# ELEVATOR SPEECH

Noelle Serino

# STRENGTHS

- Ability to work in a team
- Disciplined and focused
- Interpersonal skills → communication, empathy and empowerment, active listening, and developing rapport
- Strategic planning and organizational skills → attentive and detail-oriented

# LEARNING EXPERIENCES



## COLLABORATION

The ability to work in a team and remain adaptable to various team dynamics is vital to success.



PASSION

The best work is done when there is passion and dedication to the cause of focus.

## **GROWTH MINDSET**

There is always room for growth and improvement; there are always opportunities to learn more.

# PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS





## PUBLIC HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

I am passionate about working in the field of public health to promote and protect the health and well-being of all people.

## SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

I intend to pursue a career that focuses on health disparities in the community context. I hope to work on designing, implementing, and evaluating community-based interventions.

# UNIQUE SELLING POINT (USP)

#### EDUCATIONAL • BACKGROUND

Having soon to earn my BA in Public Health & Justice, Law, & Criminology, I have a unique understanding of how the fields of public health and criminal justice intersect.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE .

Throughout my undergraduate career, I have had the opportunity to cultivate my leadership skills through a multitude of off- and on-campus positions and internships.

#### PASSION, PERSEVERANCE, AND INTEGRITY

Every task I complete is done with the utmost consideration and thought. I make sure to infuse careful time, consideration, and hard work into my work.

#### COMMITMENT TO GROWTH

I place great value in recognizing that no one is ever done growing or leaning. Because of this, I prioritize continuously challenging myself to learn more and become a better person in the process.

## How has the Leadership Program made me a better leader?

The Leadership Program has helped me to cultivate a better understanding of leadership as well as my own leadership style.

A more nuanced understanding of leadership emerged; leadership is not an inherited, fixed set of traits, but an evolutional activity that is comprised of a multitude of traits.

My experience with the Program reinforced the importance of collaboration and how I best work in a team.

## What experience has best helped me to grow as a leader?

The most formative experience during my undergraduate career was serving as Student Co-Director with Noah Haines in 2019-2020.

Not only did I learn a lot about myself and how I work in a team dynamic, but I honed myriad leadership skills including communication, mentorship, team oversight and management, collaboration, and more.

Serving as Student Co-Director allowed me to apply what I had learned during my undergraduate career by putting theory into practice.

# PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

## How will I apply my skills?

Using what I have learned about myself and my interests throughout my undergraduate career, I plan to further cultivate my strengths and build upon my weaknesses to become a well-rounded and compassionate public health practitioner. Armed with interpersonal skills, an attentive and detail-oriented nature, and commitment to infusing passion into my work, I hope to contribute towards making a safer and healthier world for all.

## What's next?

After graduating from American University in May of 2021 with a BA in Public Health and Justice, Law, & Criminology with a Certificate in Advanced Leadership Studies, I will be pursuing my MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences at Yale's School of Public Health.