# Arjun Thakkar

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### **Education**

# University of Michigan College of LSA, Ann Arbor MI

08/2018-05/2022

- Intended Major: Creative Writing (4.0 GPA)
- Awarded LSA Gloria W. and Carlos R. Bell Dean's Merit Scholarship

### New Trier High School, Winnetka IL

08/2014-06/2018

■ 3.9 GPA

# **Relevant Experience**

# Michigan in Color

Columnist and Blogger

01/2019-Present

• Currently developing pieces dealing with cultural and personal issues of diversity, race, and equity to be published bi-weekly in The Michigan Daily

## **Michigan Odyssey**

Content Contributor

09/2018-Present

- Crafted weekly written pieces of creative expression to be published on online writing platform Odyssey
- Communicated with editor-in-chief and president to improve quality of writing and readership

#### **New Trier News**

Perspectives Columnist and Freelance Reporter

08/2015-05/2018

- Wrote weekly opinions, news, features, and sports articles to be published in school newspaper
- Interviewed principal, custodial faculty, athletes, and students of all classes to investigate article topics
- Conducted online survey to receive student body feedback and improve paper readership

# **New Trier SILC (Senior Instructional Leadership Corps)**

Modern World History Student-Teacher

08/2017-05/2018

- Investigated primary and secondary sources to provide students with useful project resources
- Facilitated open discussions while providing clarifying comments to enhance student comprehension

### Wilmette Park District Summer After Camp Recreation

Camp Counselor

06/2017-08/2018

- Supervised children in classroom and playground settings to ensure safety
- Organized and participated in recreational activities for the enjoyment of campers
- Resolved conflicts through transparent communication with campers, supervisors, and parents

### **Volunteering**

### PALMA (Provecto Avance, Latino Mentoring Association)

ESL Tutor

09/2018-Present

- Taught high school ESL student basic English lessons completely in Spanish to ease their transition to USA
- Aided student in completing assignments through translation in order to enhance comprehension of material

### **Run BeCAUSE Committee**

Media & Operations/Logistics Committee Member

01/2018-06/2018

- Obtained sponsorships and donations to go towards Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Communicated with NBC 5 Chicago and local news to spread awareness of race through press coverage

## **New Trier Reading/Writing Center**

**Tutor** 

08/2016-05/2018

- Discussed essays and books one-on-one to cultivate reading, writing, and proofreading skills
- Earned Greg Harris Memorial Award for Excellence in Tutoring

# **Activities**

•	Hindu Student's Council	10/2018-Present
•	New Trier Cross Country and Track and Field	08/2014-05/2018
•	Student Senate	08/2014-06/2018

### **Skills**

- Language: Full Proficiency in Spanish, Limited proficiency in Gujarati
- Computer Skills: Java, C++, Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign