

Michael (Mac) Richards

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SUMMARY

- Motivated to create a positive impact through domestic and international diplomacy and mediation.
- Calm and focused in stressful situations and offers multiple perspectives to solve problems.
- Detailed oriented and driven to overcome challenges.
- Strong research, writing, and presentation skills.
- Google Docs & Microsoft Office (expert), IT Systems & Networking (intermediate).

EDUCATION

University of Washington

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science

Minor: Law, Societies, and Justice

March 2023

Seattle, WA

- Overall GPA, 3.61/4.0.
- Course Highlights – *Comparative Law; Constitutional Law; International Human Rights Law; International Humanitarian Law; International Relations*

Whatcom Community College

Running Start

June 2020

Bellingham, WA

- Overall GPA, 3.77/4.0
- Course Highlights – *Accounting; Business Law; Computer Programming*

RESEARCH PROJECTS

“To Modernize the Definition of a War Crime to Align it with Modern Standards of Human Rights and American Decency.”

(Final paper for *United States Congress* course, Winter 2023)

- Researched American humanitarian law and conducted comparative review with international humanitarian law.
- Compiled findings and wrote 9-page bill.

“Weapons of War used to Flatten Civilian Metropolitan Areas: Analysis of the Russian Attacks Against Ukrainian Civilian Centers”

(Final paper for *International Human Rights Law and Politics* course, Fall 2022)

- Researched applications, exceptions, and jurisprudence of international humanitarian law.
- Analyzed official and third-party reports.
- Applied international humanitarian law and wrote 11-page paper.

“The International Criminal Court’s Role in Preventing War Crimes”

(Final paper for *Comparative Law and Courts* course, Spring 2022)

- Combed through international court proceedings and non-governmental organization reports.
- Used third-party analysis and court records to determine court effectiveness and wrote 9-page paper.

“Social Causes Turning into Uncontrollable Chaos: A Sociological Examination of the Crime Surrounding the Seattle Riots of 2020”

(Final paper for *Criminology* course, Fall 2021)

- Analyzed news reports and eyewitness testimony to collect data and background information.
- Applied social disorganization theory and legal cynicism to the riots and wrote 10-page paper.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Learning Spaces IT Student Assistant

October 2021 – March 2023

Foster School of Business, University of Washington

15 Hours per Week

- Responded to 8 queries a day on phone, via email, or through IT ticketing system.
- Set up and maintained video matrix servers and other IT infrastructure.
- Worked with faculty and staff to resolve network issues.

Warehouse Worker

May 2018 – August 2018

Woods Coffee

35 Hours per Week

- Alternated goods in inventory by observing first-in and first-out approach to keep shelves organized and properly stocked.
- Inspected work areas for cleanliness and obstacles and removed cartons and boxes to keep work areas organized and hazard-free.
- Consistently lifted materials weighing as much as 50 pounds.

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

National Key Volunteer

January 2019 – Present

Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America

5 Hours per Week

- Updated operations methods, oversaw accounting procedures, and tracked information.
- Delegated daily tasks to over 6 volunteers to provide development opportunities.
- Oversaw high-profile projects by planning, designing, and scheduling phases.
- Supervised site investigations reported issues and escalated those that required further assistance.

Social Committee Member

April 2022 – March 2023

Phi Alpha Delta, University of Washington

2 Hours per Week

- Met weekly with like-minded peers to discuss current legal topics, both global and domestic, as well as hear from guest speakers in the legal field.
- Helped plan and participated in social events and mixers.

HONORS & AWARDS

Dean's List (5 quarters); Awarded to University of Washington students who earn a quarter GPA of 3.5 or above.

Eagle Scout (December 2018); Awarded to Boy Scouts of America scouts who complete all specified requirements and are approved by a board of review.

Vigil Honor (June 2018); Awarded to Order of the Arrow members who have demonstrated exceptional service, personal effort, unselfish interest, and have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office.

President's Award in Leadership (October 2017); Awarded to Mount Baker Council BSA members by the Council President, who has demonstrated exemplary leadership.

AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVATES

Amnesty International, July 2023 – Present.

Phi Alpha Delta & Society of Scholars, April 2020 – March 2023.

American Bar Association, April 2020 – Present.

Order of the Arrow, March 2014 – Present.

Boy Scouts of America, September 2007 – Present.