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Education

Canisius College, Buffalo, New York

Bachelor of Science Animal Behavior, Ecology, and Conservation

Expected May 2020

Bachelor of Arts of Psychology

Expected May 2020

Canisius All-College Honors Distinction

- Overall GPA: 3.45/4.00

Certifications

Project Wild Conservation Education Training

March 2019

QPR Training

August 2017

Adult and Child CPR and AED by AAOS and ECSI

March 2016

Babysitting American Red Cross Certification

June 2014

Awards/Honors

DiGamma Jesuit Honor Society

Dec 2018

Canisius Earning Excellence Program (CEEP) Award Recipient

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

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Canisius College Student Panel for the Jesuit Magazine, *Connections*

Fall 2018

Dean's List

Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Canisius Ignatian Merit Scholarship

Professional Organizations

Animal Behavior Society Student Membership

Spring 2019

Research/Relevant Experiences

Attendant of the Animal Behavior Society International Conference

July 2019

Animal Welfare and Cognition Research Team

January 2018

- Present

- Study the social dynamic of domestic cats in a shelter setting
- Code video data using Zoomonitor in order to study how the introduction of new individuals affect a group dynamic
- Meet bi-weekly to discuss relevant topics through the study of journal articles

Canisius College Ignatian Scholarship Day Research Presentation

April 2019

Shadowing Experiences

Charlene Baker, Vice Principal, Syracuse City School District, Syracuse, New York

May 2017

Dr. Eileen Fatcheric-Burns, Veterinarian & Co-Owner: Fairmount Animal Hospital, Fairmount, New York

2013 April

Work Experiences

- Animal Department Intern at Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Syracuse, New York** May 2018 - August 2018
- Spent over 150 hours on-site upholding AZA and USDA regulations to caring for zoo animals
 - Learned about the functions of zoos and zoo management
 - Interacted with and educated public
 - Executed an individual enrichment project
- Syracuse City School District Teaching Assistant Substitute, Syracuse, New York** July 2017 - Present
- Ensure the safety of students
 - Assist teachers execute their plans
 - Aid students in groups of about 15 as they work on their lessons
 - Support staff for registration and managing records at Early Childhood Development Office of SCSD
- Canisius College Admissions Tour Guide** March 2017 - Present
- Lead tours around Canisius College to prospective students
 - Answer questions and concerns
 - Provide campus event support
- Kennel Assistant at Fairmount Animal Hospital, Fairmount, New York** January 2014 - Present
- On average, 2 dogs and 2 cats to care for plus hospital patients
 - Provide Medication and enrichment sessions
- New Student Orientation Leader at Canisius College Student Life, Buffalo, New York** August 2017
- Introduced New Students to the Canisius campus and Buffalo area
 - Encouraged community-building activities
 - Lead informational seminars in small groups
- Western Onondaga Youth Soccer Association, Camillus, New York** April 2012 - June 2014
- Regulate games
 - Enforce safety regulations
 - Promote sportsmanship

Leadership Experiences

- Canisius Circle K International**
- CKI SPARK! Leadership Program Acceptance, Loyola University in Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** Summer 2019
- Selective program for Circle K International upcoming leaders
 - Students all over the world come together for a unique training experience for leadership development
- Club President, Buffalo, New York** January 2019 - Present
- Oversee all operations of this service organization
 - Act as a representative to the Kiwanis International Service Organization
- Small-Group / Team Leader**
- DLSSP 2018 and Serve-a-thon 2018
 - NY Speaking Conference 2018
 - Serv-a-thon 2018
 - District Convention of NY 2019
- Western Division Executive Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor, Buffalo, New York** August - March 2018
- Assisted in creating division events, promoting public relations/marketing, and communication
- District Convention Small Service Project Leader, Albany, New York** March 2017, November 2018
- Organized a mental health and Pre-K literacy book service project to benefit students of Syracuse City Schools
 - Organized a bracelet service project where products were donated to a local children's hospital in 2017

Campus Ministry

Ignatian Family Teach-In, Washington D. C.

November 2019

- Prepared and learned about social justice issues of immigration policy and environmental justice
- Participated in a semester-long training program to lobby on Capitol Hill
- Prepared advocacy and informational event on Canisius Campus for Spring 2020

Winter Service Week Student Leader, Wheeling West Virginia

January 2019

- Partnered with Grow Ohio Valley
- Lead small group discussion and reflection, volunteered and learned about food poverty and social justice

Campus Ministry Immersion Freshman Program Student Leader, Buffalo, New York

August 2018

- Facilitate small group reflection, lead groups to explore the buffalo area
- Learn about Jesuit Spirituality and fellowship and mentorship

Student Magis Retreat Leader, Harvest House, Buffalo, New York

April 2017

- Took part in leading a session of reflection at this retreat for Canisius Students

Phi Sigma Sigma Zeta Xi Chapter

Executive Board: Scribe Buffalo, New York

2018

- Appointed to serve as a secretary position for this chapter.
- Managed the standing of the chapter with the regulations held by Phi Sigma Sigma Headquarters

Phi Sigma Sigma Zeta Xi Chapter Alumnae Committee Chair, Buffalo, New York

2017, 2019

- Appointed to the Executive Board of this committee to be an event planner for connecting Alumnae and active sisters

Recruitment Board Member, Buffalo, New York

Fall 2017

- Appointed to the Board of this committee to be a co-event planner
- Book venues, facilitate recruitment week events

High School Leadership Programs

Odyssey Program at West Genesee High School

Fall 2015- Spring 2016

- Required a minimum of 8 college credit courses, 4 supplemental courses, participating in an introductory Philosophy experience, fulfilling approximately 100 hours of community service, participating in 1 or more extracurricular school activities each year during their high school experience, and preparing a research-based project for a panel presentation senior year

National Student Leadership Conference: Mastering Leadership, American University, Washington D.C.

July

2015

- Nominated and completed a week-long instruction program on honing leadership skills
- Exercised communication and public speaking skills
- Presented practice in problem-solving, diversity of personalities, and working collaboratively

American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State, SUNY Brockport, Brockport, New York

June 2015

- Competitive Political Science Leadership Program
- For a week, we run a simulation of a fifty-first state of the U.S.A.
- Gained campaign, public speaking, American government, teamwork, and communication experience
- Completed two service projects

Volunteer Experiences

Canisius Campus Ministry

Community Day

- Naval Park
- People's Park

Spring 2017

Fall 2018

Canisius Mass Eucharistic Minister

January - May 2017

- Biweekly, assist at Mass on Campus

Friends of Night People

Spring 2019

All-College Honors Program at Westminster Economic Development Initiative (WEDI)

Spring 2018

- Acted as an academic mentor to elementary-aged students who are of immigrant families in Buffalo
- 3 hours each week

Circle K International

New York Circle K International District Large Scale Service Project	September 2017 and 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters all over the state come to volunteer at Kamp Kiwanis annually • Three days of service is spent to benefit the kids of the camp 	
<u>School Setting/Education Volunteer</u>	
SCSD Pre-K Classroom Special Class Integrated Settings (SCIS), Syracuse, New York	August 2012 & January 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversaw groups of students in play • Guided students through learning activities • Assisted Teachers with setup and cleanup of daily activities 	
Holy Family Elementary School Class Retreat Chaperone, Syracuse, New York	June 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead a group of third-grade students through several centers on retreat 	
Holy Family Halloween Party, Syracuse, New York	October 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled arts and crafts 	
Community Day Halloween Party Volunteer, Camillus, New York	October 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized and supervised art activities for visiting children 	
<u>Animal Volunteer Experiences</u>	
Central New York Cat Coalition, Fairmount, New York	June 2013 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean kennel and facility • Track behavior • Overseas visitors and adoptee applications 	
Erie County SPCA with Canisius College Service-Learning	April 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spent time training adoptees • Learned about the SPCA mission and facility functions 	

Collegic Clubs/Activities

College:

Canisius Entrepreneur Organization (CEO)	February 2018-Present
Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority	February 2017-Present
Blue and Gold Brigade Pep Band	January 2017 - Present
Circle K of Kiwanis International	August 2016 - Present
Campus Ministry	August 2016 - May 2017