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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Penn State University **Aug. 2023 - Expected to Graduate May 2027**
College of Liberal Arts (Bachelor of Science) in progress *University Park, PA*

- Relevant Coursework: PSYCH 100, PSYCH 243, PSYCH 260, SOC 5H, STAT 200
- Nominated for Chaiken Trustee Scholarship, made Dean's List as a first year scholar
- Actively pursuing a Pre-Med Track

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Laboratory of Personality, Psychopathology, and Psychotherapy Research **Mar. 2024 - Present**
Undergraduate Research Assistant *University Park, PA*

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Growth and Development Club **Mar. 2024 - Present**
Co-Founder/Treasurer *University Park, PA*

- Aided underclassmen in their transition into college
- Encouraged students in their self development and improvement goals
- Managed finances and budgeting for club events and material
- Organized fundraisers for club funds

KidStep Sunday School **Sep. 2021 - Present**
Program Leader *Hershey, PA*

- Facilitated Sunday School classes for the youth
- Fostered kids in their faith and lead meaningful discussion

Hershey Free Church Missions Trips **Jul. 2018 - Present**
Youth Ministry Member *Hershey, PA*

- Participated in annual summer missions trips to varying locations nationwide
- Supported struggling communities spiritually, emotionally and physically through hosting VBS and community events
- Repaired houses through flooring, mudding, painting and construction in a post-flooded city

DTSD ECC C.A.P. **Aug. 2022 - Jun. 2023**
Teacher Assistant *Hershey, PA*

- Participated in a Classroom Assistant program where I aided a teacher in teaching her Kindergarten class
- Progressed children in their academic journeys
- Facilitated a fun and safe learning environment for young students to thrive in

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

LinkCrew **Sep. 2021 - Present**
Leader *Hershey, PA*

- Hosted weekly seminar classes for upcoming and current freshman
- Provided a smooth segue for underclassmen in their transition to high school

Orchestra Leadership Council **Aug. 2017 - Jun. 2023**
Violin Section Leader *Hershey, PA*

- Unanimously voted for as violin section leader 8th grade through high school

- Advocated for the violins during biweekly leadership council meetings
- Conducted lesson plans for our current repertoire and executed them in practice workshops with my section

Hershey Soccer Club

Oct. 2016 - May 2022

Co-Captain

Hershey, PA

- Demonstrated leadership and reliability on my club soccer team through consistent performance and critical judgment skills
- Boosted team morale through positive attitude and good sportsmanship

WORK EXPERIENCE

PSU EcoReps

Jan. 2024 - Current

Student Sustainability Ambassador

University Park, PA

- Promoted sustainable behaviors amongst peers through educating fellow students and offering reusable products
- Took part in a multitude of organized events around campus promoting sustainability and well-being
- Organized and managed recycling and compost management in the President's Suite during football games

Chipotle Mexican Grill

Oct. 2020 - Present

Crew Member

Hershey, PA

- Multi-tasked with multiple positions simultaneously
- Exemplified social skills through customer service and communication
- Trained new employees and facilitated a positive and productive restaurant environment

CERTIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Certifications:

- CITI Human Subjects Research IRB Certification Biomedical Course
- CITI Human Subjects Research IRB Certification Social and Behavioral Human Subjects Research Course
- CITI OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Certification
- Penn State Reporting Suspected Child Abuse Training
- Mandated Reporter Training

- **Skills:** leadership, time management, critical thinking, public speaking, cooperation