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When Valerie was younger she spent most of her time outdoors, catching lizards, putting them in containers and wanting to keep them as pets. Her mom would always get upset and make her return them. Now at 21, Valerie has 3 dogs, a lizard and a gecko. Her fascination with animals has only grown stronger with age. She's comfortable around all reptiles, including snakes, "There are just so many species, it's absolutely fascinating." Valerie's connection is not strictly with animals, but with the environment. You'll often find her picking up trash after others and lecturing about littering, "When I see someone litter I'll often ask them, "Why did you do that?" in hopes to get them to think more of their actions". The little things add up over time.

She considers her pets family, and her family means the most to her. Valerie grew up spending most of her time with her family, including summers with her Grandma in Mexico. To this day she dedicates most of her time with her mom, nephews, and is more than excited for a niece on the way! She even makes it a priority to still visit her grandma at least twice a year, "When I finally get into town, no matter how late it is, the first thing we do is go and grab a burger from this place around a corner. They're the best! And then we officially start the visit catching up over burgers."

Brewingz was Valerie's first server job, but it just clicked she says. She now is a trainer at Brewingz – KRC, and has just helped open the newest location at Mason & 290, in Fairfield. Opening the new location has been a great learning experience that she has really enjoyed, "It's my first opening so I'm learning with the new hires, and making mistakes with them as well. But it's a great way to train, because as I make mistakes, I am able to point out my mistake, and walk through how I addressed and corrected it, which is a great way for my trainees to learn." Valerie hopes to further her career with Brewingz and assist with future openings.