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Education

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

College of Liberal Arts

Anticipated Graduation: May, 2024

Bachelor of Science in Technical Writing and Communication

Institutional GPA: 3.524

Biological and Health Sciences

Major GPA: 3.727

- Relevant Coursework: Technical & Professional Writing; Editing, Critique, and Style; Chemistry for Life Sciences I; Genetics; Introduction to Clinical Trials; Scientific, Medical, and Health Writing; Writing with Digital Technologies
 - Skills: technical writing, graphic design, DITA XML, HTML, CSS, scientific research
 - Achievements: Dean's List, President's Emerging Scholar, Dean's Scholar

Work Experience

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

IT Student Support Representative

September 2022 - Present

Technical Writer, Training Mentor, and Student-Lead

- Technical Writing (40%): Utilized 5 software including TeamDynamix and Google Workspace and conversed with subject matter experts (SMEs) to write articles for the UMN IT knowledge base
 - Wrote instructive and informative articles about UMN IT software and hardware
 - Consulted SMEs on Tier 2 technology teams to edit final drafts
 - Cleaned HTML in HTML Tidy to transfer documents from Google Docs to TeamDynamix
 - Managed article life cycle and linking in TeamDynamix content management system
- Leading (30%): Oversaw IT service desk functions for 20+ employees to ensure that troubleshooting calls, training meetings, and various other communications were handled correctly and timely
 - Re-evaluated the training system in 2-hour biweekly group meetings of student-leads to enhance trainee participation and progress
 - Asked questions in 30-minute interviews and evaluated candidates to hire beneficent staff
- Training (20%): Evaluated 2-10 trainees at a time and suggested approaches to ensure the best possible assistance for incoming callers
- Troubleshooting (10%): Conversed with 5 callers per hour who needed assistance with troubleshooting, which included the following software: Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Adobe, Windows operating system (OS), macOS

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

Research Interviewer

March 2022 - August 2022

- Conversed with 70+ survey participants per 8-hour shift through Google Voice to ensure participation in population measurement research
- Entered data from conversation with participant using Google Tables for the accuracy of research
- Scheduled survey calls with participants using Google Calendar to ensure timeliness

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Le Sueur, MN

Customer Service Representative

July 2020 - August 2021

- Customer service, cashiering, interpersonal communication

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Le Sueur, MN

Customer Service Representative

May 2019 - July 2020

- Customer service, cashiering, interpersonal communication

Entrepreneurial Experience

Website Design

February 2023 - May 2023

- Utilized Wix to design a website that served as a detailed planetary health consultant profile
- Delivered 5 separate pages that summarized their story, resume, project portfolio, academic research, and professional services so that a public audience could trust their image and acquire their services

Projects

Technical Writing Portfolio

January 2024 - Present

- Currently developing a website that will display my work as an undergraduate
 - Will display a technical description, an instructive article for technicians, a grant proposal, an Adobe Indesign infographic, and a formal report
- Utilizing HTML, CSS, and JavaScript in Visual Studio Code for website development and hosting