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Passionate Ethics, History, and Public Policy student with a technical background, exploring the Nexus between technology and policy. Driven by my engineering background, I aim to make meaningful contributions in spaces where technology intersects with real-world impact. Extensive experience mentoring and guiding students in DEI spaces.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA May 2026
Bachelor of Arts in Ethics, History, & Public Policy
Minors in Engineering Studies, & Politics, and Public Policy Analysis

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SeedAI, Washington D.C May 2025 - August 2025
AI Policy Internship

- Authored "SeedAI Explainer: What is AI?", a comprehensive one-page resource for congressional staffers and government workers on fundamental AI concepts and policy implications.
- Conducted comprehensive research on AI applications in energy sector optimization, mapping key stakeholders across government agencies, think tanks, private companies, and academic institutions.
- Researched emerging AI and mental health risks, including algorithmic bias and potential psychological dependencies, and developed policy recommendations for regulatory oversight.
- Developed AI-powered automation tools for tracking federal legislative and regulatory developments, creating optimized workflows through advanced prompt engineering and system integration.

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C August 2024 - December 2024
2024 Fall internship for Congresswoman Susie Lee (NV-03)

- Conducted in-depth research on legislative issues, analyzing proposed bills and their potential impact on constituents. Summarized findings in detailed memos for the representative's review.
- Drafted concise and informative memos for meetings between the representative and stakeholders, offering essential insights to guide decision-making.
- Engaged with constituents via phone, email, and in-person meetings, addressing their concerns and providing timely responses. Utilized IQ Connect extensively to filter and categorize data.

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA May 2022 - Present
Tartan Scholar Ambassador

- Serve as an ambassador to a cohort of 100+ students by delivering relevant information about courses, campus resources, and helping students build relations with other students through icebreakers and other activities.
- Manage a group of 8-10 students from low-income and underrepresented backgrounds. Serving as the first point of contact on campus and providing year-round guidance, support, and resources.
- Maintain a high level of communication with first-year students, other ambassadors, and CMU professional staff and faculty through monthly emails and in-person meetings.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python 3, LaTeX, SystemVerilog, JavaScript, TypeScript, MATLAB, C
Applications: AutoCAD, Photoshop, Google Drive, Adobe Photoshop, Cinema 4D, Overleaf
Spoken Languages: Fluent in Spanish; Fluent in English

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Colombian Student Association (CSO) | President

- Manage yearly 6-10k budget, plan and execute 12+ events, organized and hosted cultural exposition events.

Spanish and Latino Student Association (S.A.L.S.A.) | Events Coordinator

- Plan and execute 22+ events, collaborated with other organizations, and increased member participation by 40%.

Juntos | Member

- Engaged in a transformative week-long service trip to address critical needs within the Dominican Republic.