Aashna Lal

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin Plan II Honors, B.A. Biology Honors, B.S.A.

May 2021

Overall GPA: 3.88

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

Natural Sciences Council Outreach Coordinator

April 2019-Present

- Plan and execute fundraising efforts, raising over \$9,000 for council initiatives
- Fuel collaborations and strengthen relationships with organizations at UT and in the broader Austin community
- Collaborate as an executive board to advocate for the CNS student body and improve the student experience

Senate of College Councils Recruitment & Retention Committee Co-Chair

April 2018 - April 2019

- Plan and expand events to promote the pursuit of higher education to underprivileged students in Austin
- Lead the process of writing, publicizing, reviewing, and interviewing for two University scholarships to increase retention and support for undergraduate students in financial need
- Direct and supervise seven committee members, including delegating tasks, fostering a positive atmosphere, and encouraging collaboration and innovation

Plan II Student Association Diversity Coordinator

April 2018 - April 2019

- Foster an inclusive atmosphere within Plan II through Convocation, Freshman Getaway, and high school recruitment events
- Meet with Plan II administrators to improve the recruitment process, application process, and the classroom experience for minority students in the program

Texas Orange Jackets Fundraising Committee Member

September 2019 - Present

- Participate in service and scholarship events, and serve as the official hosts of the University through UT's oldest women's service organization
- Collaborate with 24 women to create a year-long service project that benefits the community

WORK EXPERIENCE

LifeWorks Research & Evaluation Intern

January 2019 - May 2019

- Use methods of design thinking, logic modeling, and literature reviews to conduct research on youth perception of mental health through LifeWorks' Community-Based Psychiatric Program
- Work with youth experiencing housing instability to receive safe and accessible mental health care

The LIVESTRONG Foundation Development Intern

June 2019 - August 2019

- Analyze data regarding donor relationships by creating weekly donor reports
- Create and present a passion project that uses care maps to argue for person-centered care models and interdisciplinary healthcare systems

SERVICE

LifeWorks Volunteer

May 2019 - Present

 Support various projects including street outreach, psychiatric care evaluations, survey distribution, and data analysis

Young Scientists Tutor

February 2018 - Present

• Teach students science lessons to promote STEM education at underserved schools and shelters

Plan Tutoring Tutor

September 2017 - May 2018

- Directed and encouraged high school students at KIPP Austin through the college application process
- Assisted students on financial aid applications, essay writing skills, and test preparation

HONORS & AWARDS

• Theodore H. Strauss Civic Internship Award

May 2019

• University Honors

December 2017- Present

• Freshman Research Initiative Summer Fellowship

May 2018