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Education

University of California, Riverside

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science: International Affairs, GPA: 3.89

Relevant Coursework: Modern Dictatorships, Conflict Resolution, International Relations Theory, Globalization and Underdevelopment, Strategy and Politics (Game Theory)

**Riverside, CA
September 2024**

Experience

Robert Weiner Associates - National Press Club

Intern - Policy Analyst/ Research Coordinator/ Op-ed Writer

**Washington D.C.
June 2024 - Present**

- Research, write, and co-byline op-ed columns (opinion pieces) in major national newspapers
- Collaborate with team to pitch and propose Op-ed article ideas in daily strategy meetings
- Edit Op-ed drafts to reflect professional and concise standards of writing

The Human Survival Project

Intern - Team Coordinator

**Remote
October 2023 - Present**

- Researched proposed reforms to the United Nations system including restructuring the Security Council to be more regionally representative, instituting a World Parliamentary Assembly and the role of the Summit of the Future in addressing main global challenges.
- Developed articles and website blurbs that expanded on the handbook of The Human Survival Project that presented its mission and purpose.
- Debated biweekly with the UN Reform Team on UN Reform proposals; included Security Council reforms, General Assembly reforms, and funding to understand faultlines to address in the international system.

Minority-Serving Institution Research Academy (MSIRA)

Spring/Summer Research Fellow

**Riverside, CA
April 2024 - Present**

- Received formal research training through 10-week course research methodologies such as in literature review, research design, data coding, qualitative research, quantitative research, and research ethics.
- Conduct research along with UCR Faculty after completion of a 10-week course supported by a National Science Foundation stipend.

Chick-Fil-A Inc.

Team Member

**Eastvale, CA
June 2022 - Present**

- Awarded Chick-Fil-A Remarkable Futures Scholarship in November 2022.
- Adapted to all required tasks: taking and serving orders to maximize efficiency in a busy work environment.
- Developed customer service and conflict resolution skills to aid guests comprehension of company policies.
- Worked as Order-Taker to achieve a store record of 147 cars served in one hour in drive-thru window.

Leadership & Activities

Model United Nations at UC Riverside

President

**Riverside, CA
April 2023 - May 2024**

- Led 30+ weekly executive board meetings to discuss organizational business, ranging from planning events, designing recruitment plans to managing finances.
- Launched “Professor Forum Series” inviting UCR Professors to explain their career paths and areas of interest in order for club members to develop connections with faculty and receive tips for professional development.
- Planned a 100-person Model UN Conference at UCR campus; attended by five local universities to discuss solutions to “Sustainable Tourism” and “Sustainability in the Textile and Fashion Industries.”
 - Secured a \$1000 ASUCR Finance Grant from student government to cover conference expenses.

- Assembled ten-hour event schedule, including guest speakers, informal and formal debate, lunch and closing ceremonies.
- Organized a 26-person travel team to attend National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference in NYC and awarded “Outstanding Delegation,” given to the top 20% of delegations.
 - Designed a ten-week Model UN curriculum plan to train delegates in resolution writing, public speaking, negotiating, and researching skills.
 - Organized advisor briefing at UN Secretariat Building with UN experts to discuss women’s rights, refugees, climate change, and children’s rights.

Head Delegate

January 2023 - April 2023

- Led 22-person travel team representing the United Arab Emirates and South Sudan at NMUN Conference attended by 331+ colleges and universities in NYC, including editing country research papers and teaching delegates through a 10-week curriculum plan.
- Achieved the NMUN “Outstanding Delegation” Award given to the top 20% of delegations at conference and awarded 7 individual awards, the most in club history.
- Organized virtual Ambassador Briefing with His Excellency, James Pitia Morgan, South Sudanese Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union to contextualize challenges South Sudan faces to supplement delegates’ research.

The Highlander Newspaper at UC Riverside

Riverside, CA

Distribution Manager

May 2023 - May 2024

- Provided access to official university newspapers by circling newspaper bundles to 10+ campus locations.
- Collaborated and discussed with the Editor-in-Chief and university staff to move newspaper kiosks to more high-traffic areas, like coffee shops, to generate higher student interest in reading the newspaper.
- Wrote ten articles across Opinions, News and Sports sections ranging from international relations topics to American politics, with pieces entitled, “Upcoming U.N. Climate Conference is set up for failure” and “Taiwan’s Politics are growing further from China’s Control.”

Skills & Interests

Skills: MS Office Suite, Google Drive

Languages: Conversational Portuguese and Spanish

Interests: Baseball, Writing Articles, Playing Tenor Saxophone