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Top Skills

Microsoft Office
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Word

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
French (Professional Working)
Spanish (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

AP Scholar with Honor
AP Scholar with Distinction
California Scholarship Federation
Lifetime Member
AP Scholar with Honor

Felipe Afanador

Confidential Assistant at US Department of Agriculture
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

A native of Bogotá, Colombia, I was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. I have experience working in government, campaigns, and non-profits.

My interest in politics is complimented by my devotion to expand the middle class and promote market-based solutions to grave issues in developing countries. I have consistently remained an active member of my community and I always strive to find innovative ways to help others. I seek to find unique strategies to promote discussion and thoughtful conversation to reinvigorate civic aspects within our democracy.

Experience

USDA

Confidential Assistant

February 2022 - Present (1 year 6 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Nelson Immigration Law

Immigration Paralegal

March 2021 - February 2022 (1 year)

Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

Biden for President and Pennsylvania Democratic Party

Field Organizer

July 2020 - November 2020 (5 months)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States

- Helped increase voter turnout in four wards in North Philadelphia by 2,420 votes as compared to 2016

- Recruited and trained 273 unique volunteers to complete 685 virtual and 152 in-person Direct Voter Contact Shifts

- Established and directed a Voter Education program at a Philadelphia Board of Elections satellite office, where I led trainings on accurately filling out mail-in ballots and worked with poll workers to run an efficient early voting process
- Implemented Spanish-oriented programming, created Spanish voter contact trainings, and spearheaded weekly outreach efforts to the Latino community in several of the wards with historically low turnout in Philadelphia

Asylum Access

Operations and Human Resources Assistant

March 2019 - July 2020 (1 year 5 months)

Oakland, CA

Asylum Access is a leading refugee human rights organization headquartered in Oakland, CA with substantial operations in three countries plus partnerships in additional countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Asylum Access is the only global organization working to make human rights a reality for refugees in first countries of refuge. Our unique combination of five integrated strategies provides grassroots assistance and changes the legal landscape for refugees and their host communities. By helping refugees assert their rights, we are putting power back into their hands.

Colombian House of Representatives

Legislative Intern for Catalina Ortíz

July 2018 - January 2019 (7 months)

Bogotá D.C. Area, Colombia

- Performed research on tax policy, promoting entrepreneurial growth, and women's participation in politics
- Produced summation memos on bills to be discussed and voted on the house floor
- Assisted the communications team in writing daily news briefings, summarizing our legislative work week to week, and other various functions
- Worked with the congresswoman and her chief of staff in preparation for debates on reducing red tape in the public sector and the government's oversight of a new airport concession for the airport in Palmira, Colombia (Cali)

Claremont McKenna College Admission Office

3 years 9 months

Admissions Associate

September 2014 - May 2018 (3 years 9 months)

Claremont, CA

- Acted as a representative for Claremont McKenna College as a Tour Guide and an overnight host for prospective students
- Succinctly expressed CMC's values and foundational principles in addition to other aspects of the college such as housing, academics, social life, etc.
- Lead prospective students and their families, in addition to some admission counselors, on tours of campus
- Part of the Multi-Cultural Advisory Council (M.A.C.), within the Office of Admission, to promote diversity within the college's community and encourage equality of opportunity for all prospective students, regardless of their socio-economic or ethnic background.
- Lead tours to groups of high school students, community-based organizations, college counselors, public school groups, etc. to increase awareness of the college to students outside the average targeted demographics

Director of Overnight Visits

March 2015 - May 2016 (1 year 3 months)

Claremont, CA

- Coordinated 200-250 overnight visits by prospective CMC students
- Arranged the hosts for these students and ensure that the host is in communication with the prospective student prior to their arrival
- Recruited, trained and managed the overnight hosts year-round
- Assisted the Admission Office staff with larger events such as InsideCMC days, where admitted students visit campus for a variety of informational events in April

Associated Students of Claremont McKenna College

Executive Vice President

March 2016 - January 2017 (11 months)

Claremont, CA

- Elected by the student body to chair the legislative branch of our student government and managed a \$15,000 budget designed to help students and clubs fund student-led initiatives
- Sat on the Board of Directors and help optimize a \$350,000+ annual budget specified for purposes such as social programming, club activities, campus race relations, mental health awareness, etc.
- Remained in constant contact with school administrators, staff, faculty, and student leaders to promote collaboration between different entities and promote a more active, engaged student body

Yabberz

Outreach Program Coordinator

June 2015 - August 2015 (3 months)

Mountain View, CA

Yabberz is a small start-up aimed at promoting civic discussion of relevant, news-worthy issues in order to fight political apathy and disengagement with current media outlets.

- Coordinated with journalists and familiarized them on the mission and the framework of the site through email, phone conferences, and a start-up investor conference in San Francisco
- Managed and rectified all social media content through Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus, with the end goal of engaging more users in political discussion, particularly with the 2016 election and the debate cycle
- Led an initiative to revise the start-up's mission statement in order to better market the product and make it more reflective of intentions of the company

First Five

Youth Liaison

September 2012 - July 2014 (1 year 11 months)

San Mateo County

First Five California was a commission created by voters under Proposition 10. The Commission focuses on ensuring that all kids receive adequate resources and support in their first five years of life. Through educating parents and caregivers about the crucial role that they play in children's lives, First Five empowers families to improve early childhood development and outcomes.

Since its creation, First 5 San Mateo County has invested more than \$68 million in local programs and has served over 26,000 children prenatal through age five and 14,000 parent and primary caregivers.

- Observed and participated in the workings of the commission and provided a youth perspective to the board of directors
- Learned more about the interactions of First Five with local government and voted on measures the commission faced, including many budgetary items pertaining to reduced revenues from the cigarette taxes
- Created a survey distributed to parents of children age 0-5 and analyzed the results of oral health practices and number of dental visits annually. Presented findings to the Board of Directors.

San Mateo County

Youth Commissioner

August 2012 - June 2014 (1 year 11 months)

- Served as Vice-Chair of an advisory board to the county Board of Supervisors
- Assisted the chair in creating agendas for the meetings and ran meetings in his absence
- Helped provide direction to the commission in collaboration with the Executive Board
- Developed policy recommendations based on the results of a county-wide youth survey aimed at helping policymakers address youth issues (particularly increased mental health services in schools)
- Helped lead the Environmental Protection Subcommittee and furthered green initiatives countywide (among them a plastic bag ban)

Education

Claremont McKenna College

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Government and Legal Studies · (2014 - 2018)

San Mateo High School

General Education · (2010 - 2014)