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SUMMARY

Attending The African Leadership University has undoubtedly changed the way I interact with people. Meeting a diverse group of African students from over 45 African countries and learning about "Missions, not Majors" has exposed me to diverse perspectives. Leveraging this experience, my personal mission is "to protect the remaining wonders of nature through environmental conservation and sustainable technology practices.

EDUCATION

African Leadership University   **Kigali, Rwanda**
Bachelor of Science, Software Engineering   *May 2022 – June 2026*
- Relevant Coursework: Navigating Ambiguity, Introduction to Programming, Self Leadership & Team Dynamics
- Mastercard Foundation Scholarship: Awarded a full-time undergraduate scholarship.

WORK EXPERIENCE

School of Wildlife Conservation (SOWC)   **Remote**
Wildlife Economy Investment Index Research Intern   *February 2024 - May 2024*
- Conducted investment index research on Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, and Mali
- Conducting research on the state of the Wildlife Economy in Mauritius

National Geographic + The Nature Conservancy Freshwater Conservation Extern   *September 2023 - November 2023*
- Researched various freshwater conservation issues and approaches
- Applied primary and secondary research methods to identify freshwater conservation issues
- Communicated with local leaders, conservationists, community members, and experts
- Conducted landscape analysis and proposed solutions to freshwater issues in Makoko, Lagos, Nigeria
- Composed compelling written and visual storytelling to communicate freshwater issues and remediation plans.

School of Wildlife Conservation (SOWC)   **Remote**
Wildlife Economy Research Intern   *February 2023 - August 2023*
- Conducted research on wildlife economy in DRC and Ethiopia
- Conducted research on biodiversity in Ethiopia
- Conducted research on forest products in DRC and Sierra Leone
- Conducted literature reviews on the social economy of DRC, Ethiopia, and Sierra Leone
- Conducted research on land use in Mozambique

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY SERVICE & OTHERS

Ambassador   *Exten, Remote*
                                                                                                                                   December 2023 - Present
- Helping students get practical, real-world experience in their field of interest, develop new skills, and make connections in their industry.

Mastercard Foundation, African Leadership University   **Mahama Eastern Province, Rwanda**
Community Giveback Donation Volunteer   *December 2022 - January 2023*
- Organized community giveback activities that impacted over 80 sick patients of Mahama Refugee Camp through donations of food, clothing, and washing items.

African Leadership University   **Kigali, Rwanda**
Software Engineering Students Community Manager   *September 2023 - Present*

As the Community Manager for the General Software Engineering Students WhatsApp and Telegram Group at ALU, I play a pivotal role in nurturing a vibrant and engaging community. Here's what I do:

- **Managing Member Interaction**: I ensure a safe space for members to express their thoughts and provide support and guidance when necessary. I also make sure that members stay engaged and are regularly updated with crucial information.

- **Representing the Brand**: I embody the mission and convey the brand voice to members.

- **Admin Responsibilities**: I act promptly when I notice inappropriate content or members, lead by example, communicate with empathy and respect, distribute the workload with my team to avoid becoming overwhelmed, and consider whether it's time to pass on the admin role or deactivate the Community.

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African Leadership University   **Kigali, Rwanda**
Ubuntu Think Tank Team Lead (ALU New Model Rwanda)   *May 2022 – August 2022*
- Worked with teammates for 12 weeks on opportunities agriculture provided for Africa

African Leadership University   **Kigali, Rwanda**
Team Lead (ALU New Model Rwanda)   *May 2022 – August 2022*
- Worked with a team of four members to create a python app called Tour Assist
- Scheduled meetings and assigned tasks to different team members

Paradigm Initiative   **Aba, Nigeria**
Digital Inclusion Volunteer   *September 2019 – December 2019*
- Taught participants digital inclusion in a 12-week training program
- Taught participants the basics of programming
- Learned from fellow volunteers team bonding, collaboration, and work ethics

SKILLS

- Creative Writing
- Python (Intermediate)
- Research skills
- ArcGIS Engine
- Scientific Communication
- Mind Mapping with Miro
- Effective Communication
- Leadership
- Management

INTERESTS

- Socioecological Systems
- Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Energy
- Technology & Innovation
- Wildlife & Nature Conservation
- Research
- Operationalizing Corporate Sustainability through ESG Programs

LANGUAGES

- English – Fluent
- Igbo - Fluent