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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

May 2020 GPA: 3.74

Bachelor of Science and Arts in Biology, Minor in Anthropology

Honors: University Honors (Fall 2016, Spring & Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring & Fall 2019), CNS College Scholars 2018

EXPERIENCE

Havird Lab, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Fall 2018-Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Developed laboratory skills and performed research in the fields of evolutionary biology and bioinformatics to assist on a project examining mitonuclear coevolution and compensatory evolution
- Tended to plants grown for utilization in research in campus greenhouse and growth chambers

School of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Dean's Office Front Desk Student Associate

May 2019-Present

- Provide customer service to those visiting the Dean and Dean's Office staff for meetings
- Assist in event planning and tasks as assigned from office staff including printing and document organization
- Maintain orderly and productive office front desk and break room spaces

UGS Ambassador August 2018-Present

- Completed leadership training with a team of ambassadors and student leaders to prepare for welcoming new UT students to the university through a series of events and seminars
- Informed new students of the resources provided to them by the college to benefit their academic and social success while at the university
- Worked to set up and run events for the college during the university welcome week and Family Weekend

First-Year Experience Office, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Fall 2017; Fall 2018

First-year Interest Group (FIG) Mentor

- Mentored 20-25 first-year students to introduce them to campus events and offices and college life
- Met with students one-on-one to provide individual support on major and student organization exploration
- Planned and conducted weekly seminars by communicating with and inviting university faculty and staff

USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Bushland, TX and Lincoln, NE

May-August 2018

Biological Science Aid

- Collaborated on a project researching the effects of various disinfectants on the antibiotic resistance accumulated in samples collected from swine facilities.
- Assisted on teams of scientists in the Bushland labs on projects involving protein and gas production analysis.
- Developed microbiology laboratory techniques including quantitative and standard polymerase chain reaction, DNA extraction and concentration, and agarose gel electrophoresis

Don Harrington Discovery Center, Amarillo, TX

Summer 2015; Summer 2016; Summer 2017

Summer Camp Assistant Teacher

- Provided weekly STEM summer camps to children 3 years old through those entering the 6th grade
- Communicated with parents of campers about lessons and events
- Worked with a team of camp educators to plan educational and enjoyable activities and lessons for campers

ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

School of Undergraduate Studies Council, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Fall 2017-Present

Council Events Committee Member

- Engaged with faculty sponsors and other committee members to organize events for students
- Led activities for children and adults at the UGS event at Explore UT 2018 and 2019
- Served as the council representative at UGS staff events committee meetings