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Education

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond VA | May 2020

BA in International Studies with a concentration in International Social Justice

Relevant course work: Global Ethics and Religions, International Social justice, Human Rights and Literature, African government and Politics and Podcasting While Black

Experience

Virginia Capitol General Assembly and Senate Intern, Richmond VA | January 2020-May 2020

Legislative Intern to Delegate Cliff Hayes

Working directly with Delegate Cliff Hayes for legislative research, bill tracking, committee and floor monitoring, and communication tasks.

Democratic Party of Virginia, Richmond VA | January 2019- September 2019

Political Intern

- Preparation for Quarterly Steering and Central meetings
- Maintained party contact list
- Responded to political inquiries on behalf of the DPVA

United Nations Foundation, Washington DC | September- November 2017

Advocacy Intern

- Raise awareness for the United Nations campaign to eradicate Polio and Malaria in African countries
- Campaign for the UN sustainability and encourage donations and federal funding with district representatives

VCU Residential Life and Housing, Richmond VA | August 2019- Present

Front Desk Assistant

- Provide prompt, friendly service to all customers (residents, staff, faculty, parents, guests)
- Greet and be aware of all persons entering the building
- Maintain a working knowledge of Residential Life and Housing as well as VCU resources and make referrals as necessary

Alan Newman Research May 2019- Present

- Focus Group Recruiter

Research Experience

November 2019

Virginia Commonwealth University Research Conference Participant

Case of Political and Economic Collapse: Democratic Republic of Congo

- Identified the root causes for the perpetuation of extractive political, economic, and social institutions, how foreign interests have affected the DRC, and the cost that has been placed on the country

June 2018

Refugee Settlement in western Ethiopia due to conflict in South Sudan

- Travelled to the Ethiopian side of the South Sudan border as an attachment to the ANE (Aid for the Needy in Ethiopia) organization working under the mandate of UNHCR to assist in the support of over 200,000 refugees.

Skills

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel
- Fluent in spoken and written Amharic and Elementary French