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EXPERIENCE

Connecticut Association of Schools, Cheshire, CT— *Student Representative on the State Student Advisory Council on Education*

September 2019 - June 2020

Attended monthly 3 hour long meetings at CAS to discuss and research topics pertaining to education with fellow students around the state.

Stafford Board of Education, Stafford, CT— *Student Representative on the Board of Education*

September 2018 - June 2020

Served as a non-voting representative on the board, reporting relevant news from the schools as well as providing student perspectives on a multitude of district wide issues every other Monday evening during the school year.

Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA— *Junior intern*

May 2017 - October 2019

Volunteered as a costumed junior intern in a 19th century “living history” museum, demonstrating period appropriate gardening and cooking techniques.

SHS Class of 2020 Officers, Stafford, CT— *Secretary of the Class of 2020*

September 2016 - June 2018

Served as the secretary to the Stafford High School graduating class of 2020, maintaining open lines of communication between the officers and the student body, assisting in organizing and distributing fundraisers, and planning class events. Attended biweekly hour long meetings during the school year.

EDUCATION

American University, Washington, DC

August 2020- May 2024

Attends with an intended major of Interdisciplinary Studies: Communications, Law, Economics, and Government (CLEG) with an undergraduate certification in Advanced Leadership Studies from the

SKILLS

Ambitious and eager to succeed, particularly in competitive environments.

Natural leader with years of experience at the school, town, and state levels.

Open minded and adaptive, as learned through being the daughter of an Army officer; had to move and adapt to different settings throughout childhood.

Possesses experience in writing and passing legislation; founded and led a movement in sophomore year to change the outdated dress code, wrote a new dress code, and had it approved by the Stafford Board of Education.

AWARDS

Stafford High School Class of 2020 Salutatorian, 2020

Connecticut Governor Scholar’s Essay Semifinalist, 2019

Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Conference Delegate, 2018

NCCJ ANYTOWN Social Justice Camp Delegate, 2017

School of Public Affairs Leadership Program. Currently maintains a 4.0 GPA.

Stafford High School, Stafford, CT

September 2016- June 2020

Graduated as the salutatorian with college credit through the University of Connecticut's Early College Experience program. Was the Class of 2020's Secretary from 2016-2018 (until applying for the town board seat, as requested by the school principal).