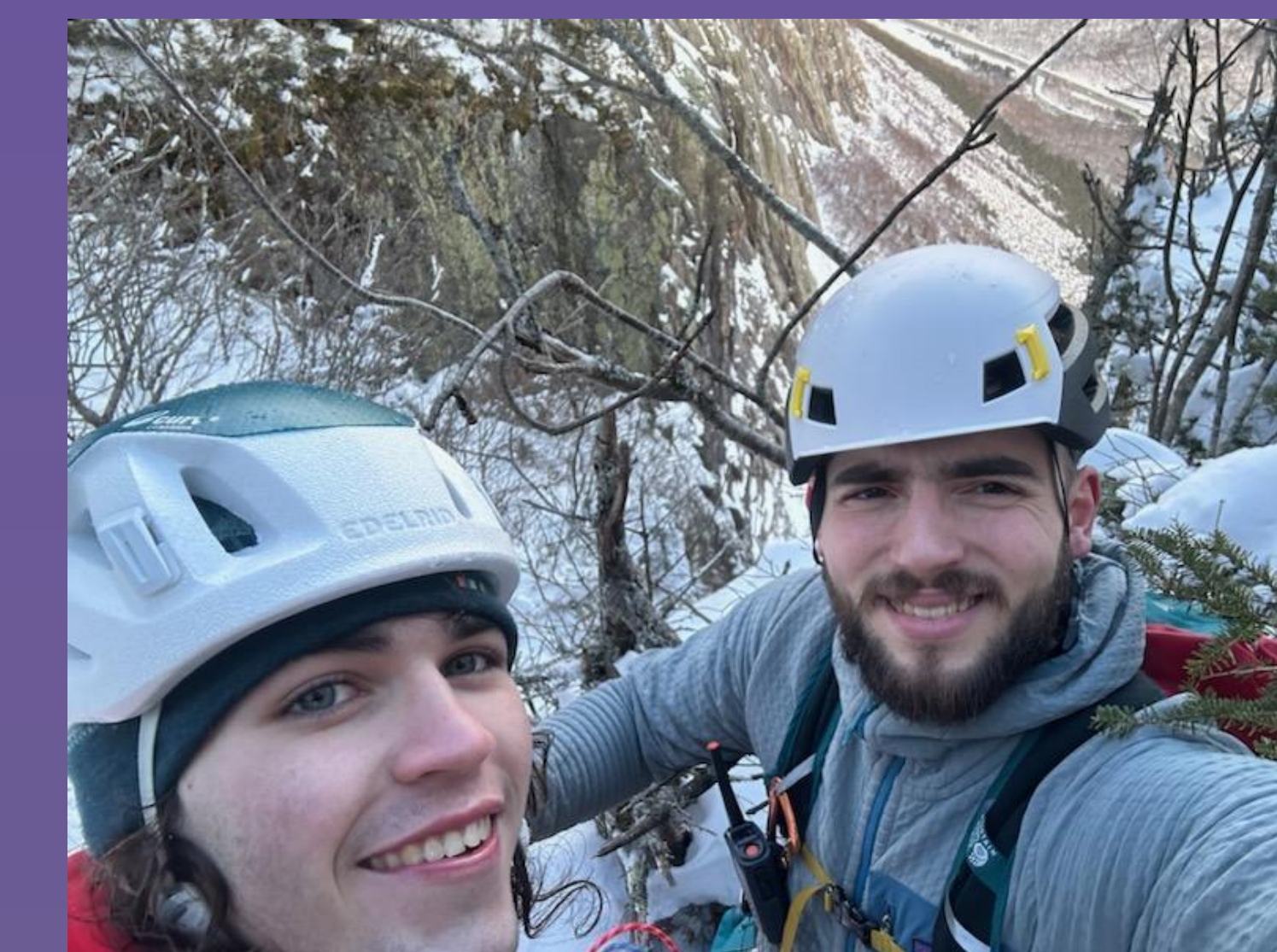
## Guide Career Development Training

### AIARE I, II, Rescue and AMGA SPI

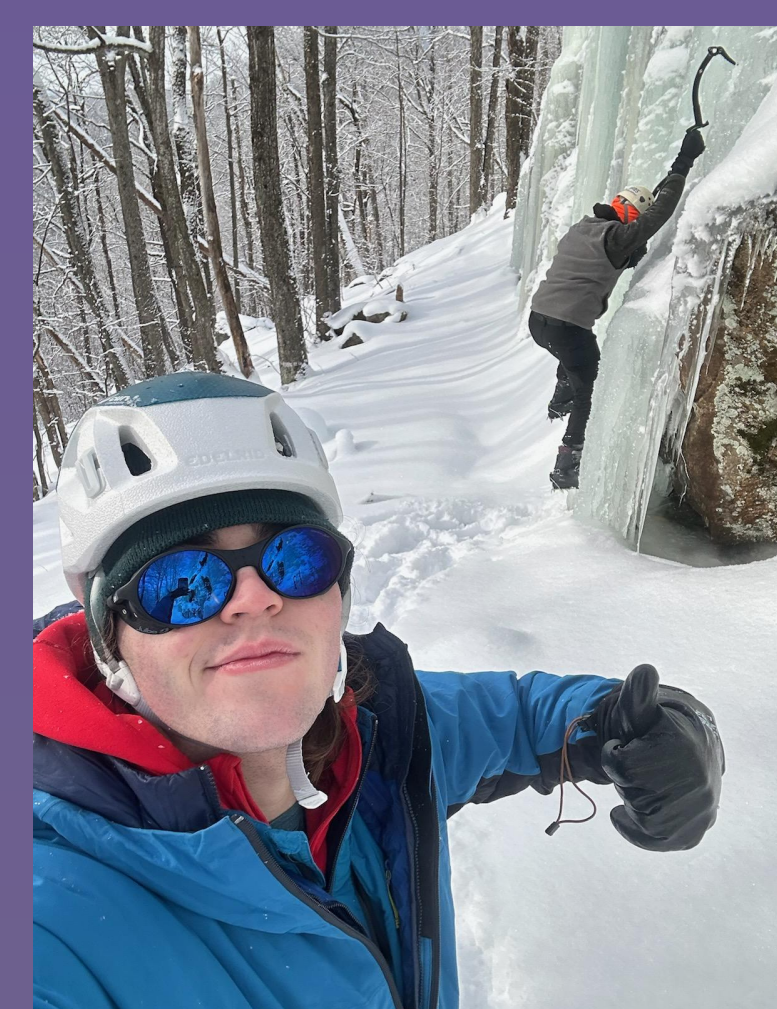
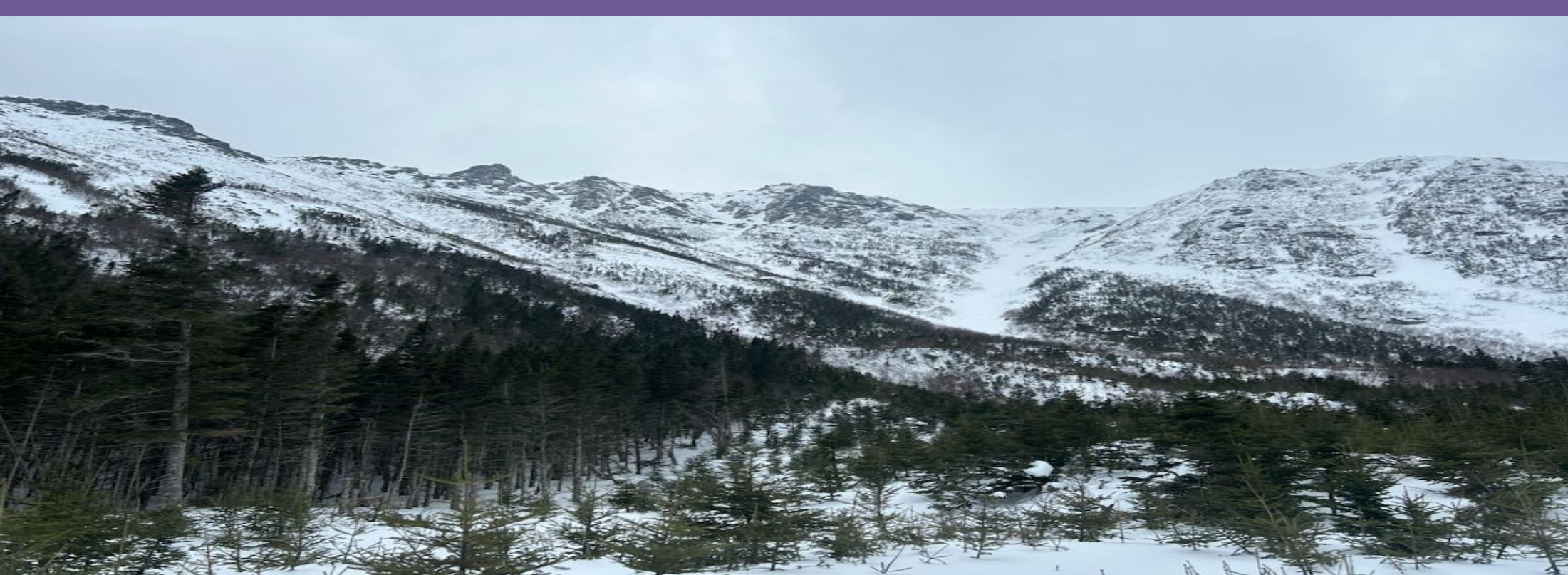
I am a current sophomore student at SUNY Potsdam. In the fall of 2023, I applied for a grant from the Loughheed Center of Applied Learning to take AIARE I, II and rescue and an SPI course and assessment through the AMGA.



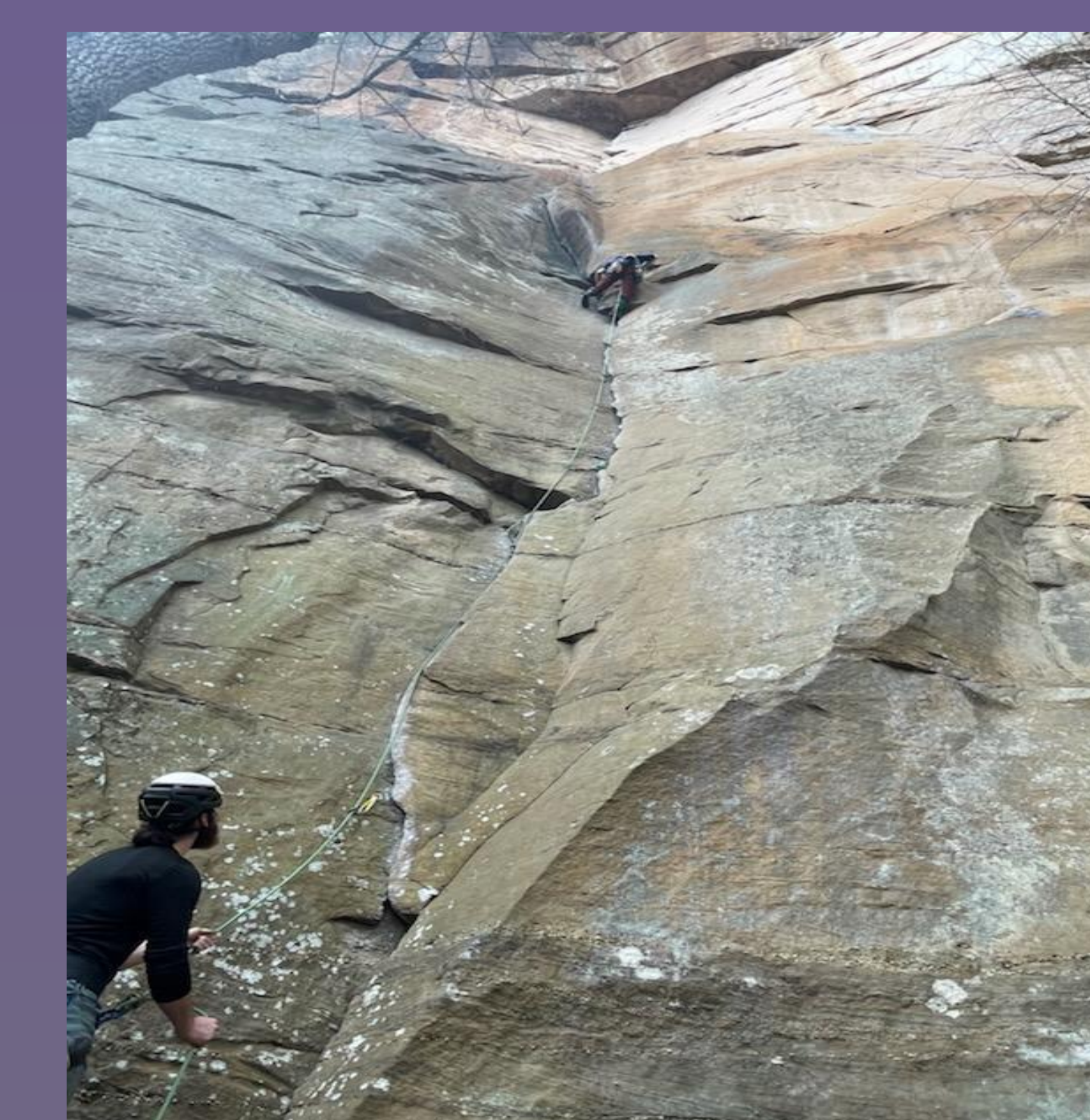
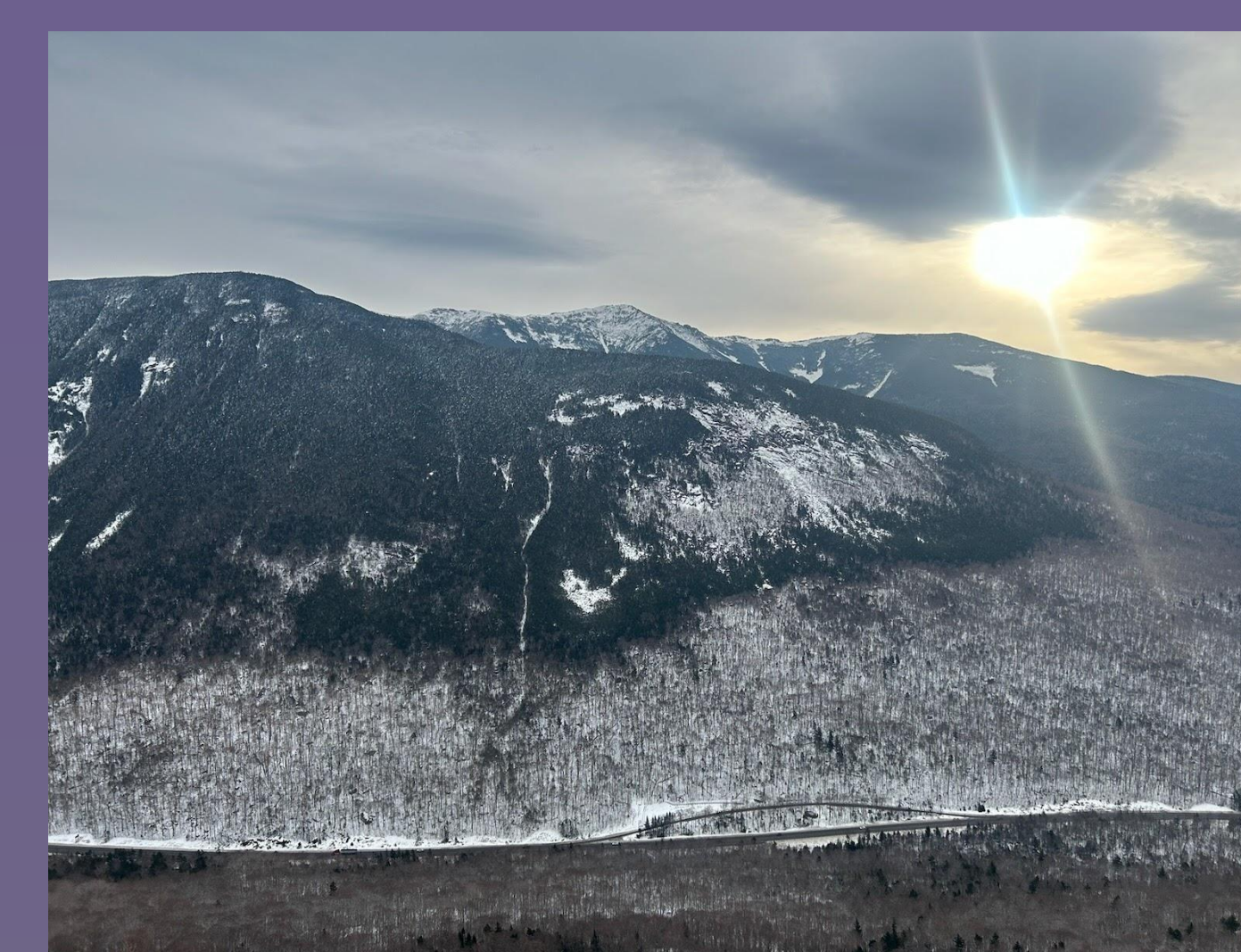
Through the Wilderness Expedition Program and my experiences during the past two years, I have narrowed my focus to a career that will utilize the abilities and skills I have developed for the outdoors, as well as the leadership qualities I have honed.



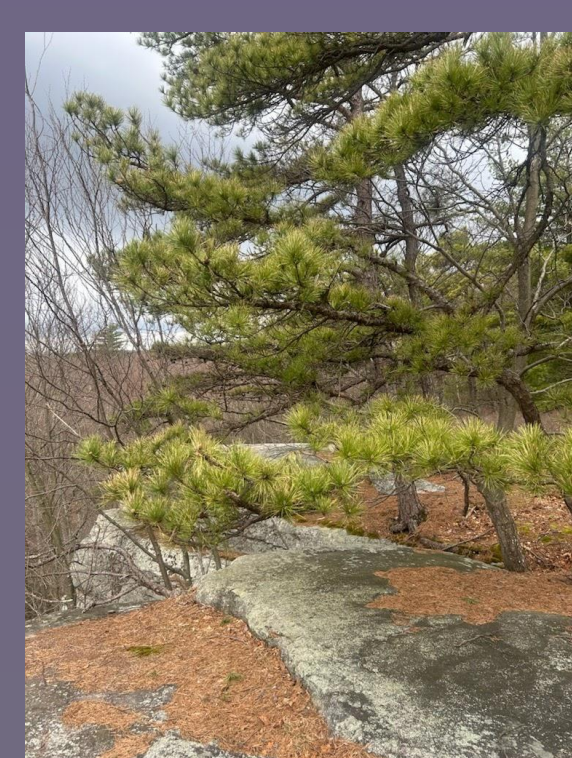
I applied for and received grants that enabled me to further my education by completing the AIARE I and AIARE II courses (American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education).



During the AIARE courses, I learned snow science, how to rescue people in an avalanche, and how to tell if an avalanche was likely in a certain area. This new knowledge is another part of my building a career and a future doing what I enjoy and helping others. I also learned valuable leadership skills.



I was also able to attend an SPI (Single Pitch Instructor) course via the AMGA (American Mountain Guide Association). The SPI is the only internationally recognized single pitch climbing instructor certification program in the United States.



This valuable course that taught me more rope work techniques and leadership skills, will open up more career options including becoming a rock climbing instructor.



The generous grants offered through SUNY Potsdam have allowed me the chance to better prepare for having a career in the field where backcountry skills, avalanche awareness, rope work and leadership skills are valuable parts of the foundation.

