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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Bachelor of Arts Economics and Political Science
The University of Michigan Summer Study Abroad Program in Florence,
GPA 3.2/4.0

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2006

Italy Summer 2003

Related Courses

Econometrics

Economic Analysis of Relational Panel Data

Financial Accounting

Political Modeling Processes

WORK EXPERIENCE

Georgetown Economic Services

Research Assistant

Washington D.C

Summer 2004

- Created and verified monthly statistical reports for clients regarding import and export data of steel industries to monitor trade distortion from tariffs.
- Created capacity report regarding future growth of specific steel industries to accompany a brief report that preceded successful bid to defend antidumping duties before the International Commission in 2005.

Bayou Marina

Manager

Biloxi, MS

1998-2005

- Effectively managed a crew of employees for installation and building of dock hosts which led to a 50% increase in sales due to increase in productivity.
- Organized and maintained electronic catalogue of parts to decrease customer wait time and ensure that company kept fast moving parts in stock.

LEADERSHIP

The Michigan Review

Publisher, Editorial Board, Columnist

Ann Arbor, MI

2004-Present

- Wrote and received grant for \$6,000 to fund the 2005-2006 paper.
- Write monthly column on range of cultural, economic, and political topics relating to Michigan students.
- Maintained finances of paper, create publishing schedule, and collaborate in layout of paper.

Staff Writer

2002-2004

- Wrote research articles on Steel Tariffs, Russian Politics, Campus Politics, and Foreign Policy.
- Selected as guest columnist for Harvard's Kennedy School of Government student newspaper *The Citizen*.

The Detroit Project

External Director

Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI

2005-2006

- Lead external team composed of four students successful recruit volunteers, publish newsletter, collaborate with other student organizations, and maintain relations with volunteers that encourage greater involvement.

Grants Coordinator, Student Council Mentor

2004-2005

- Wrote grants awarded unprecedented \$9,500 to help fund "DP Day" and finance a self initiated library renovation project at Murphy Middle School Detroit, MI.
- Mentor to Elementary Student Council at Gompers Elementary in Detroit, MI and advised students on how to create innovative ways to encourage their fellow classmates to maintain steady homework habits.
- Enthusiastically tutored Math and Reading 2003-04 school year with "Stars Academy" after school program at Gompers Elementary in Detroit, MI and came up with creative ways of motivating the students to learn.

The University Party

Candidate, Policy Development Committee

Ann Arbor, MI

Fall 2003

- Undertook difficult challenges of running as a candidate for the Michigan Student Assembly.

ADDITIONAL

- Developed platform relating to student needs and collaborated with fellow candidates on a campaign strategy.
- Experienced in Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.
- Awarded Michigan Committee Scholarship and University of Michigan Board of Regents Scholarship
- High School Valedictorian