**Zachary Spahr**

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**Education**

**University of Notre Dame** Notre Dame, IN

Bachelor of Arts May 2018

Major: International Economics (Concentration in French Language)

Second Major: Political Science

Current GPA: 3.60/4.00

**Centre International D’études Françaises** Angers, France

Level B.2 University Diploma in Language and Culture June 2017

**Experience**

**Think Virginia** Leesburg, VA

*Policy Intern* June-August 2017

* Researched policy issues in the Commonwealth of Virginia and presented possible solutions each week

**Environment Virginia** Falls Church, VA

*Campaign Organizing Intern* June-August 2016

* Helped build volunteer teams to display citizen support for clean energy initiatives in Virginia

**University of Notre Dame Political Science Department** Notre Dame, IN

*Research Assistant* May 2015- May 2016

* Analyzed news articles related to prior elections in African nations and classifies each article based

on the type of issue that the article covered

**University of Notre Dame Undergraduate Admissions** Notre Dame, IN

*Tour Guide*  August 2016-present

* Lead historical tours of campus while adding personal stories and experiences on campus

**Leadership**

**Washington Tennis and Education Foundation** Washington D.C

*Ballperson Captain* Summers 2010-2017

* Served as a volunteer ball person at the Legg Mason/Citi Open Tennis Tournament in Washington DC
* Lead a team of ballpersons to assess areas of improvement for event efficiency

**Siegfried Hall, University of Notre Dame** Notre Dame,IN

*GRC Commissioner* April 2015 – December 2016

* Acted as the official liaison between the residence hall and the Gender Relations Center
* Coordinated dorm wide events with the GRC to enable discussion concerning gender issues on campus

**Welcome Weekend, University of Notre Dame** Notre Dame,IN

*Student Ambassador* April- August 2015

* Coordinated activities and lead hall programming events for first year students

with a team of 12 during their first week on campus

**Achievements**

Dean’s Honor List, University of Notre Dame Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

McLean High School Jansen Memorial Love of French Scholarship Winner May 2014

1st Place DECA VA State Leadership Conference: Business Financial Services March 2012

**Activities**

International Development Conference Abstract Committee, University of Notre Dame September 2015 – Present

Secretary, French Club, University of Notre Dame September 2014 – Present

Member, Student Consultants for Non-Profit Organizations, University of Notre Dame April 2016- Present

**Skills**

Technology: Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Stata

Language: Conversationally Fluent in French

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Ms. Kerry Oliver

The Bridgespan Group  
2 Copley Place

Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Oliver,

I have always wanted to work for a company like Bridgespan that combines innovative thinking with the goal of making a difference in the world. After working at non-profits the last two summers, I developed an understanding of the difficulties that they face in a highly constrained environment. I would like to use this understanding and the analytical skills that I have developed as an International Economics major to provide client-friendly solutions within this environment.

My experience this past summer as a Policy Intern at Serving Virginia prepared me of this client oriented role. Each week, I examined policy problems in the Commonwealth of Virginia and presented possible solutions and implementation strategies to the CEO of the foundation. For instance, one of my tasks was to identify ways to raise alternative sources of tax revenue in the Commonwealth. I was able to look the data presented from other states and perform a cost-benefit analysis on marijuana and gambling legalization that found that both would have increase revenue in the Commonwealth. This experience allowed me to better understand the intricacies of solving real world problems and the steps required to find a practical solution.

In my time at Environment Virginia, I both developed strategy and helped make decisions regarding how to best apply our time in the field within the context of a resource constrained environment. With only five employees on the team, each intern had to figure out the best way to maximize our time in order to find the right volunteers. During that summer, I talked to locals about the environmental issues that concerned them the most in Virginia and encouraged them to volunteer with us. This experience helped me understand that any non-profit has to engage with local voices in order to have an impact in the community that it serves. I would like to take some of these lessons from that experience and apply it to my work as a Consultant.

I would like to be an Associate in order to help resource constrained non-profits succeed in their communities. Please consider placing me on your interview schedule. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Zachary Spahr