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EDUCATION/TRAINING

The Bush School of Government and Public Service	Texas A&M, College Station, TX
Master of International Affairs, candidate	3.75 GPA Aug. 2015- May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concentrations in American Diplomacy, Homeland Security, Intelligence, and China• Certifications in Leadership and Writing• Proficiency in Spanish at Intermediate Low	
Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs	3.5 GPA Aug. 2014- Aug. 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis in Intelligence	
Graduate Practicum: The Art and Science of Intelligence Analysis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composed three Presidential Daily Brief's and one National Security Council Memo to fulfill requirements.	
Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA	3.15 GPA Aug. 2007- May 2012
Bachelor of Arts – Liberal Arts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majored in History and minored in Political Science.• Coursework in American History, Government, International Relations, and Terrorism	
Gereformeerde Hogeschool	4.0 GPA Jan. 2010- May 2010
Zwolle, Overijssel, Netherlands	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively immersed in a foreign culture while engaged in Dutch Area Studies exploring language, culture, and art throughout the Netherlands• Conducted a specialized research on the Dutch political system that included organizing meetings with political party leaders and an interview with Deputy Prime Minister Andre Rouvoet	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Employee, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs	College Station, TX	Aug. 2016-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and edit scholarly articles for publication• Compile, edit, and upload guest speaker videos to the Bush School of Government webpage• Assisted in organization and running of the Second Annual Global Pandemic Policy Symposium and the 75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor event		
Congressional Intern, U.S. House of Representatives	Washington, D.C.	June 2016- Aug. 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Served as first point of contact for constituents and lobby groups visiting the Capitol and provided exemplary customer service across written and verbal communications• Led in the consolidation of legislative staff email batches and reviewed proposed bills for possible amendments• Effectively analyzed and compiled power chair information for disabled constituents and revised the intern handbook		
Agropur Inc.	Hull, IA	April 2011 - Aug. 2015
<i>Factory Lead Operator (2014-2015)</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aided in the operation and oversight of the entire factory on a daily basis• Assisted the training of new hires, supported the shift supervisor where needed, and ensured all paperwork and data was recorded and completed as necessary according to company, OSHA, and USDA regulations• Ensured all master sanitation tasks were accomplished and rectified any inventory or paperwork discrepancies, certified all current manufacturing procedures, safety protocol, and company policies were actively followed by employees• Managed the entire factory in the absence of the shift supervisor for 3 months		

Factory Packaging Lead Operator (2013-2014)

- Oversaw a team of five employees in packaging division of the factory
- Concluded final product testing to ensure the quality and ingredients coincided with company specifications and USDA requirements
- Completed packaging and documentation of product prior to final shipment

Factory Belt Operator (2012-2013)

- Monitored two belt lines of product for the application of additional ingredients
- Mixed starter elements for line start up
- Ran Cleaning In Place (CIP) systems and ensured the sanitation was done properly for the starter vats, production belts, and ingredient rooms

Factory Packaging (2011-2012)

- Entry level position consisting of constructing transportation containers, weighing and packaging products, and final labeling and loading paperwork

Professor's Assistant, Dordt College History Department Sioux Center, IA Aug. 2008- Dec. 2009

- Review daily work and major papers, offering critique and analytical insights for the students to promote a deeper understanding of the material
- Manage tutor sessions for struggling students that address specialized needs for success
- Updated the bibliographical information on the entire Latin America section of the Dordt College Hulst Library and researched new publications to fill the knowledge gaps in this section; acquired and incorporated the new material into the updated system

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Bush School Ambassadors Jan. 2016 – Present

- Volunteer for additional assistance for events and presentations on campus
- Event set up and take down, population control, and check-in management for President Bush's 41 Foundation
- Supported and assisted where needed during the ConocoPhillips White House Lecture Series featuring Lauren Wright, the George Bush Foundation Lecture Series, and presentations by Karl Rove and Jon Meacham

Alexander Hamilton Society Aug. 2015 – Present

- Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Liaison and Conference Call Coordinator
- Organized and hosted conference calls between CFR experts and the student body on international relations topics ranging from region (Russia, Cuba, N. Korea) to interests (foreign policy, intelligence assessment, red teams)

Paradise Bounds Service Project Guatemala June 2015

- Headed one of the building sites for a volunteer group that constructed four houses in two days
- Volunteered at a medical clinic organizing the filling out of prescriptions in mountain villages

Dale Carnegie Leadership Training Certification Sioux Center, IA Jan. 2013 – May 2013

- Completed classes in interpersonal communication, public speaking, and active leadership skills for working with employees ranging from entry level positions to management

Dordt College Political Action Committee: Club founder and President Aug. 2010 – May 2011

- Assisted in the scheduling and organization of Presidential candidates to present their campaign as part of a lecture series through campus promotion, community round-table organization, and local media support
- Prepared and promoted discussions on campus to increase student involvement in politics and awareness to key issues

Dordt College Varsity Football Program Aug. 2007- Jan. 2010

- Served as the Special Teams captain and facilitated out of season workout and training sessions
- Actively participated in the team Big Brother Program that reached out to and mentored boys from the area