# Naijah Simon

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#### **EDUCATION**

# New York University Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi. UAE

Bachelor of Arts in Social Research & Public Policy, GPA: 3.72

Expected December 2023

Relevant coursework: Strategic Management, Statistics for Social Sciences

#### **KEY COMPETENCIES**

MS Office, Google Suite, Research design and critical analysis, Schedule/calendar management, Customer service and interpersonal communication, Intercultural competence, Event-planning, Managing and working with diverse teams, Business correspondence, Adaptability and initiative.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

**NYUAD Art Gallery** 

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Student Assistant

Feb 2023 – Jun 2023

• Managed book and brochure inventory in the Gallery and Reading Room, answered phones, and engaged with patrons to provide an exceptional visitor experience and safeguard the displayed works.

# Whitney Museum of American Art

New York, NY, USA

Family Programs Intern

Oct 2021 – Dec 2021

- Researched prominent American artists exhibited in the museum, and instructed museum patrons of all ages in their art-making techniques.
- Engaged with hundreds of patrons weekly.

# The Andy Warhol Museum

Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Learning and Public Engagement Intern

Jun 2021 – Jul 2021

- Spearheaded stage one of the Warhol's Community Assessment Project surveys.
- Expanded the list of target organizations by over 80 partners, and oversaw the process of inviting these organizations to complete the survey. Created and mailed thank-you gifts to about 90 partners.
- Met with museum senior leadership to present a framework to integrate the feedback of the Warhol's communities of service in its programming, including a structure for a community advisory board and focus groups.

#### The Urban Affairs Coalition

Philadelphia, PA, USA

Assistant Online Learning Coordinator

Jul 2020 – Aug 2020

- Designed a series of six professional development seminars geared to engage youth aged 14-18 with appropriate workplace skills and behavior. Hosted three 30-45 minute sessions once a week, with an average of 20 students per session. Assigned and graded presentation comprehension questions for each seminar.
- Created various content for use throughout the program: presentations, voiceovers, training videos, exit ticket surveys, Google Forms, and homework assignments for students.

### Eat N' Park Hospitality Group

Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Server, Hostess, and Trainer

Oct 2017 – Aug 2023

• Years of experience in multitasking in a very fast-paced environment, employing problem-solving skills between multiple stakeholders (patrons, coworkers, and management), varied applications of customer service, and training others.

# PROJECTS AND LEADERSHIP

## **Labor and Esteem among Black Women Activists**

Jan 2023-Dec 2023

• Conducted year-long research project using quantitative and qualitative methods to investigate issues of gender equity among Black American racial justice activists.

#### Mothers of Incarcerated Sons, Inc.

Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

 Volunteered as a Branding Strategist for a nascent non-profit organization in Pittsburgh, PA. Primary responsibilities included creating a Facebook page, an online support group, and researching, writing, and posting content.

# **AZIZA**Creative Director

**Brand Strategist** 

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Dec 2020 - May 2022

- AZIZA is a student-led identity group for Black women at NYU Abu Dhabi. Developed content and supervised a team of five creatives through project timelines and posting schedules.
- Worked with executive board to plan and execute programming for our community.

#### **INTERESTS**

Limited working Spanish. Research interests in youth, gender, labor, and migration. Personal interests in film, theater, yoga, and the way a story can be told through manifold mediums.