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EDUCATION

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| University of Michigan, Literature, Science, & The Arts..... | Jun 2017 – Apr 2021 Ann Arbor, MI |
| Concentration in African & Indigenous Studies and Visual Art | |
| Renaissance High School..... | Sep 2014 – Jun 2017 Detroit, MI |

SKILLS

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| Brand Design & Development | Social Media Management |
| Experience Grant-Writing | Familiar with PicsArt |
| Microsoft Specialist | Familiar with Adobe Suite |
| Freelance Curator/Artist | Familiar with SketchUp |

BRAND & ALIGNMENTS



EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Executive Assistant, Living Arts.....**
 - Participated in event planning research and curated experience the LA fundraiser Gala and the jit showcase: Rhythm of the Feet
 - Learning soft skills and networking with individuals purposefully
 - Addressed the immediate needs of student collective at on-site LA youth art programs
 - Organizing and creating intuitive systems for internal LA general operations with Executive Director
 - Assisted in grant-writing process for LA program and development funding

Summer 2022 – Winter 2022
Detroit, MI
- ❖ **Curatorial Intern, Flint Institute of Art**
 - Conducted research for the Mesoamerican earthen art collection
 - Created descriptive labels for sculptures from Jalisco, Nayarit & Zacateca, Mexico
 - Observed the functions of different curators during the FIA Lunch & Learn
 - Decerned the strengths and potential improvements of the FIA collections & reported to curatorial supervisor
 - Learned best approaches for researching historical objects

Summer 2022
Ann Arbor, MI
- ❖ **General Intern, UM Social.....**
 - Developed mental health posts for social media platforms
 - Compiled social media analytics via Sprout Social
 - Hosting and interviewing UM students the Conversations for Change Podcast
 - Created Social Media Graphics for UMs Pride Month Campaign
 - Studying Adobe Suite Skills (Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects)
 - Collecting and curating images for UM Social Instagram Grid
 - Learned the best practices in addressing the public on behalf of organization

Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
Ann Arbor, MI
- ❖ **Research Intern, University of Michigan Museum of Art.....**
 - Prepared Dossiers for artists in new exhibition
 - Worked with Assistant Curator to plan Great Lakes Watershed Exhibition
 - Learned the essential function of a museum and the contexts of art curation

Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
Ann Arbor, MI
- ❖ **Outreach/Creative Development Intern, Walker-Miller Energy Services.....**
 - Pioneered the organization's first two newsletters
 - Enhanced client database in Excel by prioritizing information and highlighting data in a user friendly system
 - Organized documents and created reports within Human Resources Department
 - Performed secretarial tasks such as digital communication management, event coordinating, and inventory management

Spring 2019 – Summer 2019
Detroit, MI



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| ❖ General Intern, CHASS Health Center/LA VIDA | Spring 2018 – Summer 2018 <i>Southwest, Detroit, MI</i> |
| • Assisted program leader in facilitating workshops for teens | |
| • Presented information to teens about mental health and wellness to youth | |
| • Updated Peer Advocacy lesson plans to connect with younger audience | |
| ❖ Marketing Intern, EnACT Your Future | Jun 2014 – Aug 2014 <i>Detroit, MI</i> |
| • Developed promotion campaign plans using social media | |
| • Pushing monthly scholarship listings via emailing, operating mass-media distribution platform | |
| • Implemented <i>Traction</i> approach in creating campaigns | |
| • Learned how to read the needs of your audience/community | |

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| ❖ Black Celebratory Planning Committee – Member | Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 <i>Ann Arbor, MI</i> |
| • Designing Official Black Celebratory Graduation Booklet | |
| • Writing and delivering script for 2022 Faculty Cornstone Award presentation | |
| • Assisted hosting Black Celebratory Graduation | |
| • Collaborating with Planning Committee Members to finalize class theme: “Rising” | |
| • Practiced showing up and completing tasks with team consistly | |
| ❖ Abeng Multicultural Council – Business Liaison | Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 <i>Ann Arbor, MI</i> |
| • Advocating for social justice aligned with the Pan-African movement | |
| • Curated the Residential College’s Chinese New Year social event | |
| ❖ Consider Magazine – Art Designer | Fall 2019 – Spring 2020 <i>Detroit, MI</i> |
| • Creating concept art for counterpoint publication | |
| • Learned the ideal preparations necessary before media publication | |
| ❖ Business Mentorship Group – Founder | Fall 2016 <i>Detroit, MI</i> |
| • Created a Business Club for 8 th grade students at Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural Studies (FLICS) Middle School to offer mentorship | |
| • Conducted bi-monthly after-school workshops on dressing professionally, resume building, and leadership, etc. | |
| • Developed a 5-month business curriculum for students | |

ART FEATURES

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| ❖ University of Michigan Black Joy Exhibition - Photocopy of Digital Graphic | Spring 2022 |
| ❖ University of Michigan rEVOLUTION: Healing Through the Arts - Photocopy of Painting | Fall 2021 |
| ❖ University of Michigan The Miseducation Project - Commissioned Ancestral Mural | Fall 2021 |
| ❖ University of Michigan Residential College Art Gallery - Designed Digital Graphic | Fall 2019 |
| ❖ Cranbrook Summer Art Institute Student Showcase - Designed Dress and Painted Still-life | Summer 2014 |
| ❖ Annual Detroit Branch NAACP Art & Essay - Loaned Drawing | Spring 2013 |

AFFILIATIONS

- ❖ **Cranbrook Horizon Upperward Bound - Mentee**
- ❖ **Midnight Golf Program - Mentee**
- ❖ **LEAD Scholar - Leadership and Merit Scholarship**
- ❖ **Coffman Family Scholar - Leadership and Activism Scholarship**
- ❖ **Urban Innovators Scholar - Leadership Scholarship**
- ❖ **Jean Fairfax Scholar - Merit Scholarship**
- ❖ **Detroit Spirit Award - Community Service Award**
- ❖ **DECA State Champion- Earned medal in competitiv eprofessional roleplay and written events**



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