

Basic Information		Tell us about yourself!
<u>Full Name</u>	Maria Arabo	
<u>Preferred Name</u>	Maria Arabo	
<u>Gender Identity</u>	Female	
<u>Age</u>	22	
<u>Grade Level</u>	Graduated undergrad	
Fun Information		Optional fun information about yourself
<u>Zodiac Sign</u>	scorpio	
<u>Favorite Color</u>	beige	
<u>Favorite Season</u>	winter	
Notable Memories		Experinces that have shaped your life, or fond memories.
<u>Childhood</u>	I was born in Iraq and moved to San Diego when I was six. Since I did not know how to speak English at the time, I was bullied for always being so queit and because I wasn't able to talk like the other children. This allowed me to understand that people often times judge what they do not know, and it taught me at a very young age to treat everyone with kindness and respect, even if they weren't doing the same for me.	
<u>Elementary School</u>	My second grade teacher was the kindest human being I had ever met to this day. She always made me feel better if I was ever sad, and comforted me when I felt uncomfortable at school. Since I was still fairly new to the states I had a lot of insecurities and she made me feel so loved and taken care of despite all of the struggles that I faced, especially the teasing from other children.	
<u>Middle School</u>	In middle school, I was in a program called WEB, where we would be in charge of certain events that our school would have, which I loved, because I was always my happiest whenever I was doing something that made other people happy or excited. I loved getting to plan events, and make sure everything was organzied, and I think this really grew some of the character traits that I hold dear in my present life.	

<u>High School</u>	My junior and senior year, I was in a program called Link Crew, where I would mentor a group of freshmen and make their transition into highschool as seamless and enjoyable as possible, and also we would volunteer around our community during the holidays. This was hands down one of my favorite experiences that I have ever had because through this I was able to make such an impact on other people's lives, and that is really all I have ever wanted to do, even now, which I am so grateful to have had.
<u>Work History</u>	I worked at a pharmacy as a tech, which I hated, but I was still glad I had that experience because I was able to see what I liked and what I did not like. During college, and also after I graduated, I interned at a retirement community which I loved because I learned so many new things, and got to listen to residents share stories from their lives. Through that job, I was able to form such a close bond with my supervisor. She was truly like a mother figure for me, and taught me so much, as well as helped me with my job application process.
<u>Inspiring Experience</u>	I don't recall a singular experience, because I feel like every piece of advice, or experience that happens, shapes me into who I am today. I try to take everything that comes, both the good and bad, as a lesson that I need to learn from in order to be better, and I think that mentality has allowed me to get as far as where I am today, and hopefully where I will go in the future.
<b>Professional Interest</b>	
	<b>What are some skills and interests of yours?</b>
<u>Potential Career Interest 1</u>	I want to have a career where I am able to make an impact on other people's lives. For me, if I am able to truly change the life of just one person, then that is a job well done.
<u>Potential Career Interest 2</u>	Non-profits is where I want to continue my career path, because I find that to be the most rewarding, and where I can make the most impact.
<u>Potential Career Interest 3</u>	I would love to have a director position at an established or start up nonprofit.
<u>Professional Skill 1</u>	Presentation and Public Speaking
<u>Professional Skill 2</u>	Event organization and facilitation
<u>Professional Skill 3</u>	Interpersonal Communication
<b>Personal Interest</b>	
	<b>What are some of your hobbies and passions?</b>
<u>Projects</u>	When I was at my internship at the retirement community, I did a 3 month long research project on how peer support impacts life enrichment. I wrote a research paper on my findings and presented it as my graduating project, which I was very proud of.
<u>Hobbies</u>	I love reading, hiking, and traveling to new cities and countries

<b><u>Passion/Area of Interest 1</u></b>	I want to go into nonprofit managment, and my goal is to one day work for Make A Wish, St.Judes, or Radys Children
<b><u>Favorite Musician/Genre/Song</u></b>	I love Morgan Wallen, Luke Combs, Zack Bryan, which are all country artists, which is my favorite. I also love Taylor Swift
<b><u>Favorite Movie</u></b>	My favorie movie is A Walk To Remember
<b><u>Favorite Book/Genre</u></b>	My favorite book series is A Court of Thornes and Roses, which is 5 total books. It is a fantasy series, which is my favorite genre.
<b><i>Anything Else?</i></b>	<b>Any other things you want to share with us!</b>
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