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#### **EXPERIENCE**

### Example University, New York, NY

### Assistant Dean

Sep 2024 - present

- Managed outreach to over 20,000 prospective students globally through in-person events and digital marketing campaigns to address the downward enrollment trend in previous admissions cycles
- The University has had downward enrollment trends since the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, there is a need to focus less on generalized communication/marketing strategies and more on personalized connections with prospective students via open houses, high school visits, etc. This admission cycle I spearheaded this effort and leveraged several engagement events/workshops to increase outreach to prospective students in more personalized ways. I also supported the planning of an international recruitment trip as part of an initiative to increase international student enrollment. The target population was wealthy International students who are great for the university budget because they can independently afford tuition. I developed new data-based engagement strategies for our target audience with a focus on personalized connections and establishing open lines of communication with prospective students.
- Spearheaded global outreach efforts, engaging over 20,000 prospective students through inperson events and targeted digital marketing campaigns to reverse declining enrollment trends. Successfully supported lasting relationships with secondary schools, global embassies, self-funded prospective students, and their families, significantly enhancing the University's international presence and elevating the quality of its talent pool.
- Led continuous assessments and generated/analyzed reports using Salesforce and other CRM systems to inform and enhance recruitment strategies.
- So what? I was only briefly trained in Salesforce and still able to use the software to independently create reports which would then inform strategic planning. It reflects my ability to hit the ground running and be a self-starter who can own projects and develop creative ways to approach problems even with minimal guidance.
- Independently utilized Salesforce and other CRM systems to generate and analyze monthly enrollment reports, leveraging minimal training to inform strategic recruitment planning and enhance operational effectiveness. Demonstrated a self-starter mindset by quickly mastering new tools and delivering actionable insights that shaped data-driven strategies.
- Developed tailored presentations for diverse audiences such as university stakeholders, local government, staff, and prospective students and parents to support recruitment efforts, training, data reporting, and strategic initiatives.
- So what? I have advanced knowledge of powerpoint, canva, and other presentation-making software. I have the ability to create presentations with great content as well as aesthetically engaging visuals. I developed the 2024 open house presentation in four days, on my first week at the job and positioned myself as a subject matter expert that very week to prospective students and families when I delivered the presentation. I am a quick learner with excellent research and public speaking skills who can become a subject expert quickly and also establish trust with diverse audiences
- Created tailored presentations for diverse audiences—including university stakeholders, local government, staff, and prospective students and parents—leveraging advanced expertise in PowerPoint, Canva, and other tools to deliver engaging visuals and impactful content. Quickly positioned myself as a subject matter expert and established trust with prospective students and families. Demonstrated exceptional research, public speaking, and adaptability skills to support recruitment, training, and strategic initiatives.

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- Advised domestic and international students on academic progress towards graduation, course selection, and pre-professional training in a high-volume and high-paced office environment.
- So what? I helped 70+ students (customers) monthly make the best of their investment in the product (school) by advising them on majors/programs of study, courses to take, and connecting the with campus resources to support their various needs in order to increase graduation and retention rates for a campus serving 13,000 students. Many of our students are first generation and low income and cannot afford excessive years in school. My goal as an academic advisor is to provide students with/make them aware of resources so they can graduate on time, reduce costs, and increase the return on their investment by having a successful professional transition.
- Delivered individualized counseling to 70+ students monthly in developing effective study habits, time management skills, and resource utilization to enhance their academic success. Played a critical role in improving student retention and graduation rates at a campus serving 13,000 students by delivering personalized guidance and connecting students to targeted support services. Supported first-generation and low-income students in maximizing their educational investment by promoting on-time graduation, reducing costs, and facilitating successful professional transitions.

### Lecturer, Public Speaking

July 2023 - present

- Designed syllabus for and taught accelerated course on public speaking fundamentals for first-year college students achieving a 100% pass rate.
- So what? The Dean of EOF hand-picked me for this role though I'd never done it prior. I used transferable skills from my years as a debate coach to develop a syllabus to teach public speaking as an accelerated summer course to first-generation/minority students entering college so that they could build their confidence in expressing themselves before the official start of their first semester and thereby ease their transition into college. I developed engaging and culturally relevant lessons that exceeded that of the other instructors, and even had other instructor's students ask to join my class once their peers who were in my class told them about their experience. In just 5 weeks, every single one of my students made immense progress. In their final course evaluatiom, report and presentation, every student said they would take the course again despite their initial fear of public speaking and thanked me for their progress. When I see these students on campus, they still stop me and are always so happy to see me. I felt my impact in real time!
- Selected by the Dean of EOF to design the syllabus for and teach an accelerated public speaking course for first-year undergraduate students, achieving a 100% pass rate. Leveraged transferable skills from debate coaching to create culturally relevant, engaging lessons that boosted student confidence and eased their transition into college. Recognized by peers and students for delivering an exceptional experience that inspired long-term personal and academic growth.

Student Advisor June 2023 - Aug 2024

- Oversaw the graduate school application process for junior and senior students, including guiding them on career development, workforce transitions, research opportunities, professional etiquette, and the creation of personal statements and resumes.
- Implemented research-based strategies to increase program recruitment and increase the number of scholars admitted to Ivy League and other competitive undergraduate research opportunities and Master's/PhD programs.
- So what? I worked for a program with only two staff: me and the director. I was functionally the assistant director of the program despite my title. I played a role in all program functions including rewriting/re-submitting the grant proposal of \$266,000 annually, recruiting qualified students across campus, and supporting them through the graduate school application process. I researched and planned visitations to different campuses and conferences to expose students to academia as a profession. I

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workshopped personal statements with students from first draft to final draft, reviewed their resumes, trained them for grad school interviews to develop their professional brand/identity. Out of the 5 seniors who graduated last year, all were accepted into graduate programs and one was a first-generation student accepted to her dream school Cornell with a full ride. The student told me several times she believed she could not have achieved her dream without my assistance. All students in the cohort were accepted to participate in prestigious undergraduate research opportunities and several won awards and fellowships.

• Spearheaded initiatives to expose students to academia as a profession through campus visits, conferences, and mentorship, resulting in award-winning undergraduate research participation, prestigious fellowship awards, and a 100% graduate program acceptance rate for the most recent cohort. Guided students through the entire graduate school application process, including personal statement development, resume review, interview preparation, and career branding. Collaborated with senior leadership on annual grant re-submissions to sustain program funding of minimum \$266,000.

#### **CUNY Graduate Center.** New York, NY

Dec 2021 - Jun 2023

**Program Manager** – Office of Academic Initiatives & Strategic Innovation

- Managed the billing, procurement, requisitions, receipts, registration, calendars, external communication networks, and on-boarding processes for 15+ academic programs
- Coordinated admissions interviews, information sessions, university-wide events, and school-wide marketing campaigns to satisfy enrollment benchmarks.
- Designed and implemented quarterly marketing campaigns for publication across 20+ CUNY campuses and greater New York City to promote student registration.
- So what? My office was responsible for the most academic programs and some of the most lucrative programs of any office at CUNY Graduate Center. We oversaw operations for all continuing education programs, which was over 20, with just one program bringing in \$400K a year. In my two years there, two of four staff went on maternity leave meaning my role in the office shifted several times to accommodate the changes. I "held down the fort" at the front desk for over a year, being the initial point of contact for students and members who needed support and assistance. I had to provide especially great customer service to the members of our most lucrative program, who were often difficult and demanding. I began this role fully remote due to the pandemic and transitioned to in-person as students returned to campus. I played a major role in the return to campus effort as far as keeping track of student logistics such as vaccination and testing status, and ensuring classrooms were compliant with the constantly-changing state and federal legislation. I also became the point person for the new immunization tracking software that the University had purchased due to how quickly I learned the functions and became an expert at using it.

Our most lucrative program was a program called Lifelong Peer Learning, made up wealthy retired professionals. Many of the program members were retired movie producers, surgeons, influential politicians, etc. Upon me stepping into the role, the program's Board had just decided to leave their first host university and have CUNY host the program. They were very selective and skeptical of the office overall. During my time in the role, I established trust with over 500+ members and provided them hands-on support that led directly to program retention. I often went above and beyond my responsibilities and provided them support with technical issues, even making zoom appointments with them to teach them how to use their phones to complete online programmatic functions. When I left the job, the members were truly sad and several wrote me letters of appreciation for just how patient I was with them and supportive of their learning goals.

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- Coordinated admissions interviews, information sessions, university-wide events, and marketing campaigns to achieve enrollment benchmarks for over 20 academic programs, including the LP2 program, our most lucrative, which generated \$400K annually. Delivered one-on-one training sessions to 500+ members of the LP2 program, teaching technical skills such as completing online functions and navigating software, resulting in enhanced program satisfaction and retention. Became the subject matter expert on newly implemented COVID-19 immunization tracking software, training staff and students on its functionality to support the return-to-campus effort while ensuring compliance with evolving state and federal regulations.
- Led stakeholder engagement efforts by planning ongoing meetings, workshops, and events to target the needs of prospective/current students, community partners, and institutional leaders
- So what? We partnered with several businesses and leveraged facility access to create several programs which attracted external visitors as well as our current students. Our biggest accomplishments were hosting and doing logistics for the 2022 Grammy Museum Exhibit. We oversaw set up, take down, production, staffing, security for the duration of the month-long exhibit.
- Led stakeholder engagement efforts by planning and executing meetings, workshops, and events tailored to the needs of prospective and current students, community partners, and institutional leaders, enhancing community outreach and driving institutional visibility. Developed a strategic partnership with the Grammy Museum through outreach, securing the opportunity to host their traveling 2022 exhibit at the university. Managed all logistics for the month-long event, including set-up, production, staffing, and security, successfully attracting both external visitors and current students.

### Columbia University, New York, NY

*Teaching Assistant* – Barnard College, School of Urban Studies Feb 2023 – June 2023

- Taught Urban Education course to class of of 44 undergraduate students
- Managed class logistics such as attendance, grading, and necessary data entry into the College's learning management systems
- So what? I served as the TA for an Urban Education course focused on the New York City public school system which is one of the most segregated school systems in the country. The Professor, Dr. Q, used her own research to establish the curriculum of the course and offered me several teaching opportunities where I had the ability to apply the research I was doing as a grad student to lesson plans/presentations/assessments. I also served as a mentor to students and led the class when the Professor was absent/traveling. I was responsible for student outreach/being available for office hours in case students needed support. One of my students had a learning disability, and I worked directly with her to design accommodations for her which would allow her to complete all the class assignments and meet all learning objectives in a way that worked for her learning style.
- Taught and facilitated an Urban Education course for 44 undergraduate students, applying research-based lesson plans, presentations, and assessments to engage learners on the complexities of the New York City public school system. Managed course logistics, including attendance, grading, and data entry into the college's learning management system, ensuring accurate and timely record-keeping to support student success. Mentored students and provided individual support through office hours, guiding them in their academic development and offering personalized assistance to ensure understanding of course material. Designed tailored accommodations for 10+ students with learning disabilities to ensure all students met course learning objectives while respecting their unique learning styles.

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Mar 2022 - Feb 2023

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- Served as budget manager, curator, and artist for the public facing *Peacing Shirley* art education exhibition
- Conducted research to promote viewership of exhibit and prepared written material such as press releases for promotional purposes & public distribution
- So what? This is one of my favorite things I've ever done!! I started school at Columbia in Fall of 2021 and had a bit of culture shock. I comforted myself by researching Black alumna, and learned that Shirley Chisholm was one. I also noticed I had never seen a portrait of Shirley Chisholm in the halls, as was the case with other notable alumna. In March I saw a request for proposals for the Myers Foundation Art Award. I wrote my proposal for funding to create a portrait of Shirley Chisholm and have a public-facing exhibit celebrating her legacy. I managed a \$5,000 grant budget, created a portrait of Shirley Chisholm, and designed an interactive exhibit called "Peacing Shirley" which was modeled after a mid-century African American living-room, celebrating Chisholm as a public figure while also acknowledging her background as an everyday Brooklyn resident and school-teacher. The original grant funds were only for the exhibit, but the University paid me another \$2,000 for the painting which is now permanently installed in the historic Tudor Room. I'm the first Black artist and Chisholm is the first Black subject to be featured on the walls of that room.
- Secured and managed a \$10,000 grant budget, curating and executing the "Peacing Shirley" art education project, for which I painted a portrait of Shirley Chisholm and designed an interactive public-facing exhibition to foster learning and dialogue among students about her contributions and impact. Created the first-ever portrait of Shirley Chisholm to be featured at her alma mater Columbia University, becoming the first Black artist and Chisholm the first Black subject to be featured in the prestigious Tudor Room portrait hall.

### University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Jun 2020 - Aug 2021

Research Analyst – University of Delaware Anti-Racism Initiative

- Served as an inaugural research scholar for the University's anti-racism research initiative and reviewed over 500 documents from the state of Delaware's historical archives to prepare and present an extended research study.
- Presented research findings at a university-wide symposium & clarified relevant concepts to an audience of 30+ scholars and professors
- So what? The University of Delaware offered a selective fellowship to undergraduate students for their Antiracism Initiative, and I was a part of the first cohort of scholars to be chosen. As researchers our job was to examine Delaware's historical relationship to race and racism through a variety of lenses. I produced an extended study on the disproportionate criminalization of Black men in Delaware in the late nineteenth century by looking at over 500 historical documents. I was the only scholar chosen to have my research taught in a History course the following semester. I presented my research to an audience of 100+ at several conferences.
- Served as an inaugural research scholar for the University of Delaware's Anti-Racism Research Initiative, reviewing over 500 historical documents to produce an extended study on the disproportionate criminalization of Black men in Delaware during the late nineteenth century. Presented research findings at a university-wide symposium, effectively communicating discipline-specific concepts to an audience of 100+ scholars and professors. Chosen as the sole scholar to have my research incorporated into a university History course the following semester as a result of demonstrated expertise in research project management, analysis, and the ability to translate complex topics for educational settings.

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Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

#### **Student Coordinator**

Sep 2017 - Mar 2020

- Taught undergraduate students how to market themselves to employers through personal trainings, workshops, and reviews of their professional/employment documents
- Served as initial point of contact for all faculty, staff, and student IT concerns and troubleshooting across the Rutgers Business School academic network
- Coordinated the processing and entry of student data to facilitate matriculation of 200+ transfer students each semester
- So what? I worked in the academic advising office, the career development center, and the business school as a student coordinator during undergrad. I was chosen to be a mentor to my peers who could teach them about campus resources and help them maximize their experience. In my role, I spoke directly to prospective recruiters on Handshake and approved their internship/job postings with respect to campus regulations. I marketed Handshake to students, taught them how to use the app, and was also trained to review resumes and cover letters for students. As a result of my work, I was chosen by my supervisor to sit on a panel at Mars-Wrigley when they first relocated to Newark in 2019 and wanted more insight on recruiting early talent in Newark. I spoke directly with the VP and other international stakeholders and advised them on best practices for hiring students based on my work as a student coordinator.
- Designed and facilitated daily personal training sessions and workshops to help undergraduate students market themselves to employers, including conducting in-depth reviews of resumes, cover letters, and professional documents.
- Served as a point of contact for IT support and troubleshooting across the Rutgers Business School network, assisting a population of 5,000+ faculty, staff, and students with technical issues to ensure smooth academic operations.
- Promoted and trained students on using Handshake, an online career services platform, and served as a liaison with prospective recruiters to ensure compliance with campus job-posting regulations.
- Chosen to participate on a panel at Mars-Wrigley's Newark office, advising senior leaders and international stakeholders on best practices for recruiting early talent, based on firsthand experience as a student coordinator.

#### **EDUCATION**

Columbia University – Master of Arts, Anthropology and Education | GPA: 4.0

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – B.A. African American and African Studies, double minor Public and Non-Profit Administration; and Psychology – Summa Cum Laude

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION\_

Languages: English (native), Spanish (conversational)

Achievements: Margaret Mead Research Scholar, McNair Research Scholar, Meyer's Foundation Award