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EDUCATION

Tulane University, School of Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish

GPA: 3.6; Honors: Dean's List Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

New Orleans, LA

Expected Graduation: May 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Sharice L. Davids (KS-03)

Congressional District Office Intern

Overland Park, KS

June 2020-August 2020

- Interacted with the internship team to expedite all researching, drafting, and the formal presentation of a House Resolution proposal acknowledging disproportionate violence rates toward transgender women of color in the U.S.
- Crafted comprehensive policy memos paraphrasing portions of legislation and delivered to the Congresswoman's legislative personnel.
- Liaised with constituents responding to their inquiries on the federal government and documented their feedback related to legislation, current events, and additional district concerns.
- Recorded all constituent correspondence and issues on Intranet Quorum to safeguard the on time distribution of response letters from the Congresswoman.

New Orleans City Council At-Large Campaign

Campaign Field Organizer

New Orleans, LA

August 2021-November 2021

- Played a key role on a Campaign Field Organizing team for 15-20 hours a week, leading and mobilizing more than 50 paid campaign interns and over 200 volunteers months prior to election day.
- Drilled campaign interns and volunteers on the proper methods of engaging in multiple direct forms of voter contact, involving phone banking, door-to-door canvassing, and disseminating precise voting data.
- Oversaw the canvassing of more than 500 potential voters across several New Orleans communities through in-person door knocking 3-5 days weekly.
- Employed several social media platforms to actively recruit 10 experienced campaign interns in under 14 days.

Amigos de las Américas, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Project Supervisor

Palmares, Costa Rica

June 2019-August 2019

- Coached and managed a team of 10 teenaged volunteers and drove their overall growth as progressive youth leaders focusing on community development endeavors and cross-cultural exchange.
- Built and nurtured alliances with partner agencies and local community members in Costa Rica via effective cross-cultural collaboration and communication techniques.
- Tracked and immediately replied to all concerns associated with the individual mental and physical health, and general safety of 10 program volunteers while residing with host families in rural Costa Rican areas.
- Managed the project's social media accounts for 3 months and gained 300+ followers by sharing daily photo updates and informational posts.

Rise Against Hate, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Social Justice & Policy Intern

Washington, D.C.

June 2021-August 2021

- Diligently researched social justice topics like racial injustice, civil rights, and systemic inequality for 25+ hours every week.
- Successfully published a peer-reviewed group research study "Greener Alternatives in Policing: The Environmental and Financial Benefits of Implementing a Low-Emission Vehicle Fleet in U.S. Police Departments."
- Strategically created and placed social media posts, infographics, and online marketing graphics with the Canva tool, dramatically increasing online public engagement with the nonprofit organization's Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Obtained broad expertise and understanding of the nonprofit grant application process.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority

Director of Academic Excellence, Director of Administration, Chapter Recording Secretary

New Orleans, LA

January 2019-January 2021

- Completed multiple tasks as the Chapter Recording Secretary over a period of 1 year and 4 months, including careful documentation of meeting minutes during regular chapter meetings.
- Streamlined and coordinated the attendance of over 250 chapter members during sorority-associated functions as the Director of Administration for 1 year, boosting average chapter meeting attendance by 40% on a weekly basis.
- Championed scholarship efforts for chapter members as Director of Academic Excellence through academic programming and providing materials and resources monthly focused on academic achievements.
- Partnered with chapter members struggling academically to launch an academic progress plan, raising their GPAs and general scholarship quality.

SKILLS

Languages:

- *Spanish*, Advanced/Professional Working Proficiency
- *Portuguese*, Limited Working Proficiency

Technical Proficiencies:

- Software & Tools: Canva, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), Adobe Reader