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EDUCATION

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, Calhoun Honors

Minor: Spanish

Study Abroad, Estudios Universitarios y Superiores de Andalucía, Seville, Spain

Clemson, SC

May 2017

GPA: 3.88/4.0

January 2016 – May 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL

Accelerate Program Facilitator

Rock Hill, SC

August 2017 – Present

- Coach a cohort of eight sophomores in organizational and study skills to prepare them for advanced STEM courses.
- Communicate with program instructors, parents, and school administration to help recruit and retain students.
- Use educational technology to connect to virtual classrooms and to supplement courses with videos and interactive websites.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant

Clemson, SC

September 2017 – Present

- Search online digital collections, libraries, and archives for information on African Americans in the university’s history.
- Write posts for digital archive on the *Call My Name* project Facebook page and draft copy for project materials.

GUNNIN ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Student Assistant

Clemson, SC

January 2014 – May 2017

- Managed circulation desk and maintained library processes.
- Handled patron inquiries, worked customer service, and guided students and faculty through database searches.

SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM, MUSC

Research Intern

Charleston, SC

May 2014 – August 2014

- Designed and executed a biomedical research project in the Department of Regenerative Medicine and Cell Biology.
- Prepared a scientific paper; presented the project at SURP Colloquia and Perry V. Halushka MUSC Research Day.
- Earned 15 credit hours of research observation and apprenticeship.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

PIEDMONT MEDICAL CENTER

Volunteer Auxiliary

Rock Hill, SC

February 2018 – Present

- Assist nurses in the neonatal intensive care unit.
- Welcome visiting families; handle inquiries.

CLEMSON LITERARY FESTIVAL

Student Director

Clemson, SC

January 2017 – May 2017

- Worked as liaison for two award-winning authors, the City of Clemson, the university libraries, and local presses.
- Managed festival venue; organized and hosted festival book fair; held book signing for Pulitzer Prize-winner Viet Thanh Nguyen.
- Organized a community family day; brought in a children’s author to read and lead book making activities downtown.

ENGLISH MAJORS ORGANIZATION, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Chair

Clemson, SC

August 2016 – May 2017

- Succeeded in getting organization officially recognized by student government; instituted officer elections, membership requirements, regular meetings, and professional development and social events.
- Arranged nature walk for students to meet with environmentalist Terry Tempest Williams.
- Coordinated with the Littlejohn Community Center to provide afterschool tutoring and mentoring.
- Assisted with Writers’ Harvest food drives; inaugurated a student reader contest to encourage participation.
- Co-sponsored Pride Week with the campus Sexuality and Gender Alliance; hosted open mic night for LGBTQ artists.

THE CHRONICLE LITERARY MAGAZINE, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Copy Editor and Member of Promotions Committee

Clemson, SC

August 2014 – May 2017

- Revised literary submissions and layout before publication.
- Organized community engagement events, including open mic nights and magazine release events.

THE TIGER NEWSPAPER, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Copy Editor and Contributor

Clemson, SC
August 2015 – December 2015

- Edited articles before publication; ensured AP style was used consistently and correctly.
- Covered campus events; wrote news stories and editorials.

SOUTH POINTE HIGH SCHOOL

Volunteer Tutor

Rock Hill, SC
2015 –2017

- Assisted ESOL students with translation and writing assignments.
- Tutored students through math, science, English, and Spanish GradPoint modules.
- Coached and proofread essays and articles.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Herman & Mary Stuart Felder Award for Excellence in English (2017)
- General and English Departmental Honors (2017)
- Roger B. Rollin English Essay Award (2016)
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society (2016)
- Recipient of Palmetto Fellows, Presidential, Clemson Scholar, and Littlejohn Memorial Scholarships (2013 – 2017)