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Education

Bachelor of Arts

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, St. Joseph, MN

Major Economics

Scholarships/Honors: Music Award, Cartis Man of Extraordinary Service 2017, Healy Family Scholarship, CSBSJU Honors Program

Affiliations: Saint John's Senate, Senate Leadership Experience, CSBSJU Wind Ensemble, CSBSJU Brass Choir, McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement, Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship

Study Abroad: Salzburg, Austria - University of Salzburg (Fall Semester 2018)

Work and Volunteer Experience

Summer Intern

May-August 2018

Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

Saint Paul, Minnesota

- ❑ Built database of candidate information for East Metro Voter Guide, preparing for 2018 local government elections in Dakota, Washington and Ramsey Counties, and their respective Cities
- ❑ Attended Citizens League Minimum Wage Study Committee Meetings, and provided an overview and analysis of each meeting through blog posts
- ❑ Published blogs giving an applicable summary of topics surrounding minimum wage including tip credit, benefits cliff, training and youth wages, and the impact on nonprofits
- ❑ Assisted VP of Economic Development with Business Retention Expansion and Attraction projects such as auditing retail spaces in downtown Saint Paul, and building a database of business development organizations in Twin Cities that cater to, or are operated by, underserved groups
- ❑ Worked with the City of Saint Paul's Full Stack Committee, a group focused on making Saint Paul a more technological, innovative and inclusive place to work, and was able to assist by creating powerpoint presentations for sub-committees, and carrying out administrative duties
- ❑ Attended City Council, and Business Review Council meetings for the Cities of Saint Paul, Maplewood, and Roseville
- ❑ Researched businesses in Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties, and created a list of membership prospects for the Chamber
- ❑ Participated in strategic planning for Saint Paul Public School Workforce committee, and Junior Achievement Career Pathways
- ❑ Was instrumental in the planning and execution of the Chamber's Political Action Committee's Politics @ the Pub event, as well as the Chamber's Public Affairs Series on "What is a Lobbyist and how do you know when you need one?"

Saint John's Senate

Student Activities Representative

Beginning January 2019

Student Affairs Board Chairman

April 2017- April 2018

- ❑ Ran Elections for First Year Representatives 2017, and served as Co-Director for the Senate Leadership Experience 2017-2018, which mentors First Year Johnnies and exposes them to avenues to lead on campus, as well adult male role models
- ❑ Served on Board of Trustees Resource Development Sub-Committee 2017-2018, providing perspectives on how to be effective and efficient in seeking and allocating funds toward student scholarships and capital improvements
- ❑ Initiated "The Johnnie Wall", a frame with quotes from current Johnnies students, meant to inspire scholarship and service
- ❑ Represented the student body in the hiring of a new VP of Admissions/Financial Aid, and the Presidential Review
- ❑ Partnered with Students to organize initiatives to combat and raise awareness of mental health and school shootings

First Year Representative

September 2016-April 2017

- ❑ Initiated tabling service events for World AIDS Day and Valentine's Day
- ❑ Advocated for and saw six new Hand Sanitizer Dispensers installed in Freshman Dorms

Residential Assistant

August 2017-Present

Saint John's University

- Organizing social floor events building community amongst students of diverse backgrounds
- Resolved personal and communal issues among residents
- Tutor residents who require additional help in Economics 111 coursework, as well as essay/speech writing

Summer Intern

June - July 2017

BAF General and Health Insurance Agents and Brokers Limited

Nassau, Bahamas

- Utilized computer applications such as Microsoft Excel, Power Broker, and iGas to conduct tasks surrounding Bordereaux Sheets, New Business, Policy Renewals, Reinstatements, Endorsements and Cancellations
- Developed Customer Service and Office Procedural Skills through Front Desk operations, and filing

Student Ambassador

September 2016-May 2017

Institutional Advancement

Saint John's University

- Contacted about 40-70 constituents a day to update biographical information and respectfully request donations toward SJU student fund, received as much as \$1300 in donations in one 3 hour shift
- Networked and registered guests at Alumni Relations, Institutional Advancement, SJU Athletics and J-Club events