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SUMMARY

Looking to further professional experience. A motivated and optimistic first-year undergraduate with excellent leadership and communication skills, and along with having a positive attitude. Reliable with multi-tasking and dedicated to creating friendly environments. Passionate about majoring in the Performing Arts and advocating for the Hispanic Minority Group.

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago

Sep 2024 - Present

- Odyssey Scholar

Vanguard High School

Sep 2020 - June 2024

- Top 5% of the graduating class
- Taken AP Literature and Honors English
- Completed AP Calculus

Howard University

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Completed Environmental Studies Course

Syracuse University

Sep 2023 - January 2024

- Completed College English Course

CUNY John Jay College Now

Sep 2022 - May 2022

- Completed College Algebra & Psychology Courses

CUNY Baruch College Now

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Completed Sociology Course

CUNY Medgar Evers College Now

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Completed Sociology Course

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Vanderbilt YMCA

Summer Camp Counselor

Jun 2024 - August 2024

- Provided a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for children aged 2-3 years, fostering social, emotional, and cognitive development.
- Planned and facilitated activities, including arts and crafts, story time, and outdoor play, promoting creativity and motor skill development.
- Communicated effectively with parents to provide daily updates on their child's progress, behavior, and milestones.
- Ensured compliance with safety protocols, supervising children to prevent accidents and responding promptly to any emergencies.
- Developed patience, adaptability, and interpersonal skills by managing group dynamics and addressing the unique needs of young children.

Doughnut Plant

Cashier/Stock

Feb 2024 - June 2024

- Greeted customers with a positive attitude
- Provided fast, exceptional customer service to customers
- Operated a POS system by taking orders and collecting payments
- Packaged donuts and prepared beverages for customers
- Demonstrated a complete knowledge of menu items and specials
- Handled online orders
- Assisted co-workers during high volume orders

The Bakery on Bergen

Cashier/Stock/Baker

Mar 2023 - June 2023

- Took coffee, dessert, and other special orders and prepared them for customers effectively and quickly
- Washed dishes and helped keep the shop clean and organized
- Greeted customers in a friendly manner
- Assisted employees and other interns during high volume orders
- Carried out transactions on cash register, including cash and card payments

AWARDS RECEIVED

Vanguard High School

Jun 2022 - May 2024

- 10th Grade Spanish - 'Certificate of achievement'
- 12th Grade AP Calculus - 'Perseverance'
- 12th Grade English - 'Academic Dedication'
- 12th Grade Science - 'Outstanding Achievement'
- 12th Grade Economics - 'Strongest Research and Essay Writer'
- 12th Grade - 'High Honor Roll'
- 12th Grade - 'Community Impact'

VOLUNTEER WORK

Wildlife Freedom Foundation

Mar 2023

- Collaborated with staff and volunteers to provide a safe and nurturing environment for animals, ensuring their physical and emotional well-being.
- Dedicated 3 hours in advancing the sanctuary's mission of protecting and caring for rescued animals.

YMCA Park Clean Up

Jan 2023

- Dedicated 4 hours to improving the park's natural environment, contributing to a cleaner, safer space for community use.
- Collaborated with a team of volunteers to complete tasks efficiently, demonstrating teamwork and a commitment to community service.
- Participated in removing litter, planting trees, and maintaining green spaces to enhance community aesthetics and environmental health.

Teacher Assistant, Ella Baker School

Nov 2022 - Dec 2022

- Assisted with classroom management by guiding children in routines, transitions, and positive behavior practices.
- Supervised children during playtime, meals, and nap periods, ensuring their safety and well-being.
- Provided individualized support to students with varying needs, fostering an inclusive and nurturing learning environment.
- Prepared and organized educational materials, activities, and resources to ensure smooth daily operations.

SKILLS

- G-Suite User
- Communication
- Leadership
- Proficient in Spanish
- Child Care
- Pet Care
- Teamwork
- Customer Service
- Empathy

Vanguard High School

Teacher Assistant

Mar 2023 - June 2023

- Assisted a 9th Grade class with their independent and partner work
- Took attendance and addressed the needs of the teacher
- Provided guidance and supervision to certain tables in the classroom
- Helped construct a bulletin board to display students' work in the hallways
- Worked with students on individual and small group basis to improve performance

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

UChicago Ballroom Dance Team

Oct 2024 - Present

- Represented the team in Purdue University's dance competition
- Dedicated 3 hours weekly to rehearsals, demonstrating discipline, commitment, and time management
- Collaborated with team members to choreograph and perfect routines, enhancing teamwork and creative problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrated adaptability and perseverance in high-pressure performance environments.
- Competed in Latin and Standard at bronze/newcomer level

Senior Planning Committee, Vanguard High School

Oct 2023 - Jun 2024

- Coordinated senior events that helped build a successful community
- Assisted with organizing and planning school wide events such as talent shows, assembly's
- Organized seasonal bake sales for the school
- Helped manage finances and overseeing budgeting and tracking expenses

Rally at Frost Valley YMCA

Jun 2023

- Greeted and connected with other YMCA participants from other branches
- Participated in indoor and outdoor activities such as Archery and ropes course with students from other YMCA branches
- Strengthened teamwork skills

Dance Team Captain, Vanguard High School

Oct 2021 - Jun 2022

- Led a team of 5 members, coordinating practices, mentoring new members, and fostering a collaborative team environment.
- Oversaw choreography and event planning, ensuring high-quality performances and efficient scheduling.
- Acted as the liaison between team members and faculty advisors, facilitating communication and resolving conflicts.

Recreational Volleyball Player

Jan 2020 - Present

- Maintain a consistent commitment to physical health and wellness through weekly practices and matches
- Collaborate with players of varying skill levels, adapting strategies to enhance group performance.
- Regularly participate in recreational volleyball games, fostering teamwork, communication, and physical fitness.