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EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Washington, DC

BA in International Affairs: Conflict Resolution Concentration, Minors in Public Health and Theatre University Honors Program • GPA: 3.88 • Dean's List Scholar

May 2025

EXPERIENCE

Panelist for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

March 202

- Presented policy brief and recommendations to combat period poverty and improve menstrual health in rural India
- Worked with the Gender Equality Initiative for "Digital Technology & Empowerment of Women in South Asia" panel

GirlGov Civic Engagement Program • Leadership Council Campaign Leader

Sept 2018 – June 2021

- Hosted a city-wide town hall on Pittsburgh Public Schools with legislators and senators, including Senator Iovino
- Shadowed Rep Chris Rabb at the State Capital, presented racial justice campaign at the World Affairs Institute

Nandanik Dance Academy • Indian Classical Dancer & Former Teacher

June 2009 - Present

• Taught 1st-graders to adults for 8 hours per week, choreographed pieces, ongoing dance training for 15 years

Research Delegation to the French Embassy

June 2022

- Researched carbon externalities for a GW student delegation to the French Embassy
- Helped write policy proposal about calculating social carbon externalities in relation to REPowerEU

GW Admissions Student Ambassador

May 2021 – Present

- Leading 90-minute campus tours of 30+ people, strengthening customer service and public speaking skills
- Answering prospective students' emails and phone calls for 10+ hours per week, improving ambassadorial skills

ACTIVITIES

OneWorld GW · Co-Founder & Vice President

Dec 2021 - Present

- Founded the first non-partisan climate coalition on campus for volunteering, educational outreach, and speaker events
- Organized campus-wide invasive species removal initiatives at Rock Creek Park

Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Sorority • Active Member

May 2022 – Present

• Attending 3+ events per week, serving as a mentor figure, volunteering for the Washington Urban Debate League

GW Balance Dancer, prior GW Bhangra Dancer

Oct 2021 – Present

• Dance rehearsal between 2 to 7.5+ hours per week, formal dance training in Bhangra, hip hop, and contemporary styles

Talk2Me Spanish-English Language Exchange

Sep 2022 – Nov 2022

• Practiced Spanish skills for 8 weeks with a student from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Assistant Stage Manager for GW Smart People Play Production

Nov 2021 - Dec 2021

• Set production work for 20+ hours per week, organized acting and timing cues, directed prop/costume set-up

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Languages: English & Hindi (native proficiency), Spanish (working proficiency), Bengali (basic understanding)
- Awards: NSDA National Speech and Debate Semifinalist (June 2020); PA State 2-Time Speech and Debate Champion (May 2019, May 2021); Brandeis University Book Award for Social Action & Civic Engagement (May 2020)
- Interests: Zentangle art, Indian Hindustani classical singing, musical theater, painting, learning languages