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Education: Ithaca College

Bachelor of Arts: Economics and International Politics (Double Major)

Ithaca, NY

Expected: May 2020

- GPA: 3.89
- President's Scholarship
- Honors Program
- Dean's List: Fall '16, Spring '17, Fall '17, Spring '18

Professional Experience

Ithaca College School of Humanities and Sciences

Ithaca, NY

Summer Scholar

June 2018 – Present

- Research the question, "How Can Non-State Sector Development Bolster Cuban Socialism?"
- Read and critically analyze economic literature on growth, development, socialist planning, market reforms, democracy and governance, etc.
- Research legislation and policy changes that have facilitated or impeded non-state sector development
- Conduct holistic review of Cuban economic history
- Visualize data trends to show effects of policy changes on non-state sector development
- Research and analyze best policy practices for
- Collaborate with faculty professor to produce a policy paper with recommendations to Cuban government for growth in non-state sector within socialist framework

Tracy Mitrano for Congress (New York 23rd District)

Corning, NY

Communications Intern

Jan. 2018 – July 2018

- Assist Communications Director in developing strategic messaging for social media such as Facebook and Twitter
- Gauge online support for campaign by monitoring comments on Facebook and Twitter, and reporting back to Communications Director with findings
- Create running list of supporters helping the campaign on online platforms such as The Daily KOS, a progressive political blog
- Reach out to various news organizations in the 23rd District, such as the Finger Lakes Times, The Ithaca Times, etc., in order to publish articles in support of Mitrano

Office of Congressman Frank Pallone (New Jersey 6th District)

New Brunswick, NJ

General Intern

May 2017 – August 2017

- Assisted 10-20 constituents a week with setting up casework with local and federal agencies
- Contacted local and federal agencies regarding constituent casework approximately once per day; agencies included Office of Personnel Management, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Drug Enforcement Administration, etc.
- Assisted Hindi and Spanish speaking constituents with casework over the phone and during in-office visits
- Recorded and updated casework in congressional system as needed
- Responded to and logged 10-30 constituent opinion calls per week
- Updated permanent staffers on public policy changes affecting Central New Jersey residents daily

Campus and Leadership Experience

Student Governance Council

Senate Chair

May 2017 – May 2018

- Administered weekly general body meetings
- Interpreted and enforced the Ithaca College Student Governance Council Constitution
- Met with Student Senators face to face once a semester to discuss bill ideas, goals, etc.
- Maintained communication with student groups, student guests, administration officials, and Tri-Council members
- Worked with students-at-large and student Senators to coordinate bill presentations and perfect bills to better ensure their passage on the Senate floor

Ithaca College Model United Nations

Delegate

Sept. 2016 – Present

- Perform extensive research to accurately represent delegations at large-scale conference committees ranging from thirty to six hundred delegates
- Read and critically analyze documents from international organizations including the United Nations, regional organizations, regional banks, etc.
- Write position papers from country perspectives on committee topics prior to attending conferences
- Write comprehensive resolutions and directives addressing real-life policy issues such as migrant crises, impending wars, environmental regulations, etc.

Ithaca College Amnesty International

Co-Founder/Co-President

Feb. 2017 – March 2018

- Facilitate programming coinciding with Amnesty International campaigns such as Write-for-Rights
- Create events educating Ithaca College community on human rights issues, including film screenings, displays on academic quad, etc.
- Work with regional group coordinators and members of the executive board to facilitate programming
- Monitor social media engagement and work with social media manager to improve visibility online

Muslims and Allies at Ithaca College

Vice President and Founding Member

March 2017 – Present

- Volunteer at Al-Huda Islamic Center of Downtown Ithaca to assist Islamic School teachers in planning creative activities for students
- Work with members of the Ithaca College Chapel to facilitate inter-faith programming
- Facilitate programming to bring Muslim student issues to light on campus

Conferences:

- Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) 2017– The Panda or the Dragon: Rise of China
- McGill Model United Nations Conference (McMUN) 2018 – Kuwait in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- Harvard National Model United Nations Conference (HNMUN) 2018 – Refugees International in the Commission on the Status of Women
- Harvard National Model United Nations Conference (HNMUN) 2017 – Amnesty International in the Commission on the Status of Women
- University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) 2016: Spain in the Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee

Awards:

- Best Delegate: Cornell International Affairs Conference (CIAC) 2017 – Council of the European Union
- Outstanding Delegate: Five College Model United Nations (FCMUN) 2018 – Partition of India

Publications:

The Global Mind: Ithaca College's Undergraduate International Affairs Journal

- Spring 2017: "What is Democracy?" – Theories of Democracy
- Fall 2017: "New Nationalism?" – The Rise of Donald Trump and the new "Silent Majority"

Languages:

- Urdu: Fluency in Speaking
- Spanish: Advanced Professional Proficiency in Speaking and Reading