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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
Bachelor of Science and Arts in Biology
Concentration in Biology; GPA 3.78
Minor in Business Foundations

May/2021

Greenwood High School, Midland, TX
High School Diploma
GPA 3.97

May/2017

EXPERIENCE (in reverse chronological order)

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
College Readiness Mentor

May/2020 - August/2020

- I will be assisting incoming freshmen as they transition to UT. I will primarily be using my personal experiences, but will direct students to proper resources if needed. Since all summer orientations have been moved online, my job has become much more important.
- I will also be tutoring incoming freshmen to prepare them for their Math Readiness Exams. They need to pass these exams before they can take mathematics courses at UT.

SKJK Ranch & Construction, Midland, TX
Technician (Summers only)

May/2017 - August/2019

- I worked in a team of 10 technicians that erected primarily commercial-style buildings in addition to surrounding fence-work. We sometimes traveled to work in other cities in West Texas.

ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

UT Racquetball Club, Austin, TX
President (Since Jan/2019)

September/2017 - December/2020

- The club's mission is to promote the growth of the sport of racquetball at UT by providing a safe, welcoming environment to all individuals, regardless of skill level.
- The officers of the club are in charge of organizing volunteering, tabling events, practices, and tournament travel.
- Our club hosts the second largest racquetball tournament in the country every January as a fundraiser for tournament travel expenses.

Biology Scholars Program, Austin, TX
Program Graduate

August 2017 - May/2019

- This 2-year program consisted of seminars that improved my presentation skills, developed my ability to read dense research articles, and provided us with the resources necessary to continue down the pre-health path.

Freshman Research Initiative, Austin, TX
Researcher

January 2018 - May/2018

- I was a part of the Supramolecular Sensors stream. The lab's purpose was to develop an assay that replicated the taste receptors of the human tongue. Wine was used for the testing method.

Future Doctors of America, Austin, TX
Former Member

August/2017 - December/2017

- FDA was an organization geared towards helping pre-health students to build their experience by providing resources and connections in the medical world. Through this I was able to sit in on presentations held by visiting physicians that taught me more about medicine in general.

VOLUNTEERING

Sammy's House, Austin, TX

October/2017

Future Doctors of America

- Sammy's House was hosting a prom-themed party as a fundraiser and we helped in setting up the event.

Central Texas SPCA, Austin, TX

December/2017-Present

UT Racquetball

- I typically walk the dogs that they have in their shelter and help organize and clean their facility. We once repainted an entire room inside their facility.

Central Texas Food Bank, Austin, TX

Spring/2018-Present

BSP & UT Racquetball

- I helped in the warehouse of the Food Bank by sorting thousands of pounds of food into smaller boxes to be distributed to those in need.

Zilker Botanical Gardens, Austin, TX

December/2019-Present

UT Racquetball

- I helped the Zilker Garden Center Coordinator in their restoration project of the gardens. The UT Racquetball Club has plans to return to the gardens when possible.

Posada Esperanza, Austin, TX

February/2020-Present

Individual

- I primarily help the children with their homework and as an ESL tutor with the adults. I will soon move to remote homework help once the shelter has set up their equipment. I am currently helping deliver groceries to those families that have moved out of the shelter, but do not have the transportation needed to get the groceries themselves.

Senior Access, Austin, TX

April/2020-Present

Individual

- I helped the Zilker Garden Center Coordinator in their restoration project of the gardens. The UT Racquetball Club has plans to return to the gardens when possible.

Drive-a-Senior, Austin, TX

April/2020-Present

Individual

- Drive-A-Senior used to drive seniors without transportation to grocery stores in a van. After quarantine was put in place, they started a food bank to help these seniors. I sanitize the food that is donated or bought. I also make the food packages that are then delivered by other volunteers.

SKILLS

Technical /Computer Skills: Proficient in Microsoft applications. Some experience with Java and R.

Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish.

Soft Skills: Leadership, Communication, Time-management, Team-oriented.