Curriculum Vitae

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Executive Summary

Well-versed candidate in biotechnology with software, lab, and real-world experience capable of critical thinking and analytical problem solving seeking program that will further scientific knowledge in order to contribute to future discovery.

Education GPA: 3.91

Florida Gulf Coast University

Fall 2014- Present

Pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology with a Minor in Chemistry Active Member of Florida Gulf Coast University Honors Program

Work and Research Experience

Analytical Chemistry Intern at Algenol Biofuels

May 2017-Present

- Processed 300+ samples each week for different departments using spectrophotometry, SDS-PAGE, Western Blot, and BCA Assay.
- Developed new methods to process and analyze protein samples.
- Performed annual maintenance on spectrophotometers and computer software.

Teaching Assistant at Bioinformatics Summer Workshop

June 2017

- Taught 30 middle and high school students various biotechnology software including Figtree, Aliview, Clustal, and Garli.
- Educated students on molecular evolution through the human race and how it can impact the world around us.

Laurel Wilt Literary Review Project

January 2017-April 2017

- Conducted a literary review of possible solutions to the spread of Laurel Wilt throughout Southwest Florida.
- Analyzed past and current scientific research on Laurel Wilt and its effects in the United States.

Floor Specialist at Golisano Children's Museum of Naples

May 2016-October 2016

- · Managed floor staff in order to create a more organized and efficient workplace environment.
- Lead educational activities for groups of over 20 students in various subjects from English to Science.

Research Assistant Studying *Tillandsia recurvata*

Fall 2015

- Studied the molecular biology of *Tillandsia recurvata* (ball moss) in order to see what enzymes might be activated during a time where ball moss is being desiccated.
- Used PCR and gel electrophoresis techniques to determine if genes linked to stress enzymes could be found in the ball moss

Mathematics Instructional Support Leader at the Student Athletic Learning Center

October 2014- December 2015

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- Instructed other college students on many different subjects including General and Finite Mathematics, Intermediate and College Algebra, and Calculus.
- Advised student athletes on study skills, maximizing their resources, and encouraged them to be more involved in their schoolwork.

Skills and Relevant Coursework

- · Aliview, Clustal, Garli, and Workbench
- Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint
- Matlab
- Have worked with PCR equipment, Gel Electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, Western Blot, Bacterial Transformation, DNA MiniPrep, Protein Extraction, Bradford Assay, Size-Exclusion Column
- Biology I&II, Chemistry I&II, Organic Chemistry I&II, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics, Molecular Genetics
- Computational Tools for Engineering, Methods in Biotechnology, and Molecular Evolution in the Omics Age

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Community Involvement

Chi Omega President

December 2016-Present

- Organize an executive board of nine women that oversees the academics, programming, and standards of the chapter.
- Lead 180 women in the organization and create leadership opportunities for them within the organization as well as encourage them to be more involved outside of the organization.

National Panhellenic Council Vice President of Scholarship and Service

December 2015-December 2016

- Created new relationships among the academic and philanthropy chairs of each organization.
- Work with local companies to provide funding and sponsorship for the Circle of Sisterhood.

Eagles of Tomorrow—Founder and President

January 2015-August 2017

- Gave the Lee County Elementary School System a new opportunity for free afterschool STEM education.
- Led a team of fifteen student volunteers and train them to be ready to go into the schools.
- Applied for and was awarded four grants through the university and the local community.

Florida Gulf Coast University Student Government Senator

May 2016-April 2017

- Voted on resolutions and bills that come to the Student Senate every week.
- Represented my peers and their voices in an active and professional manner.
- Advocated on behalf of other students on issues like DACA and freedom of speech.

FGCU Student Government Appropriations Committee Vice Chair

May 2016-April 2017

- Took weekly minutes at each Appropriations Committee Meeting.
- Worked with a team of five to create a 4 million dollar budget.
- Spent three weeks meeting with over thirty student organizations and ten FGCU departments in budget hearings to hear what they needed and see what could be cut to create our budget.

January 2015-May 2016 Honors Internal and External Events Committee Chair on Honors Senate

- Create new programming for the FGCU Honors community that aided in the facilitation of networking opportunities.
- Voted on issues that came to the Honors Senate and represented my peers in the Honors Program every week.

Alternative Break Participant

December 2015

- Participated in a week of community service in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Worked a minimum of eight hours a day with six different community partners.

Golisano Gala - Creator

Fall 2015

- Created a semester long service project where myself and three other volunteers could go into Golisano Children's hospital weekly and work with pediatric patients and their families.
- Used various art supplies as a therapeutic tool with the patients and their families.
- Competed for and was awarded a \$150 grant to buy the art supplies for the project.

Honors and Awards

Florida Gulf Coast University President's List

Florida Gulf Coast University Dean's List

Florida Gulf Coast University Honors Student

Florida Gulf Coast University President's Gold Recipient (4x)

Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar (4x)

Algenol Biofuels Scholarship for STEM Education (3x)

Recipient of the Senate Contributor of the Year

Recipient of the Panhellenic Executive Council Member of the Year

Whitaker Center for STEM Education Grant Recipient (3x)

Honors Development Grant Recipient Honors Research Symposium Grant Recipient

Fall 2014-Present Fall 2014-Present

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Fall 2015-Present

2016-2017

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2015-2016

Fall 2015

Spring 2015