



## **Staff Spotlight**



**Alex Carlson**

**Title: Planner**

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### **You are still in school?**

Getting my first professional job while still in school is exciting, but has also come with its fair share of confusion and stress! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I am working here with the township while Tuesday and Thursday, I am on campus at The Ohio State University until I graduate in December. After graduation, I will transition into full time here in Miami Township.

### **What are you studying at Ohio State?**

I am working on finishing my bachelor's degree in city and regional planning.

**What is it that you love about being a planner?**

I am the kind of person who is always prepared. I tend to overpack for vacation, I buy in bulk at the grocery so I don't run out, and I check my pockets three times before leaving the house so nothing is left behind. Planning to me is being prepared. I love preparing a place for what is to come, so problems can be anticipated and tackled before they ever become a problem.

**Where did you grow up?**

I was born and raised in Xenia and graduated from Xenia High School.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I love to be outdoors. Whether I am hiking with my wife and dog, or golfing on the weekends, I am just happy to be outside!

**Future aspirations and goals?**

After finishing my bachelor's degree and starting full time as a planner, my goal is to begin my master's degree in public administration. Around the time I finish getting my master's, I will be eligible to gain my AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) credentials. These two professional goals will help me better perform my job, and help me serve Miami Township the best I can.

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