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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

May 2021

Bachelor of Science and Arts- Biology Honors and Bachelors of Science in Psychology

HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

Kunde Institute

Daly City, California

Student Observer

January 2020

- Shadowed Tibetan Medicine Practitioners Dr. Kalzang and Dr. Partsang in their private practice where they use alternative medicine techniques in a holistic approach to treating their patients
- Conducted brief, informal interviews with the practitioners to gather information that will be used for my senior thesis

Delek Hospital

Dharamsala, India

Student Intern

December 2018- January 2019

- Interned at a hospital in northern India whose patient population is mainly Tibetan
- Shadowed doctors and learned how Tibetan doctors use a holistic approach of allopathic and ayurvedic medicine to offer solutions to patients
- Took patient's blood pressure, conversed with them in Tibetan, observed the physicians take medical histories, and visited a local clinic branch in addition to a retirement community

Dell Seton Medical Center/ Seton Medical Center Austin

Austin, TX

Volunteer

September 2018- January 2020

- Worked in the South entrance greeting visitors, guiding them to patients' rooms, and attending to administrative duties
- Stationed in the Emergency Department and transport patients to their rooms, clean the rooms, and interact with visitors

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Freshman Research Initiative: Gene Networks Stream

Austin, TX

Undergraduate Peer Mentor

January 2018- Present

- Researching interactions of the DHX36 motif 6 gene with other proteins during the spring semester and in a summer fellowship
- Served as a resource for incoming freshmen on protocols and approaching their projects

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Biosciences Department

Austin, TX

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

September 2019- May 2020

- Helped students as a teaching assistant for BCH 369: Fundamentals of Biochemistry course in fall 2019 and BIO 325H: Advanced Introduction to Genetics in Spring 2020 with office hours, grading assignments, and answering any course-related questions and concerns

Health Careers Mentorship Program (HCMP)

Austin, TX

Public Relations Coordinator, Admissions Director

September 2019- Present

- Student-led organization which selects pre-medical students and exposes them to clinical and non-clinical aspects of the health care system
- Currently developing relationships with health practitioners in the Austin community and gaining valuable and practical experiences

The Project**Team Lead and Committee Member**

Austin, TX
October 2018- Present

- Since 1999, the Project has engaged students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community volunteers to participate annually in the spirit of service to assist in our partnerships with local Austin neighborhoods
- Served as the point of communication between volunteers and committee members/directors, oversee worksites, and lead volunteers.

**UT American Medical Student Association
Advocacy Team Representative**

Austin, TX
October 2017- Present

- Currently drafting several different proposals on projects the team desires to pursue in the spring semester, which include increasing awareness of mental health, creating a health literacy curriculum, and improving student lifestyles

**UT Health Science Scholars (HSS)
HSS Ambassador (2018- present)**

Austin, TX
September 2017- Present

- Served as a resource for underclassmen through mentorships, volunteering at student panels, and offering registration advice

**UT Club Golf Team
Member**

Austin, TX
September 2017-Present

- Participated in qualifying and playing in regional tournaments, placing in the top 20 out of over 100 competitors

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Girlstart
STEM CREW Intern**

Austin, TX
August 2018- Present

- Lead weekly after-school informal STEM curriculum for 4th and 5th grade girls, implemented engaging activities to expose girls to different potential career fields, and acted as a positive role model for students

**Central Texas Food Bank and Micah 6 Food Pantry
Volunteer**

Austin, TX
October 2017- Present

- Stocked up and organized the shelves with donated goods, inspected food for distribution, and had the opportunity to assist and interact with fellow Texans as they are obtaining their goods