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Work Experience

University of Iowa Undergraduate Student Government, Director of Academic Affairs

May 2023 – Present

- Advocating for students' academic needs at every level of university governance
- Standardizing university digital education platforms for easier teacher and student use
- Orchestrating campus-wide textbook drive collection and distribution process every term

University of Iowa Catering, Hancher Catering Associate

August 2022 – January 2023

- Coordinated show nights, weddings, and other events at locations across campus
- Provided customer service to university students, faculty, staff, alumni, and donors

Education

The University of Iowa – Iowa City, Iowa

Anticipated Graduation May 2026

B.S. International Relations - Conflict and Foreign Policy Track

Geographic Information Science Certificate, Arabic Language Minor

GPA: 4.01/4.00 (weighted 4.00 scale)

- Conversing in dialect Arabic and writing/reading in Modern Standard Arabic
- Effectively using ArcGIS software to map political, social, and economic phenomena

Clubs and Student Organizations

Model United Nations at The University of Iowa, Director of Internal Affairs

January 2023 – Present

- Designing executive systems by writing the original Constitution and Bylaws for the club
- Serving as chief administrative officer and liaison between advisors, staff, and students

University of Iowa Undergraduate Student Government, At-Large Senator

September 2022 – April 2023

- Passed legislation to support first-gen students and justice and equity platforms
- Promoting renters' rights and university funding at the Iowa State Capitol

Committees

Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, Student Representative

August 2023 – Present

- Determining academic standards and departmental structures at the University of Iowa
- Working alongside associate deans to address obstacles for faculty and students

General Education Curriculum Committee, UEPCC Liaison

August 2023 – Present

- Analyzing proposals for new general education courses to ensure they serve students
- Presenting GECC's findings and discussions to the UEPCC for final approval

Research Experience

Civil War Research Lab, Undergraduate Research Assistant

August 2023 – Present

- Creating a comprehensive database of events leading to peace in multi-dyadic civil wars
- Developing policy proposals to address challenges facing the peace process in the DRC
- Coding instances of cooperation in the DRC Civil War from algorithm selected articles

AP Capstone Diploma

August 2019 – May 2021

- Completed AP Seminar, AP Research, and four other AP classes
- Conducted 50+ interviews with high students on their understanding of geography
- Investigated the use of geographic development visuals in high school classrooms

Volunteer Experience

Coralville Community Food Pantry, Customer Service Volunteer

August 2019 – July 2022

- Updated databases and enrolling new customers of diverse backgrounds
- Volunteered twice a week and defused challenging customer service situations