

Joshua Velez

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music (Elective Studies in Urban Studies), *Wheaton College*, Wheaton, IL Anticipated May 2022

- GPA: 3.91/4.0 (Dean's List)
- Significant Course Work: FYS: What is a Thriving City?, Social Life of Cities, Conducting, General Chemistry I/II, Microeconomics, Music Theory/History (Before 1600, Baroque, Classical, 19th Century)
- Fellow, Aequitas Program in Urban Leadership, Center for Urban Engagement
- Wheaton College Concert Choir, Social Chair (2019–2020)
- Merit scholarships include: The Stella Russel Sophomore Class Award, Arthur Holmes Faith & Learning Scholarship, President's Achievement Scholarship (NHRP), Presidential Leadership Award, and James E. Burr Scholarship

EXPERIENCE

mySkills Intern, *Wheaton College Center for Vocation and Career*, Wheaton, IL June – August 2020

- Creatively collaborated with a team of 4-8 people to design engaging graphics for use by Wheaton College in publicizing COVID-19-related policy changes in campus life for Fall 2020.
- Developed competency in the Adobe Creative Suite, including InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, and Premiere Pro, as well as professional fluency, team philosophies, and networking etiquette.

Pianist (Accompanist), *Wheaton College Conservatory of Music*, Wheaton, IL September 2019 – Present

- Staff accompanist for Suzuki group classes of varying levels at the Community School of the Arts at Wheaton College, a music education program for local community members in the Chicago suburbs
- Paid student accompanist (approved by audition) for individual performers
- Rehearsal pianist and pit orchestra pianist for the Wheaton College Opera Mainstage January 2020 performances of *The Light in the Piazza*
- Accompanist for the Wheaton College Concert Choir

Usher and Patron Assistant, *Wheaton College Artist Series*, Wheaton, IL September 2018 – Present

- Contributed towards fostering a hospitable environment for guests at performances on the Wheaton College campus in a team environment.
- Ensured the safety and ease of access for patrons with various disabilities.

Intern and Assistant Tutor, *The Phillips Academy*, Broadway, NJ June 2017 – December 2018

- Worked for a private math academy under the supervision of a local college professor, also a former NASA engineer and Princeton University research fellow.
- Engaged constantly in proofreading assignments, tutoring up to 48 students in Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry courses, and developing a groundbreaking calculus course, among others.
- Initiated and developed a social media presence for promotional activity.

Food Service and Maintenance, *Schooleys Mountain Retreat Center (formerly Liebenzell USA Retreat Ministries)*, Schooleys Mountain, NJ July 2014 – August 2016

- Served guests at a large Christian retreat center by actively engaging in meal planning, food preparation, hospitality and guest relations, maintenance of campus grounds, along with various high-responsibility assignments requiring precision and reliability. Certified in food handling safety.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND AWARDS

- Piano – 12 years’ experience with paid positions as a professional accompanist, church pianist, wedding musician, and community performer. Student of Daniel Paul Horn at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, coaching with Sung Hoon Mo, jazz coaching with Bradley Williams, and master classes with Yoheved Kaplinsky, Dmitry Rachmanov, and Garnet Ungar. Runner-up/alternate in the 2019 Wheaton College Piano Concerto Competition. Recipient of 2020 Stella Russel Sophomore Class Award for exceptional merit.
- Multicultural experience from 4 years of short-term service trips to the Guatemala City Zone 3 landfill community, building houses for residents and leading free community children’s programs.
- First aid, CPR, and AED certified, 2019.
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar and Scholarship Recipient, 2018-2019.
- National Hispanic Recognition Program, 2018.
- National German Exam Gold Medalist (99th percentile), 2016, 2017, and 2018.