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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts | Psychology
Minors | Christian Missions & Cultural Studies
Northwestern College | Orange City, IA
Expected: May 2021 | GPA: 3.9/4.0
Peale Scholar
Magna cum laude

EXPERIENCE

Franken Fellow: Peer Career Mentor | 2020-2021
Northwestern College | Orange City, IA

- Met one-on-one with college students to create resumes, cover letters, and online profiles
- Planned and hosted events to provide college students with career development resources

SummerCorps Volunteer | Summer 2020
Maggie's Place | Phoenix, AZ

- Worked with, supported, and provided resources for pregnant women seeking shelter and those who had completed the program
- Prepared and co-led stimulating activities for children throughout the summer
- Hosted virtual events for mothers and children to promote healthy parent/child relationships

Summer Employee | Summer 2019
Lake of Three Fires State Park | Bedford, IA

- Organized age appropriate nature programs for groups of 10-20 children
- Completed various maintenance and lawn care tasks in an efficient manner

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Northwestern College | Orange City, IA

Psychology Department Teacher's Assistant	2021
Discipleship Group Leader	2020-2021
Student Ambassador	2018-2021
Psychology & Religion Peer Tutor	2018-2021
Indoor & Outdoor Track Collegiate Athlete	2017-2021
Student Center Front Desk Assistant	2018-2020
Orientation Staff Member	2018

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Romania Semester | Fall 2019
New Horizons Foundation | Lupeni, Romania

- Completed semester abroad in Romania, focused on community development, experiential education, and the study of the Eastern Orthodox religion, history & language

Student Leader | Spring Service Partnership | 2021
Coldwater Foundation | Grand Marias, MN

- Co-led a group of 7 student volunteers to serve at a wilderness ministry where we shoveled snow, prepared meals, and split wood

Volunteer | Spring Service Partnership | 2019
Hope for Opelousas | Opelousas, LA

- Assisted in renovation of the Hope for Opelousas home, an after-school tutoring program for underserved children

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PSY406: Conflict Strategies in Various Relationships
Northwestern College | Orange City, IA | Fall 2020

- Reviewed and analyzed previous research to create an original research study for my senior thesis
- Developed and administered surveys to recruit participants, analyzed their data, and produced a written research report
- Orally presented the research materials, data, and results

PSY420: God Concepts and Prayer Practices
Northwestern College | Orange City, IA | 2020-2021

- Collaborated in research with Dr. Melanie Nyhof and Dr. Jennifer Feenstra to create three studies on God concepts and prayer practices in adults and children
- Created surveys to test the research, and conducted interviews with children to obtain qualitative data