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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION: Pursuing a degree in Social Work with a Bachelor of Science, with a 3.8 GPA. Advanced graduation within three years. Creative and teamwork oriented, and adapting with highly organizational traits.

EDUCATION:

Longwood University: Cormier Honors College

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Awarded Dean's List (3 Semesters) and President's List (1 Semester)

Farmville, VA

Expected Date: May 2024

GPA: 3.879

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Volunteer

Farmville, VA

November 2021

- Sorted donations to the ReStore: disposing, cleaning, and preparing for resale, demonstrating organizational skills
- Demonstrated customer service skills through positive and beneficial reactions with the customers
- Completed a multitude of tasks with fellow volunteers and staff, performing well in collaboration
- Adapted to projects and tasks assigned from supervisors, showing flexibility

Christ Fellowship Church

Volunteer

Windsor, CO

July of 2021 and June of 2022

- Worked with children, ages 4-12, showing proficiency with children
- Devised and directed crafts, demonstrating creativity
- Supervised camp clean up, showing organizational skills and leadership skills

Mount Ararat

Volunteer & 1 Summer Paid Internship

Stafford, VA

2014- August 2021

- Worked with children ages 4-6, demonstrating proficiency with children
- Directed activities children took part in, showing supervisory and organizational skills
- Looked after children, showing responsibility

Collaborating with Lancers for Academic Success (CLASP)

Junior Field Placement Internship

Farmville, VA

January-April 2023

- Conducted academic counseling-based case management sessions with clients utilizing the problem-solving model and empowerment theory
- Resourced and provided academic assistance to clients on a weekly basis
- Community and campus outreach to provide academic, professional, and social events and opportunities

Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC)

Senior Field Placement Internship

Falls Church, VA

January-Present 2024

- Provided SNAP and Medicaid application assistance
- Conducted demographic and policy-based research
- Organized and participated in community and state-wide outreach to increase awareness and advocate for social justice efforts

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Asia Student Involvement Association of Longwood University

Farmville, VA

Vice President

April-December 2022

President

January 2023-Present

- Takes part in devising, preparing, and executing activities and events the club takes part in
- Ensures productivity and responsible leadership of all club members
- Assists in directing weekly meetings, demonstrating supervisory skills
- Attends university's SGA meetings as representative of organization

Social Work Advisory Board of Longwood University

Farmville, VA

Student Advisor

August 2022-Present

- Serves in an advisory fashion
- Meets with a group of professionals around Virginia to discuss the Longwood Social Work Program and any needed improvements
- Involved with three meetings throughout the academic year to ensure the integrity of the Social Work Program

Intersectionality Support Group for Queer Minorities

Farmville, VA

Facilitator

April 2022-2023

- Takes part in devising, preparing, and executing lesson plans, discussion topics, and sessions for the individuals participating in the support group
- Fosters a safe and inclusive environment for marginalized groups on campus
- Provides campus-based resources for participants

INVOLVEMENT:

Cormier Honors College: Longwood University, August 2021-present

C.H.A.N.G.E. Social Activism Committee: Longwood University, September 2022-present

SKILLS:

Computer/Tech: Experience in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator, Instagram/Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), LinkedIn, Canva, Box

Language: Experience in Telugu, and Hindi

CERTIFICATIONS:

American Red Cross: Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

Training Certification

4 contact hours

Valid until November 19, 2024

Safe TALK: Suicide Alertness

Workshop Certification

3 contact hours

John Hopkins University: COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Training Certification

3 contact hours

Stop Child Abuse Now: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Public Steward

Training Certification

2 contact hours

Understanding ACEs: Building Self-Healing Communities

Workshop Certification

1 contact hour

REVIVE!: Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Administration Education

Training Certification

30 contact minutes

REFERENCES:

Abbey Philips: *Legal Aid Justice Center*

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