

# Valerie Sauers

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## EDUCATION

### Rochester Institute of Technology

June 2005 - May 2008, GPA: 3.56  
RIT Achievement Scholarship; RIT Grant  
Major: Photojournalism, BFA  
Minor: Spanish

### State University of New York at Buffalo

August 2003 - December 2004, GPA: 3.65  
Honors Programs: Honors Scholarship  
Major: Art  
Concentration: Photography

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Senior Instructor: May 2009 - June 2010

Leading and mentoring groups of troubled teens and young adults in the Utah desert for RedCliff Ascent Wilderness Therapy Program

### Landscaper/Hardscaper/Greenhouse Worker: June 2008 - Jan 2009

Leader of weeding and trimming crew for Pines Lawn and Garden; Stone work, plant installs, heavy equipment operation for Murray Bros. Nurseries, Inc.; Planting, Seeding, General plant care for Lisa's Greenhouse

### Photographer's Assistant: Summer 2007

Traveled with and assisted freelance editorial photographer Erika Larsen

### Facilities' Lab, Equipment & Repair Assistant: Sept 2005 - May 2008

Computer Lab; Processing and Production Lab; Equipment cages; Repair

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Rochester Development Project:** working to raise awareness about the potential for a more sustainable community

**RAIHN:** worked with organization on homeless families in Rochester

**RIT-NENA Alliance:** co-facilitated in teaching inner city youth about leadership in their community through literacy in photography

**NPPA:** co-organized numerous fundraisers for charities

**North St. Community Center:** facilitated art classes for youth

## ACTIVITIES

<b>RIT-NPPA:</b> Vice President	2 years
<b>Dance:</b> studied various disciplines	18 years
<b>Softball:</b> competitive, town & intramural leagues	16 years
<b>Violin:</b> concert mistress and first violin	10 years
<b>Rock Climbing:</b> bouldering, sport, ice, trad	5 years
<b>46'ers Project:</b> highest mts in Adirondacks	10 peaks to date

## CERTIFICATIONS

Wilderness First Responder  
First Aid and CPR  
Positive Control Systems

## REFERENCES

Available upon request

## EXHIBITS & AWARDS

**Special Mention:** 2008

Banff International Mountain Photography Contest

**Invisible Homeless:** 2008

Collaborative exhibition on homelessness in Rochester, NY at Gallery R

**Honors Show:** 2007; 2008

Juried exhibition for RIT photography program

**What We Do Show:** 2007; 2008

Juried exhibition for RIT photojournalism program

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