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### Objective

To become a teacher and make an impact in my students lives

### Education

#### REGENTS DIPLOMA | 2020 | PITTSFORD MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

- Received National Chemistry Awards in 2019 and 2020.
- I was one of two student representatives for the Health and Safety Committee at my school for 2 years in a row.
- Student of the month in Algebra 2 Class Junior Year
- Theatre Performer in Shows from Freshman to Senior Year

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- Major: Early Childhood / Childhood Education (B-6)
- I was placed on the dean's list during my freshman and Junior year
- A member of the association of Childhood Education Club (ACE)
- Was a member of the Activities Council Club
- A member of the Women's Rugby Team Club
  - Fundraiser Chair on the Women's Rugby E-board Spring 2023 Semester
- Earned an award for a class mural I did with my composition class in Fall 2022, on double consciousness and on artwork that I did for a World Literature class in Fall 2022
- Member of National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)
  - Part of the first circle at SUNY Oneonta
- Member of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honors Society
  - Fall 2023 Circle at SUNY Oneonta
- Teacher Resident during the 2023-2024 school year

### Experience

#### Babysitter, House Sitter, and Dog Sitter | 2015-Present

Babysat my siblings and I have babysat for many families with newborns- middle schoolers, feeding them meals, entertaining them, putting them to bed. I also have taken care of houses while neighbors are away, getting their mail, their garbage and making sure their house is locked up. I also have been frequently asked to dog sit for neighbor's multiple time, where I would play with their dog, feed them their meals, walk them, bring them outside, care for them.

#### Seasonal Employee | Torrid Clothing Store | December 2020- January 2021

I worked on the floor organizing, folding, and sorting clothes, helping customers find great clothing pieces and I managed the door, controlling the flow and the amount of people allowed in the store at a time, as there were restrictions. With this job, I used customer service skills, communication skills, product knowledge and active listening.

#### YMCA Camp Counselor and Unit Head | YMCA Camp Arrowhead | 2019-2022

I led kids, from preschool to middle school, in day camp activities Monday- Friday, such as swimming, theme day activities, hikes.

During Summer of 2022, I led and was responsible for a Unit (Cabin), where there were between 115-130 campers (K-1<sup>st</sup>) and 30 or more counselors, I oversaw this whole unit: creating groups, communicating with parent, sending 2 weekly emails, dealing with all types of behavioral issues that campers had.

**YMCA BASP Program Associate and Site-Coordinator | YMCA of Greater Rochester | 2019-2022**

I worked as a counselor for the YMCA Before and After School Program (BASP) watching over, and entertaining kids from grades K-6 in many school districts in my hometown. I was one of the counselors entertaining 40-100 students, while schools were in session and on days where schools were canceled.

I worked as the Interim coordinator for one of the Fairport schools' sites. I had about 30 kids Monday through Friday before and after school, I was responsible for communicating and emailing parents, dealing with behavior issues, and running the site on a schedule, including homework time, snack and gym/playground.

**Seasonal Employee | Tri-Tower Telecom | Present**

Team member at a telecommunications company, co-owned by my father, when I am home from school. I sometimes work wherever they need me, whether its in the shipping department creating boxes, packaging equipment, labeling items and preparing to ship items or in the refurbish department getting equipment ready for shipping, and creating labels for the warehouse storage boxes. Here I have strengthened my skills including my people, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. This company has an incredibly positive environment.

**Substitute Teacher| Fairport Central School District and Oneonta City School District| Present**

I lead students in any grade between K-6 in activity that their teacher left for me to teach them, following their instruction, and teaching those lessons to the class. Here I strengthen and use my leadership skills, my communication skills, my problem-solving skills, active listening, creativity and more so I can contribute to the positive environment and to help teach and evolve young minds.

**Administration Team Member | Curiosity Camps at Rochester Museum and Science Center | Present**

I work as a part of the administration team for the Curiosity Camps housed at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, these camps are hands-on, minds-on science and include experiences, interactions with scientists and other professionals and further inquiry into science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) topics. I float around and help our instructors in their classrooms for each of their camps, I go one on one with campers with autism or other special needs and learning disabilities. I also sub in for instructors and support them while leading the students with a lesson plan and schedule. My main job as an admin is focused on the behavioral situations and solving them.

**Skills & Abilities**

**Leadership**

**Interpersonal Skills**

**Problem Solver and Teamwork**

**Communicator**

**Technology**

**Creativity**

**Active Listener**

**Patience**