



FEATURE ARTICLE

AgLearn Success Story

With **25 plus years** of federal career experience working across three departments (DOD, DOI, and USDA), training and education has been at the heart of Amanda Patrick's journey since her first day on the job. As the current Branch Chief for Training and Employee Development (TED) within the Forest Service's (FS) Work Environment and Performance Office (WEPO), Amanda began her career as a WG-1, planning and implementing campground programs built upon the foundations of environmental education. Since then, she has worked at sites across the U.S., bridging her love of entrepreneurship and her dedication as a federal employee by piloting new programs anchored in education. Before stepping into the branch chief role, Amanda spent five years focused on building processes centered on FS technical training needs, including a diverse portfolio of courses ranging from special uses to soils. While at USDA, Amanda has leveraged AgLearn to fulfill the Forest Service's complex training needs. From tracking records of learning to accessing courses, she has found that AgLearn has been foundational for training and education success at the FS.

Since becoming an administrator several years ago, she has grown immensely both personally and professionally using AgLearn's deep catalog of resources and tools. For example, she has found that AgLearn can help meet CEU requirements for things like project management certification through access to LinkedIn Learning courses. On this point she adds, **"my hope is that as Branch chief, I can continue to help build greater awareness of AgLearn and all it offers in support of employee growth and development."**

And for those who may find AgLearn daunting or frustrating, she has used those opportunities to explore roadmaps, build relationships, find solutions, and grow knowledge about AgLearn and all it has to offer.



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From Our Training Partner

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Key Dates

- April 18** Tax Day
- April 16-22** National Volunteer Week
- April 22** Earth Day
- May** Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- May 14** Mother's Day
- May 23-24** AgLearn Leads Workshop
- May 29** Memorial Day Holiday

Next Issue

Summer arrives at AgLearn

In the next edition of the AgLearn Newsletter, look for information and resources to equip you for Summer, including information about summer holidays, SF-182s and IDPs/EDPs, featured content from our learning partners at Skillsoft-Percipio, and announcements from across USDA.

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