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EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

Expected May 2017

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics Option with a minor in Spanish. GPA: 3.54

Relevant coursework: Nutritional Biochemistry, Food Science, Nutrition and Wellness, Genetics, Life Cycle Nutrition

Awards: 2015 Undergraduate Research Conference Award of Excellence for *Food Insecurity Among Undergraduate Students*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Nutrition Program, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

January 2016 - Present

Research Assistant

- Initiated an independent, honors project entitled *Food Insecurity Among Undergraduate Students*
- Developed a methodology and subsequently surveyed university students using a 26-item online survey based off of USDA food security surveys with additional UNH-specific questions
- Early results indicate that 12.4% of students currently report low food security, 5.7% report marginal food security and 2.8% report currently or previously receiving food assistance.
- Project will culminate in a thesis paper outlining the details of the study as well as the final results once all data is assembled
- Anticipate forthcoming abstract publication in the Journal of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
- Prepared and presented research poster at COLSA Undergraduate Research Conference in Spring 2016

Integrative Biosciences REU Program, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL

June 2015-August 2015

Research Experience for Undergraduates Program Participant

- Competitively selected for a summer program that offers a novel approach to integrating multiple areas in the biosciences
 - Formulated research hypotheses, disseminated food frequency questionnaires to participants, and analyzed data
 - Assisted in feeding trials and sensory experiments, while working alongside food distributors and retailers
 - Learned strategies for selecting a strong graduate program and advisor by working closely with a graduate student mentor
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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), Washington, D.C.

May 2016- August 2016

Child Nutrition Intern

- Compiled data and surveys for the Afterschool Meal Program, a core FRAC program dedicated to ending childhood hunger
- Researched and tracked national, state, and local summer and afterschool meal expansion efforts
- Provided technical assistance to targeted cities and anti-hunger groups implementing new programs via weekly phone calls, using my Spanish-language speaking skills on several occasions

Dairy Bar, Durham, NH

September 2013 – May 2016

Assistant Manager

- Interacted with customers of all ages to ensure satisfaction with experience and product
 - Trained and supervised twenty employees, open and closed the business on my own, and handled orders and deliveries
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LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Cornucopia Food Pantry, The Waysmeet Center, Durham, NH

Fall 2014 - Present

Assistant Manager

- Collaborate with a diverse set of peers to operate a local food pantry that offers food on a weekly basis to local visitors
- Recruit new volunteers by working closely with the Office of Community Service and Learning on campus

University of New Hampshire Men's Track and Field, Durham, NH

Fall 2013 - Present

Captain, Team Member

- Manage team activities, including a volunteer event in support of UNICEF, and organized practice schedules
- Communicate closely with the coach and calibrated expectations for the team and for the season
- Dedicate ten hours a week to practice and five hours to each meet while successfully balancing a full academic course load

Additional Activities: Nourish UNH, Student Nutrition Association, Alpha Phi Omega Community Service Fraternity