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Profile

I am currently an undergraduate senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on track to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Information Science, a certificate in Digital Studies, and a certificate in Educational and Educational Services.

Professional Experience

Business Enablement Solutions Team Lead Intern | McGraw Hill Education (May 2022 – Present; 40 hours per week in summer, 10 hours per week during academic year as a freelancer)

- Updating the company's Salesforce database through planning for future semesters, inputting the professors teaching a course, product in use, course enrollment, office/teaching hours, etc.
- Meeting and conversing with a multitude of company employees and attending intern luncheons
- Organizing weekly intern meetings amongst my peers and giving presentations to the Business Enablement Solutions Team about intern projects
- Creating and sending weekly newsletters to the BEST Team about intern projects and activities
- Rebuilding Connect courses in the new edition for instructors

Reference Assistant | Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) (January 2024 – Present; 6.5-12 hours per week in academic year)

- Assisting visitors and phone inquiries by answering questions and addressing needs, such as locating books on the shelves or using our searchable database to find books surrounding different subjects and diversity filters
- Assisting librarians with multiple projects such as shelving, pulling, labeling and stamping books, weekly trivia, designing signs/posters, and other organizational measures
- Organizing shelves by shelf-reading and updating and sorting Advanced Reading Copies
- Presenting my experiences as a student Reference Assistant to the CCBC Advisory Board, involving executives and educational department leaders all over the state of Wisconsin

Server | Pizzeria Uno (June 2024 – June 2025; 10-20 hours per week in summer)

- Assisting with waitressing, serving, bussing tables, and washing dishes

Extracurriculars & Community Service

College

- Volunteer | Care for a Cause (September 2024 – May 2025)
 - o Assisting parents with the financial burdens of parenthood by creating birthday boxes for children, collecting assistive care items for parents, and making cards for families
- Member & Choreographer | Optima Dance Club (September 2024 – Present)
 - o Leading a group of 18 dancers at weekly practices to perform at the semester showcase
- Member & Secretary | Madison Undergraduate Society for English (September 2023 – Present)
 - o Student organization for those interested in reading, writing, publishing, and careers in the English field
- Poetry & Fiction Editor | Illumination Literary Journal (September 2024 – May 2025)
 - o Editor for campus literary arts journal that showcases student work
- Volunteer | Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) Volunteer (January 2024 – May 2024)

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- Organizing and verifying the titles and locations of books in their historical collection
- Member | Digital Media Organization (DMO) (January 2024 – May 2024)
 - Student organization for those interested in digital media, Sales, marketing, etc.

High School – Over 170 Hours of Community Service

- Class President | Student Council (May 2019 – May 2022)
 - Organized food and holiday drives, junior prom, homecoming week, and graduation
- Vice President | National Honor Society (November 2020 – May 2022)
 - Assisted with Red Cross Blood Drives and highway clean-ups
- Secretary | Leo Club Volunteer Organization (September 2018 – May 2022)
 - Helped rake leaves at the homes of elderly community members and worked Pack-It-Pink volleyball nights and community cookouts
- Senior Representative | Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (September 2020 – May 2022)
 - Made cards for local nursing home members, constructed Comfort for Chemo bags for cancer patients, rang bells for the Salvation Army, and hosted winter clothing drives
- Additional Volunteer Experiences
 - Coaching Rookie Golf in the summers, weekly clean-up care of a local community park, and assisting high school librarian during free periods

Education

- **University of Wisconsin-Madison:** Madison, WI 53706 (2022-Present)

College Educational Experience

- **Expected Undergraduate Graduation:** December 2025
- **Grade Point Average:** 4.0 (in progress)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in English and Bachelor of Arts in Information Science
- **Minor:** Certificate in Digital Studies and Certificate in Education and Educational Services
- **Honors:** Listed on the Dean's List all current semesters (Fall 2022-Spring 2025); had three different projects (podcast, presentation, and video) selected as standout projects for the Digital Studies Student Showcase (2023); won the award for Best Group Video for short video/film project in Communication Arts class project (2023); Theodore Herfurth Scholar (2023); William Vilas Merit Scholar (2024); Sara Scholarship Scholar (2022-2025); Phil Kit Blake Wisconsin Idea Scholar (2024-2025); Mary Brabyn Wackman Scholar (2025)

High School Educational Experience

- **High School Graduation:** May 2022
- **Grade Point Average:** 4.0
- **Class Rank:** 3 of 73
- **ACT:** 30
- **Honors:** Received Distinguished Honor Roll all 4 years of high school; published two articles in the local newspaper; and was selected as a class representative for Badger Girl State