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Top Skills

Governmental Affairs
Native Spanish Speaker
International Relations

Languages

Italian (Elementary)
Spanish (Native or Bilingual)
English (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

Initiative for Women- Michael Boots Award
Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program
Xi Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honors Society

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Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Fish, Wildlife, and Park Services
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

I am an international affairs aficionado and lover of political biographies.

My interest in vulnerable communities and experience with policy development have allowed me to gain a broad range of skills allowing me to quickly adapt to new environments. I am a fast learner and an extremely detailed oriented and organized individual with experience in managing and executing multiple projects in a timely manner.

Experience

U.S. Department of the Interior
Special Assistant
March 2023 - Present (8 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

U.S. House of Representatives
3 years

Legislative Assistant
September 2022 - January 2023 (5 months)
Washington dc

I transitioned to Congressman Jones' Washington DC office as a legislative assistant to work on education, labor, finance, energy and environment. I am the liaison between the congressman and the Education and Labor committee.

Deputy Director of Constituent Services
February 2020 - September 2022 (2 years 8 months)

I began my employment with the House of Representatives as District Representative for Congresswoman Nita Lowey. I was responsible for assisting constituents experiencing difficulties in the following areas: Immigration, Housing, and Education. As a response to the COVID-19

pandemic, I was tasked with assisting constituents experiencing difficulties with unemployment benefits and travel related inquiries including but not limited to assistance with repatriation to the United States from abroad and helping constituents obtain National Interest Exemptions for their foreign family members who urgently needed to travel to the United States.

I continued in my role as District Representative with the Office of Congressman Mondaire Jones. I continue my focus on providing assistance to our constituents who are having issues with immigration, housing, labor, and education. However, my responsibilities expanded to include preparation and execution of in person events for our office. I was charged with developing and carrying two youth focused programs. The first was the office's first ever Congressional Arts Competition in which local high school students participated for an opportunity to have their artwork displayed in the US Capitol. The second is the Youth Advisory Council in which local high school students participate in monthly meetings with members of our office, community, and varying levels of government to understand the legislative process. The goal of the program is for the students to present our office with a legislative proposal that our office can take action on. Shortly into my tenure with this office I was promoted to Deputy Director of Constituent Services.

New York State Senate

Satellite Office Manager and Community Outreach and Constituent Relations Specialist

January 2019 - January 2020 (1 year 1 month)

After seven months on the job I was promoted to a combined role of Satellite Office Manager and Community Outreach and Constituent Services Specialist.

As Satellite Office Manager I facilitated the smooth running of our North Rockland office on a day-to-day basis by organizing the office operations and procedures, controlling correspondence, designing filing systems, and reviewing and approving supply requisitions.

As Community Outreach and Constituent Services Specialist I served as the point of contact between constituents and various governmental as well as private entities. I was responsible for servicing the entire North Rockland portion of the district as well as multiple jurisdictions in Orange County. I was tasked with creating the foundation of two new programs involving student and community engagement. A colleague and I worked together on

the development of these projects which included research, planning, and outreach before and after the events. These two programs increased the office's contact with the high schools in our area and an interested pool of applicants for our intern program which I coordinated in the North Rockland office.

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Center for Women in Government and Civil Society Public Policy Fellow
- Policy Analyst

January 2018 - June 2018 (6 months)

Albany, New York Area

During my time with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the Bureau of Policy Analysis, I worked directly under the director of the department and was responsible for researching, updating, and drafting policies in the range of child welfare and immigration. Some of the directives I authored were issued to the field and others are in the finalizing stages. I established a direct line of communication between two state agencies which resulted in a multi-agency workgroup that seeks to address the impact of the federal government's immigration enforcement policies and the potential consequences on New York's children and families.

Cayuga Centers

Case Manager

March 2017 - December 2017 (10 months)

Greater New York City Area

As a case manager with Cayuga Centers, I was tasked with reuniting unaccompanied children who arrived at the U.S.-Mexican border, with their relatives in the United States. This work allowed me to expand my knowledge of several U.S. federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, nonprofit organizations like the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, and the governments of foreign countries such as Honduras, as well as the ability to gain an inside perspective of some of the nation's most pressing issues and the necessary work needed to alleviate them. Through my work with immigrant and refugee populations I managed sensitive information in a confidential manner while maintaining and advocating in favor of the beneficiaries' best interest.

YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester

Swim Instructor and Lifeguard

July 2014 - September 2017 (3 years 3 months)

White Plains, New York

As a lifeguard I was responsible for ensuring a safe aquatic environment for all patrons both on land and in the water. I provided excellent customer service and patron assistance including but not limited to emergency assistance and care in the event of an emergency. I was also responsible for maintaining and checking the pool chemicals as well as written records. I also completed additional non aquatic duties assigned by my supervisor such as organizing, filing and ensuring that all equipment and supplies were stocked and in working condition.

As a swim instructor for group lessons and private lessons I was responsible for teaching children of various ages as well as adults, techniques and skills that will ensure their safety in and out of an aquatic environment. I was responsible for adapting my lessons to fit the needs and abilities of each student while providing excellent overall services to all students. I communicated regularly with the students and their parents (if applicable) regarding their progress and areas that need improvement as well as improvement techniques.

As one of the only two bilingual team members I often served as an interpreter for some patrons and other instructors and guards as well as a representative of the aquatic department during promotional and company events.

Seeds of Peace

Graduate Programs Intern

September 2015 - December 2015 (4 months)

Greater New York City Area

As the Graduate Programs intern, I facilitated the planning and efficient running of the GATHER London 2015 event by coordinating logistics and providing organizational support. I prepared finance documents including reimbursement claims for the GATHER program and compiled Excel data sets which included research for the facilitation of the GATHER program. I was also tasked with conducting research focused on the social, political, and economic effects of social entrepreneurship in areas of conflict.

International Institute of Buffalo

Refugee Resettlement Programs Intern

February 2015 - May 2015 (4 months)

Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

My time at the International Institute of Buffalo provided me with the most lasting experience of my career because I was able to provide direct services

to vulnerable communities. I taught approximately 20 refugees basic tasks such as riding the bus, going to the doctor, and to navigate transportation to and from work and other places such as registering and attending ESL classes. I taught basic English language skills to a young refugee mother in her home and provided her with a basic skillset to advocate for herself and her family. I learned to effectively communicate with people whose language I do not understand in verbal and non-verbal methods in order to promote self-sustainability. I also participated in the preparation of necessary documents for the arrival of refugees such as immigration petitions, medical, social services, and school enrollment forms and confirm all scheduled appointments. I managed written records of my work and all related refugee paperwork in a confidential manner.

PANDORA

Sales Associate

November 2014 - May 2015 (7 months)

Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

As a sales associate for Pandora I was responsible for working with a customer in order to address their shopping needs and assist them with selecting and purchasing the items that fulfilled their needs and requirements. I provided excellent customer service from the first point of contact until their exit from the store regardless of their purchase or the amount of the purchase. I was also responsible for meeting and surpassing daily or monthly sales targets while always maintaining the customer's best interest. Upkeep of the store's aesthetic and product placement was also in my list of tasks. I was responsible for various tasks depending on staffing and managerial needs.

State University of New York College at Buffalo

Work Study Assistant

August 2012 - May 2015 (2 years 10 months)

Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area

During my time with the Volunteer and Service Learning Center at Buffalo State, I was tasked with compiling and updating data sets and various documents for administrative purposes such as record keeping, survey analysis, and budgetary affairs. I facilitated the promotion of participation in volunteer service through the distribution of flyers and conducting on campus information sessions. I was involved in the successful execution of on campus and off campus programs by providing event coordination and logistical support. I also developed alongside two colleagues, a week-long campus

campaign for National Random Acts of Kindness among other on campus campaigns and activities.

Education

University at Albany, SUNY

Master of International Affairs, Public Policy Advocacy and Human Rights · (2016 - 2018)

State University of New York College at Buffalo

Bachelor's degree in Political Science, International Relations and Affairs · (2012 - 2015)

Universitatea „Babeş-Bolyai” din Cluj-Napoca

Bachelor of · (2014 - 2014)