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AWARDS

Mitchell Scholar November 2020
US-Ireland Alliance

A scholarship program that sends twelve high-achieving students to Ireland to receive a master's degree from any university across the island. Scholars also attend programming hosted by American and Irish officials to develop them into future ambassadors between the two nations.

Udall Scholar May 2020
Udall Foundation
Awarded in the field of Tribal Public Policy.

King's Crown Leadership Award April 2020
Columbia University
Awarded for leaving an "indelible mark" on the Columbia student community.

Truman Scholar Finalist April 2020
Truman Scholarship Foundation
Received the designation of Finalist from the 2020 Truman Scholarship selection committee.

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellow May 2018
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
A grant-based award that provides resources to students from underrepresented backgrounds to engage in independent research within the social sciences.

PRESENTATIONS

Columbia Undergraduate Research Symposium (2019)
Poster Title:
"Decolonizing Space and Imagining Indigenous Critique of Future"

Mellon Mays Research Conference (2021)
Presentation Title: "The Empire is a Starship: Imagining Indigenous Futures in the Wake of Settler Time"

EDUCATION

Columbia University in the City of New York (August 2017 - May 2021)
Bachelor's Anthropology 3.86

University of Limerick (August 2021 - Present)
Master's English

WORK EXPERIENCE

Ayesha Pande Literary (January 2021 - April 2021)
Literary Agent Intern

- Reviewed manuscripts and composed reader's reports listing the strengths and weaknesses of the text.
- Composed comparative title lists.
- Reviewed contracts for currently represented writers.

Columbia University Office of Undergraduate Admissions (September 2018 - April 2021)
Administrative Assistant

- Managed student databases, filed documentation, and spoke with prospective students and their parents at the office's front desk.
- Assisted the Coordinator of Native and Indigenous Student Outreach in speaking with prospective Indigenous students, giving them tours across the campus, and designing promotional material.

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (May 2019 - August 2019)
Government Relations Intern

- Authorized memos and resolutions to be presented to the tribal council.
- Staffed Cherokee Nation events across their 14-county jurisdiction.
- Accompanied the office to the quarterly convening of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes, where I joined meetings on government responses to flooding along the Arkansas river basin.

Lincoln Center of Performing Arts (January 2018 - April 2018)
Government and Community Relations Intern

- Used Excel spreadsheets to quantify the impact of Lincoln Center Education programs.
- Drafted letters and formal requests for funding from the New York City Council.
- Filled out a variety of grant applications requesting funding for arts programming designed to benefit disadvantaged populations.

Oklahoma City National Memorial (May 2018 - August 2018)
Archival Intern

- Worked across multiple departments, including education, management, and the executive team, to implement the foundation and museum's missions of remembrance and peace.
- Major task was digitalizing the profiles of those affected by the bombing. I also attended events throughout the city where I discussed the memorial's mission.

MEMBERSHIPS

The Ogham Stone (August 2021 - Present)

- Hold the position of editor at The Ogham Stone, the University of Limerick's student literary journal.
- Solicit submissions from writers.
- Editing selected submissions for final publication in Spring 2022.

Manhattan House (August 2018 - March 2020)

- Was designated as the Community Coordinator, which is similar to a Residential Advisor.
- Planned events for the residents of Manhattan House, a residential space on the Columbia campus specifically for Indigenous students.
- Worked closely with the offices of Undergraduate Student Life and Residential Life to find ways to improve and expand our community.

Columbia Undergraduate Law Review (August 2017 - May 2019)

- Served as the Executive Editor for Online Publications.
- Supervised a small staff of writers and editors dedicated to our online journal.
- Facilitated all aspects of our online publications, including training new staff and organizing events for the greater Columbia community.

Columbia University Native American Council (August 2017 - May 2021)

- Held several positions, including Political Chair and Community Chair, before being elected the council's co-President.
- Co-authored a successful resolution asking for university-wide recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Planned community-wide events, such as a "Decolonize Thanksgiving" dinner, and the organization's first alumni event.
- Spearheaded our remote programming throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and in Fall 2020 organized the first university-sanctioned Indigenous Peoples' Day event, the Ella Cara Deloria Lecture.