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EDUCATION

American University, School of International Service (SIS) – Washington, D.C.

May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Certificate in Advanced Leadership Studies

Honors: SIS 3-year BA Global Scholars Program, School of Public Affairs Leadership Program

GPA: 3.9/4

Sciences Po, Campus de Menton for Middle East and North African Studies

August 2022 – December 2022

Study Abroad

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Atlantic Council – Washington, D.C.

May 2022 – August 2022

Young Global Professional in Rafik Hariri Center & Middle East Programs

- Conduct research on various issues, including constitutional reform, climate change, digital currencies, and more, in the Middle Eastern and North African region.
- Design and organize a weekly newsletter using Marketo and Photoshop for an audience of over 5,000 people.
- Write and publish articles that analyze and propose solutions to issues affecting the Middle East and North Africa.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service – Washington, D.C.

September 2021 – May 2022

Advocacy Intern

- Conduct research about relevant Congress-people, advocacy strategies, and policies in a rigorous environment.
- Write meeting notes for weekly multi-stakeholder meetings with immigration organizations to coordinate advocacy efforts.
- Monitor and track immigration and asylum issues in the media to create news bulletins.

The World Trade Center Institute – Baltimore, M.D.

January 2021 – August 2021

Professional Exchanges Intern

- Designed proposals for international exchange programs in collaboration with the Department of State and USAID.
- Communicated with government and private sector organizations to coordinate international delegations' visitation to Maryland with the goal of exchanging information on a relevant subject.
- Developed professional and cultural education programs for students in the Maryland region.

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

American Model United Nations Conference (AmeriMUNC) – Washington, D.C.

April 2022 – Present

Director of External Affairs

- Serve as the primary contact for 1,000+ attendees of WIRC.
- Managed registration and expanded conference registration by 50%.
- Design critical website and Mailchimp materials to provide information to conference attendees.

American Literary Magazine – Washington, D.C.

June 2021 - Present

Editor-in-Chief

- Coordinate the semester-based publication of University's art magazine with publishing house.
- Manage a team of editors to evaluate magazine submissions and format magazines in InDesign.
- Serve as a representative to the Student Media Board in the production of budgets.

School of Public Affairs Leadership Program – Washington, D.C.

May 2021 – May 2022

Teaching Assistant

- Lead a group of six first-year students on the implementation of a research project.
- Plan and execute co-curricular activities for the Leadership Program community.
- Work with Leadership Program faculty to facilitate class discussions and provide feedback to students.

PUBLICATIONS

• "From crypto winter to crypto spring: The challenges and opportunities of cryptocurrency in MENA"

July 2022

• "A new transatlantic relationship for the Middle East and North Africa"

June 2022

SKILLS

- Technology: Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, InDesign, Kindle Direct Publishing, Salesforce, Excel, Marketo
- Language: English (Native), Spanish (Intermediate)