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EDUCATION

The University of Washington, Seattle, WA

June 2026

Evans School of Public Policy and Governance

Master of Public Administration

The University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

June 2024

School of Engineering and Technology (SET)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Systems

Minor in Urban Studies

NextGen Civic Leader Corps

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Proficient in computer programming, data analysis, and system management. Also, information technologies such as Excel, STATA, Word, PowerPoint, HTML, and CSS.

Languages: Python, JavaScript/React, Java, SQL, C, R

Soft Skills: Project and Team Management, Problem Solving, Social Networking, Presentation Skills

American Red Cross Certifications: Lifeguard Instructor, Lifeguarding (Including Deep Water) with CPR/AED for

Professional Rescuers and First Aid, CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers

EXPERIENCE

Washington Student Association, Olympia, WA

Jan 2025 – Present

Vice President of Graduate and Professional Student Affairs

- Act as the executive board's primary representative for graduate and professional students in the state of WA.
- Monitor relevant legislation to advocate for graduate and professional student interests to the WA government.
- Hosted Virtual Graduate Student Lobby Day part 1 and 2, bringing together dozens of WA grad and professional students to lobby for increased financial aid and accessibility of college for all peoples.

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Jun 2024 – Present

GPSS Vice President of Finance

- Act as the Graduate and Professional Student Senate's primary financial representative and manager, form the FY26 budget, secure long-term funding, formulate and contribute to senate resolutions, and attend executive board meetings as a voting officer.
- Turned a surplus for the first time in years of \$5,000 from a projected \$50,000 deficit.
- Chaired the Finance and Budget Committee and the Travel Grants Committee, represent the graduate and professional student body on the following committees: Services and Activities Fee, Student Technology Fee, Ubookstore Board of Trustees, and the Legislative Advisory Board.

University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

Services and Activities Fee Committee Member

Oct 2023 - Jun 2024

- Assessed funding proposals from various campus entities to determine the annual allocation budget comprised from student fees.
- Assessed and appropriately approved or amended special allocations throughout the year.

ASUWT Urban Studies Senator and Speaker of the Senate

Aug 2023 – Jun 2024

- Answered to the concerns of the students, represented the School of Urban Studies to the senate, and represented the senate to the executive board.
- Achieved the campus wide and free distribution of menstrual products to restrooms by the administration.
- Achieved a 15% student body turnout on 4 different student need surveys within a window of 3 months.
- Represented the Tacoma campus to the tri-campus faculty councils and the Washington Student Association legislative lobbying agenda fall congress.

Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way, WA

Receptionist

Apr 2021 – Present

• Facilitated the registration of patrons' children for swim lessons, performed financial transactions, interfaced with the public, and communicated between staff during appropriate situations such as medical emergencies.

Lifeguard and Swim Instructor

Mar 2019 - Apr 2021

- Upheld and maintained a safe aquatic environment at a major athletic facility by responding to emergency situations and athletic injuries, enforcing water safety rules and regulations, educating patrons on water safety, vigilantly scanning the environment, cleaning and maintaining locker rooms, and working as a team to further these objectives.
- Educated and built up the skills of children to enable them to swim and keep themselves safe in an aquatic environment while also fostering for them a fun, social, and valuable learning experience.

Federal Way Community Center, Federal Way, WA

May 2017 - Sep 2024

Lifequard and Swim Instructor

- Upheld and maintained a safe aquatic environment at a major recreational public pool by responding to
 emergency situations, enforcing water safety rules and regulations, educating patrons on water safety, resolving
 conflicts between patrons or staff, vigilantly scanning the environment, containing and cleaning biohazardous
 contamination incidents, and working as a team to further these objectives.
- Educated and built up the skills of children to enable them to swim and keep themselves safe in an aquatic environment while also fostering for them a fun, social, and valuable learning experience.

PROJECTS

The Micro Forest

January 2024 - Present

- Working with students and faculty to repurpose an otherwise unused grass area on UWT's campus into a mixeduse area comprised of a micro forest, micro camas prairie, native garden, and social gathering space.
- Organizing potential uses of the space for the Puyallup Tribe to conduct traditional practices.
- Coordinating with urban design, civil engineering, and NextGen students and faculty, the Puyallup Tribe, and various campus entities to create a design and assist with volunteer planting and education.
- Developed partnership with the City of Tacoma to host a promotional planting and tour day.
- Created a website to help give information to the public about the project.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2024-2025

- Began to organize the creation of a standby supply of interim mobility aids for students who need them
 alongside the Husky Health Center, Student Technology Fee Committee, and Student Life.
- Graduate student representative for the Residential Community Student Association's General Council.
- Student representative on the Evans Curriculum Faculty Committee.
- Boxer for the UW Husky Boxing Team, volunteer receptionist for the Emerald City Boxing Gym.
- Participant of Unite UW's Winter 2025 Cohort.

University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

2021-2024

- Volunteered as a student representative in the 2023-2024 Computer Science and Systems Undergraduate Committee and also as a student presenter for high school prospective engineering students.
- Volunteered during the 2023 and 2024 Huskies on the Hill student lobbying trip wherein we lobbied for student interests to state legislators.
- Volunteered throughout my in-person college experience in the Giving Garden to help maintain and grow crops.
- Volunteered during the 2024 South Sound Programming Competition for high school and college computer science students.

City of Federal Way, Federal Way, WA

2017-2024

- Volunteered as a swim instructor during the 2023 World's Largest Swim Lesson at Wild Waves.
- Lobbied the mayor of Federal Way to implement an afterschool activity program for children of working families in the Federal Way School District, and for competitive wages for lifeguards at the Federal Way Community Center.
- Did maintenance work on City of Federal Way parks during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Undocu Ally Certificate from Leadership Without Borders (2024)
- Among top 10 applicants interviewed for the Student Regent position for the University of Washington (2024)
- Dean's Award for Service to the School presented by the faculty of the School of Urban Studies (2024)
- Certificate in Sustainability Leadership from Husky Sustainability Fund (2024)
- Certificate of Entrepreneurship Academy from the Milgard School of Business (2023)
- Participant in Data Science and Oceanography from the University of Washington (2023)
- Certificate of High Scholarship from the University of Washington (2020-2021)