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Driven honor student leveraging studies in social sciences who is seeking real-world experience in public health with a focus on LGBTQIA+ youth. I am currently studying to become a social worker to fulfill my passion of helping others in need and those in underserved communities. Offers strong interpersonal and task prioritization skills, has a basic understanding of the importance of the mental health of youth and young adults, is certified in youth mental health first aid, and has real-life experience in facing challenges and overcoming adversity.

SKILLS

- Crisis intervention
- Conflict resolution
- Dependable and responsible
- Self-motivated
- Critical thinking
- Collaborative team player and leader

EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 2021 – PRESENT

LGBTQIA+ YOUTH MENTOR, GSA LINK

- Provide support and acknowledge struggles
- Express care and understanding
- Encourage change
- Share power and accountability
- Assist in navigating their path, overcoming roadblocks, and celebrating successes.

EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2020-PRESENT

SOCIAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS

- Honors student studying to obtain a BSS with a minor in Diversity Awareness.
- Named to the Dean's List every semester; Maintained 4.0 GPA
- Inducted as a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda -Tau Chapter Honor Society
- Inducted as a member of Pi Gamma Mu- Maryland Theta Chapter Honor Society
- Inducted as a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, UMGC Chapter and the National Society of Leadership and Success.
- President of UMGC's LGBTQ+ Student Association and Director of Diversity of UMGC's Behavior and Social Science Student Association.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- **BARCS (Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter), November 2021-present**
 - Walk dogs, provide enrichment, dog handling training, and socialization.
 - Community pet outreach advocate and community event lead.
- **Moveable Feast, December 2021-present**
 - Deliver medically prepared meals to people with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illness.
- **Luna's House, February 2022-present**
 - Care for and socialize shelter cats.