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Education

August 2014- Present

Bachelor in International Environment and Development Studies

- Completed courses in development politics, research methods, global food security, political ecology, gender studies, Philosophy, and social resilience
- Represented NMBU as Lead Delegate at the International Environmental Protection and Agricultural Development Seminar and attended seminars at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Beijing, China (June 2016)
- Participated in field research on climate change, gender, and development in Tanzania and Zanzibar (June 2015)
- Led presentations and discussion group synthesis through case studies and project management and planning simulations (i.e. Log Frame and PCM)

Norwegian University
of Life Sciences
(NMBU)
Ås, Norway

June 2014- July 2014

Certificate of Completion in Political Science and French Studies

- Completed intensive summer courses in both French and English in international relations, politics of the European Union, and French history
- Participated in Model-UN negotiations including 120 international students

Sciences Po
International Summer
School
Paris, France

June 2013- April 2014

Certificate Candidate of Proficiency in French Language and Culture

- Studied in French language immersion program to improve interpersonal communication skills and broaden international cultural awareness

McGill University
Montreal, Canada

September 2007- May 2011

U.S. High School Diploma with Honors in Humanities

- Three-term President for Lions Club International Youth Service Group, LEO Club, overseeing efforts of 12 members over 950 hours of community service
- Received Leadership Montgomery's *Youth Empowerment Award* for initiating projects enhancing adolescent livelihoods in local, impoverished communities

James Hubert Blake
High School for the
Arts & Humanities
Maryland, USA

Employment Experience

September 2016- Present

Communications Intern

- Chief Intern, under NMBU pilot internship program, responsible for producing and distributing all daily internal and external department communications
- Create content and manage social media accounts- notably rebranded Embassy Twitter account, increasing activity (i.e. followership) 400% in four months
- Engage face-to-face with key public and private stakeholders to orchestrate cultural outreach initiatives and multimedia projects (ex. 2017 Almodóvar Film Retrospective, in partnership with Cinemateket and Nordic Film Institute)
- Attend seminars and conferences on behalf of Embassy and submit follow-up reports analyzing emerging strategic partnerships between diplomatic missions

The Spanish Embassy
of Norway
*Department of
Cultural Affairs and
Office of the
Counselor*

Oslo, Norway

July 2014- August 2014

Facilities Manager (Summer Job)

- Liaised with customers in Norwegian and English, and worked daily to resolve maintenance concerns pertinent to storeowners and community leaders
- Acquired greater knowledge and autonomy over skilled equipment and tools through management training sessions with senior team members

ISS Facility Services,
Lørenskog Kulturhus
and Storsenter

Lørenskog, Norway

June 2012- June 2013

Youth Program Coordinator

- Trained and mentored young women and girls ages 15-30 with physical and mental disabilities to participate in sports and lead a healthy lifestyle
- Managed a weekly support group promoting self-esteem and body confidence
- Led four woman competition team in 2012 Grete's Gallop Half Marathon

Initiative for Women
with Disabilities,
NYU Langone
Medical Center

New York, USA

September 2011- June 2012

Volunteer Sport and Lifestyle Coach

- Guided group of patients with diabetes and related illnesses through training program to complete Achilles International Hope & Possibility 5km Race
- Required patience, determination and compassion to motivate low-income patients with diverse challenges to design and commit to fitness goals
- Increased membership in patient-partner walking and yoga programs by 200% during fall and spring membership drives

Friedman Diabetes
Institute, Beth Israel
Medical Center

New York, USA

June-August 2010 and June-August 2011

Communications Intern (Summer Job)

- Created and maintained all social media content, including Facebook and Google + accounts, as well as distribution of email marketing materials
- Built database of 2,000+ articles chronicling organization's landmark events
- Produced membership directory of athletes from over 70 countries
- Personally assisted organization's president and founder, Dr. Richard Traum, with all communication needs

Achilles International

New York, USA

Other Experience

August 2014- September 2016

Board Member and Communications Specialist

- Demonstrated consistent organizational leadership over two consecutive years, working for social, academic and political interests of international students in Ås
- Organized biannual International Food Festival, garnering corporate sponsorships and public funds to support participation of 40 student teams and 750 attendees
- Led coordination of international student arrival and introduction week activities each semester, designing interactive and inclusive itinerary for over 300 students
- Managed all phases of planning semester events on campus and abroad, including all marketing materials and oversight of 15 member planning subcommittee
- Attended leadership and teambuilding seminars with six fellow board members hosted by LNU Norway

International Students'
Union of Norway
NMBU
Ås, Norway

August 2014- Present

Board Member of International Inclusion Committee

- Built and ran first-ever international student bar for one month during the UKA and MiniUKA student festivals raising over 80,000kr for student welfare
- Mentored incoming students as a department mentor during Buddy Week 2016
- Organize continuing efforts to integrate refugees in Ås township and on campus

UKA i Ås
NMBU
Ås, Norway

Language, IT Skills, and Volunteer Organizations

Languages: Native English Speaker. Working knowledge of French. Basic knowledge of Norwegian.

IT Skills: Daily use of Facebook, Twitter, Google Services and Outlook. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Adobe InDesign (OSX and Windows).

Student Organizations: Secretary of Ås Feminists Society, Editorial Board of the Norwegian Journal of Life Sciences, Photographer for Tuntreet Student Magazine, Member of Spire- Norway's Youth Organization for Environmental Justice, SAIH- Norwegian Students' International Development Fund, International Students' Union of Norway