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PROFILE SUMMARY

Highly motivated, results-driven, and quality-focused professional, seeking a work program application that offers opportunities for self-improvement and professional growth. Equipped with extensive experience in non-profit management, youth development and government relations, complemented with a solid educational background in public policy and sociology. Excel in developing, implementing, and overseeing youth programs. Expert in setting goals, and cycling education and youth activism tools. Able to cultivate collaborative relationships to further reach and impact youth-focused programs. Flexible to change with excellent marketing and corporate finances skills and works well within the constraints of tight deadlines.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Relationship Fostering
- Recruitment and Selection
- Performance Management
- Needs Assessment
- Leadership
- Resource Management
- Non-Profit Management
- Writing & Reporting
- Advocacy
- Public Relations
- Fundraising
- Staff management

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Well-developed communication skills demonstrated through professional verbal and writing abilities in English.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher) and Skype.
- In-depth knowledge of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Go to Meeting, and WhatsApp).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Chairperson Liberia National Children and Youth Advisory Board Plan, Liberia

Jan 2015 to September 9, 2018

Dimensions of Role:

- Implemented appropriate systems and procedures on child rights activities at the field level and coordinate the affairs of young people in Liberia, in Advocacy, Capacity Building, and Leadership.

Community Support:

- Strengthened the capacities of children and young people to participate actively in decision-making and development activities at the field level.
- Supported and identified children activities to be carried out.
- Facilitated access of children to information and social networking (newspaper, internet, cassettes, books, radio) in communities.
- Promoted birth registration.
- Involved in monthly activities undertaken by Child Rights Committees and Child Rights Clubs.

Staff Support:

- Contributed to the training of partners and resource persons on the Rights of the Child including the rollout of the child protection policy and reporting and responding procedures.

Key Achievements:

- Provided technical leadership for program quality design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation plus regular visits to field offices.
- Coordinated the delivery of technical assistance to partner organizations and ensure the timely and quality completion of program deliverables and reports.

Youth Development and Event Specialist Intern

Jan 25, 2020 to May 25, 2021

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations

- Coordinate Liberia's youth delegation to the UN General Assembly.
- Organize regional youth policy summit at the UN.
- Organized 14 virtual and physical events.
- Represent the Mission at the UN on Youth engagements.

Civil and Government Relations Intern Representative

July 2, 2021 to September 29 2021

Naquita Ricks Colorado State D40

- Participated in the legislative process including editing bills, writing press releases, drafting op-eds, and giving vote recommendations.
- Gained intimate knowledge of the legislative process and how to better serve the needs of constituents.
- Supported social media management and developed graphic and social media messages.
- Aided constituents while conducting vast international policy research.

Youth Steering Member

September 11 2019 to Present

The UN DGC Civil Society Unit

- Organize conferences, seminars, meetings, and other events and provide written highlights and briefing notes
- Serve as Observer to the 2019 General Assembly.
- Developed framework for Samoa Pathway Official Civil Society Statement at the General Assembly in 2019.
- Directly mentor 450 young people globally within 3 years.

Executive Director

Jun 15, 2018 to Current

Aspiring Liberian For National Transformation

- Organized leadership and skill-building training for over 550 youth.
- Organized a Diaspora Liberian Summit in Minnesota with 150 Participants from 32 States.
- Raised Funds to Sponsor 250 students in Primary and Secondary schools in Liberia.

Congressional Intern

Representative Jamaal Bowman

July 20, 2022 – October 10, 2022

- Created targeted outreach letters for specific district demographics based on legislation and policy issues.
- Assisted response to constituent and drafted correspondence, monitored hearings, research and phone bank
- Receive and organize constituent, letters, and emails finding help to different policy positions
- Assisted staff members with researching and organizing some constituent coursework.
- Taking a lead on White House, Pentagon and Capitol tour scheduling for constituents thereby serving as a liaison between constituents and the Congressional staff.
- Attending congressional hearings and attending Congressional Bowman Speeches.
- It was an incredible experience accompanying congressman Bowman and his staff along with my fellow interns at some of his speeches.

Accomplishments

- Supported the ground-breaking passage of the Restoring Artistic Protection Act (RAP Act). The first bill that protects artists from the wrongful use of their lyrics against them in criminal and civil proceedings.
- Supported the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Supported the introduction of the Emergency Price Stabilization Act which monitors, and analyses price changes related to food, energy, housing, health care, transportation, and other goods and services.
- Supported a "Resolution Recognizing the Human Rights to Utilities." which would recognize access to water, sanitation, electricity.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

- College of Mount Saint Vincent Research Coordinator- Fishlinger Center for Public Policy Research | September 2018-
- Founder and President Phins For Change - College of Mount Saint Vincent | September 2018- December 2020
- Winter Youth Assembly - Campus Ambassador Liberia | Friendship Ambassador Foundation September 2018-Feb. 2019
- Liberia Independent National Commission on Human Rights- Youth Ombudsman | February 25, 2013 – May 15, 2017
- Regional Group of the UNMGCY W/C Africa - Country Led Focal Person | Oct 2016 to Jan 2017
- Global Voice for Change - Youth Led Steering Committee | Apr 2014 to Nov 2017

EDUCATION

- Master of Public Policy Candidate University of Oxford Blavatnik School of Government 2022-
- Bachelor of Arts Majoring In Public Policy, Minorng In Communication, Education and History | May 25, 2022
- High School Diploma Salutatorian Calvary Baptist Church School System | Jul 12, 2012
- Obama Foundation - Certificate in Community Leadership: Assets and Dialogue | November 2019
- Certificate of Completion - 22 Session of the Youth Assembly at the United Nations | February 2018
- Certificate of Completion - 21 Session of the Youth Assembly at the United Nations | 2017

- Certificate of participation: Policy Crafting | 2015
- The Doha Youth Declaration on Reshaping the Humanitarian Agenda. Doha, Qatar
- Certificate of Achievement: Training Course on Children on the Move | 2013
- National Children and Youth Advisory Board, Liberia
- 20 TFAS Leadership and The American Presidency Training (Jun to Jul)

GLOBAL AWARDS

- Liberia SDGs Champion Winner | Jul 2016
- Youth Representative, United Nations World Humanitarian Summit, Turkey | May 2016
- Friendship Ambassador Foundation: First merit-based scholarship recipient | 2017
- Friendship Ambassador Foundation: Esteem Campus Ambassador | Feb 2018
- Global Young Voices: SDGs World Cup Global Winner | Sep 2018
- The Diana Award | 2019
- Friendship Ambassador Foundation: Fiend of Humanity Distinguished Alumni Award
- College of Mount Saint Vincent: Vincent De Paul Award | 2020
- College of Mount Saint Vincent Frédéric Ozanam Award | 2021
- The African Renaissance and Diaspora Network Young Pacesetters for African Development | Sep 2018

HONORS

- Alpha Kappa Delta
- Delta Epsilon Sigma
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Kappa Gamma Pi
- Phi Alpha Theta