

# CHRISTOPHER BELDEN

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Ambitious and reliable undergraduate student committed to academic excellence. Strong analytical thinker and problem solver who is quick to learn new skills. Passionate about public service and social justice. Works effectively and professionally with colleagues to complete tasks to satisfaction.

## EXPERIENCE

### OCTOBER 2021– JUNE 2022

#### **INTERFAITH CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FELLOW**, INTERFAITH CENTER OF NEW YORK

Underwent a variety of training workshops ranging from faith-based visions of leadership and justice to community organizing to lobbying at City Council. As part of the fellowship, I organized a townhall styled event at Manhattan College to facilitate student-faculty dialogue in regards to the prolonged conflict and humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, I organized a bath and toiletry supply drive for resettled Afghani refugees in the Westchester/New York City area, and I organized an enrichment trip with recently resettled Afghani families to the New York Transit Museum to learn more about the New York transit system for my community project.

### SEPTEMBER 2021– PRESENT

#### **ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR**, HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND INTERFAITH EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Collaborated and worked closely with various student organizations and faculty at Manhattan College to organize campus events focused around mutual understanding, eradicating human suffering, and Holocaust remembrance. Provided analysis on events' performance and effectiveness on attendees through multiple event evaluations that would be included in the semester report for the board. Played a crucial role in the marketing and communication of events through multiple outlets.

### OCTOBER 2020 – MAY 2021

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH TUTOR**, MANHATTAN COLLEGE

Provided one-on-one tutoring sessions in history, math, and science. Utilized Google meets and Google calendar to create a comfortable environment conducive to learning. Helped students K-12 with subject knowledge as well as general abilities in learning, studying, and retaining information.

## EDUCATION

MAY 2024

**B.A. ECONOMICS, HISTORY, AND PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES, MANHATTAN COLLEGE**

Concentrating in environmental economics. Current cumulative GPA is a 3.93. Participated in Manhattan College's Freshman Honors Enrichment Program and Arches Program.

## ACTIVITIES

**COVID Chronicles Writing Fellowship** (January – March 2022)

Three month writing fellowship aimed to share young adults' experiences from across the country with the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact upon their community. As part of this fellowship I will have produced three narrative essays that will be published on various platforms.

**Freshman Arches Program** (2020-2021)

First year undergraduate program at Manhattan college that links the classroom and the Riverdale community together. Community outreach events I have done include a clothing and household items drive for an immigrant/refugee family in Westchester County in partnership with Catholic Charities and Hearts & Homes. As well as holding professional development workshops for local high schoolers in partnership with Riverdale Neighborhood House.