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EDUCATION

Carleton College

Bachelor of Arts Degree | Religion Major

June 2019
Northfield, MN

SOCIAL WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE

TORCH Coordinator

Healthy Community Initiative (healthycommunityinitiative.org)

March 2023 - Present
Northfield, MN

- Support students in the Northfield High School TORCH (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) program who are taking PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options) classes, providing mentoring, homework help, and space for social-emotional connection.
- Work with each student in the Northfield Middle School TORCH program to create an individual plan that identifies areas of need, interventions, goals, and college aspirations.
- Communicate with parents to discuss future plans and opportunities for youth and ensure that parents are aware of academic progress.
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Project Manager

Healthy Community Initiative (healthycommunityinitiative.org)

March 2022 - May 2023
Northfield, MN

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- Work in Youth Substance Invention and Prevention in Rice County (both Faribault and Northfield) with the Youth E-Cigarette Minnesota Department of Health grant.
- Coordinate and facilitate and created from scratch a new Rice County youth leadership team called RAVE (Reduction and Awareness of Vaping and E-Cigarette use).
- Interact daily with youth in skill building and power-sharing.
- Work in SalesForce with data, Excel, and manage a budget and active grant work plan.

AmeriCorps Promise Fellow

Northfield Middle School TORCH (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) Program

September 2019 - August 2021
Northfield, MN

TORCH (northfieldtorch.org) supports future first-generation college students and low-income youth in Northfield's middle and high school communities by encouraging students to envision continued education post-secondary

- Engaged with students emotionally and socially while working together on homework both in-person and on zoom
- Collaborated with students on self-advocating about schoolwork and communicating with teachers
- Met and discussed student progress with school counselors, administration, and other multi-tied systems of support
- Planned, led, and mentored 6-8th graders during after-school programming
- Provided solutions during Distance Learning, Oct 2020 - Feb 2021
(i.e. connected families with Wi-Fi Hotspots, dropped-off headphones to students struggling to find a quiet working space)
- Communicated and coordinated with the local Food Shelf and distributed meals/snack-packs to family homes during DL

COMMUNITY-BUILDING EXPERIENCE

House Manager, Peer Leader

Culinary Interest House

April 2018 - June 2019
Northfield, MN

- Supported twelve housemates (ages 18-22) and cultivated relationships in a communal living space
- Initiated one-on-one conversations about how to better housemates' living experiences

Student Wellness Advocate, Peer Leader

Carleton College Office of Health Promotion

Sept 2017 - May 2018
Northfield, MN

- Facilitated discussions surrounding mental health and competitive stress-talk with first year students through floor programming
- Constructed dialogue around complex issues (i.e. suicide prevention, disordered eating) with campus community
- Researched and presented on how gender impacts student participation and confidence in the college classroom