# Aranyah Shanker

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# **SKILLS**

- Technical: Wordpress, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Adobe XD, Illustrator, InDesign),
  MailChimp, HTML, CSS, SQL, Python
- Adapted communication style to match the audiences' needs when hosting large community events or curating weekly newsletters, while building strong relationships
- Conduct research with a detail-oriented attitude, to provide global audience with opportunity database and to optimize methods of engaging with audience based on their interests

# **EDUCATION**

Western University (UWO), London, ON Specialization in Biology

Expected graduation: April 2021

# **PROJECTS**

SteriShield August 2020

Youth Impact Challenge, Canada (\$5500)

Finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place; pitched design and business plan for a novel reusable sterilization pouch to combat plastic waste crisis in health care industry

myFridge October 2020

EnactusHacks Western, Western University, London ON (\$1000)

Finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place; proposed business plan for food-tracking app that integrates with shopping experience and suggests new recipes, created with React

# RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### Feedback Research Intern

Sept 2020 - Present

University Student Council, Western University, London ON

- Facilitated 3 meetings weekly with 75 first-year students to provide mentorship and resources on *community involvement* while encouraging a positive and welcoming atmosphere
- Create surveys and focus groups to address academic and financial challenges within UWO community of 23 000 students and *propose solutions* to improve the student experience

# President Vice President of Events

Sept 2019 – May 2020 April 2016 – Aug 2019

Pre-Medical Society, Western University, London ON

Pitched to 700+ students using excellent communication skills and successfully recruited
 ~500 members by executing special campaigns that addressed their academic queries

- Secured over 25 speakers/ mentors for our monthly events and led interactive workshops as the point-of-contact for *conflict resolution* regarding technical and logistical issues
- Gathered relevant stories and industry leaders to spotlight in monthly events and weekly newsletters via MailChimp to present information to a wider audience

### **Career Profile Advisor**

The Student Success Center, Western University, London ON

March 2017 – May 2020

- Executed public programming to advertise services and provide live-mentorship on career profiles and relevant opportunities for London residents
- Prioritized client's goals by infusing knowledge and skills via workshops and mock interviews to answer personal inquiries and helped clients build a stronger career portfolio
- o Achieved weekly department goals of in-person and online consultations completed by ranking tasks efficiently during busy periods without sacrificing quality of services

# **Operations Director**

Sept 2018 – May 2019

Women in Technology Society, Western University, London ON

- Managed a \$30K budget for a 450+ person hackathon and avoided potential challenges by assessing failures of large scale conferences and Canadian hackathons
- Used intermediate computer skills to maintain regularly updated records of the budget, all purchasing orders, graded applications, sponsorship prizes and website info using Excel
- Authored all written content for hacker and sponsor handouts, promoting the club's positive outlook, in addition to the marketing content for successful grant applications

# **Co-founding Marketing Director**

May - Sept 2017

The Student Influence, Western University, London ON

- Scheduled Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter platform posts using Hootsuite program and implemented new campaigns to increase follower base after gaining competitive intelligence
- o Re-formatted written pieces and designed eye-catching graphics and marketing captions to optimize audience's interest and raise reader interaction with Wordpress site by 40%

# OTHER EXPERIENCE

# **Income Tax Clinic Volunteer Coordinator**

Sept 2017 - Nov 2018

University Student Council, Western University, London ON

- o Designed training material and mentored 150 volunteers through client-focused services that emphasized adaptiveness when helping clients of diverse backgrounds
- Resolved client concerns regarding emotional cases outside of training knowledge, with a personable attitude to maximize client satisfaction in the London community
- Demonstrated *leadership abilities* when promptly restructured clinic to better accommodate rush hour periods and angry clients due to failing computer systems

**Marketing Intern** May - Sept 2017

Info-technology Research Group, London ON

- Efficiently performed administrative tasks involving photocopying, faxing, booking transportation trips for employees, and creating meeting minutes
- Developed pitches with high attention to detail regarding target audience to re-subscribe clients to emailing list and collected feedback on website format through phone calls
- Built a pitch deck for integration of Instagram platform into company's marketing campaign and analyzed the competitor's sales techniques to improve company's outreach performance