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Education:

Connecticut College Class of 2021

Political Science Major and American Studies Minor B.A., Magna Cum Laude

Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment Certificate in Environmental Sustainability

Professional Experience:

AmeriCorps VISTA - Groundwork Hudson Valley (Nov. 2021 - Nov. 2022)

- Planned and executed a River Clean Up Event with over 180 volunteers at 7 different locations who picked up 250+ bags of trash from the Saw Mill River
- Assisted with the development of the Climate Safe Yonkers Task Force to address the impacts of extreme heat in Yonkers, NY
- Helped plan and facilitate task force meetings, including the creation of educational materials, event preparations, and technical assistance with a hybrid meeting format

Roth Writing Center and Academic Resource Center (Mar. 2018 - May 2021)

- As a writing tutor, analyzed and edited academic papers with an emphasis on global revision, logic, and critical analysis
- As a teacher's assistant, managed the schedule of professor and advised in the creation of learning materials and class curriculum

Roosevelt Network at Connecticut College (Sept. 2017 - May 2021)

- Managed a regional budget of \$2,000 and led a 3-person team to carry out the following tasks
- Organized legislation campaigns, including a lobbying day on the regulation of sober homes in CT
- Orchestrated voter registration drives, panel discussions, and a yearly Policy 101 Conference

Sustainable Connecticut (May – Sept. 2020)

- Assisted 15 towns and the regional government on incorporating sustainability, environmental justice, and better waste management practices into their communities
 - Spearheaded community-first meetings, educational webinars, and shovel-ready green projects
 - Drafted a Plan of Conservation and Development with an equitable and sustainable vision for all CT municipalities
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Core Competencies:

- Community Engagement – created new outreach materials and developed lines of communication with volunteers
- Project Management – managed inventory, meeting schedules, and vendor coordination
- Fund Development and Grant Writing - 1 year of experience with grant research and writing
 - Submitted two grant applications on youth employment and park redevelopment
 - Received a professional support grant in the amount of \$6,000 awarded from the EPA
- Volunteer Management - improved relationships with volunteers and stakeholders throughout Hudson River Valley, worked with 350+ volunteers, and brought in 75+ new volunteers

Technical Skills:

- 2+ years of experience with Microsoft Office, their Google counterparts, as well as Slack and Zoom
- 1 year of experience with media creation on iMovie, YouTube, Constant Contact, and Canva
- 1 year of mapping experience on Google Maps and Google Earth for promotional materials, including volunteer brochures, seasonal newsletters, and social media content