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Poetic Activist

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**EDUCATION**

**Elgin Community College**, Elgin, IL **expected 12/2020**

● 4.0 GPA

● Student-at-large in poetic studies at the college level while also enrolled in high school

**Dundee-Crown High School**, Carpentersville, IL **expected 05/2021**

● 3.5 GPA

● Independent studies in Creative Writing, and participation in A.P Literature and Composition

● Teaching assistant for Creative Writing 101

**AWARDS**

**Youth Poet Laureate**, Fox River Valley **08/2020-08/2021**

● Awarded title amongst COVID-19 pandemic

● Focus on poetry regarding activism, personal experience, and life in the Chicago suburbs

**Most Vital**, Dundee-Crown Poetry Team **05/2019**

● Awarded title of most vital poet on the competition team

**First Place**, Rockford Rev Poetry Slam **04/2019**

● Awarded first place out of nearly 20 poets

● Used the poem *To The Girls Who Still Give Pieces of Themselves to a Boy Who Does Not Deserve It*

**Most Comforting**, Dundee-Crown Poetry Team **05/2018**

● Awarded title of most comforting poet on the competition team, which led to becoming the following

year’s team captain

**Third Place**, Young Authors Program **05/2013**

● Awarded third place in the fourth grade class

● Used the short story *Superturtle*

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Animal Attendant**, Santa’s Village and Azoosment Park **08/2019-12/2019**

● Worked with people as well as animals

● Strengthened social skills and mental tenacity

● Gained skills in customer service and coworker collaboration

**Paralegal’s Assistant**, JVDB Collection Agency **06/2017-PRESENT**

● Working in an office setting inputting data

● Strengthening mental discipline and social justice understanding

● Gaining skills in formal composition and organization

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE**

**Representative**, Dundee Crown AAA Fair **01/2020**

● Providing information on spoken word poetry to 8th graders and their families

● Made joining extracurricular activities more accessible to the student body

**Server**, Immanuel Lutheran Veteran’s Day Dinner **11/2018**

● Washed dishes and served food to the veterans on Veteran’s Day of 2018

● Learned the sacrifice of war and the battle veterans fight after the conflict

**Advocate**, State Senator Meeting **07/2018**

● Attended a meeting with Illinois Senator DeWitte to discuss the political climate including fiscal

expenditures, abortion, and the legalization of marijuanna

● Advocated for more engagement in our community needs

**Mediator,** Dundee-Crown Peer Mediation **08/2017**

● Supported students in school setting in determining how they can best fit into the community

**Representative**, Dundee-Crown Student Council **08/2017**

● Spoke up for student body on needs and best practices

**SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES**

**Slam Team Captain**, Dundee-Crown Poetry Team **11/2019-PRESENT**

● Lead workshops on incorporating social justice and imagery into writing

● Discussed the necessity of writers to political movements

**Poetic Activist**, Poetry Portfolio on Politics **05/2019**

● Wrote a collection of 15 political/youth protest poems

● Poems covered the vast spectrum, from women’s rights to being a youth in political America

● Strengthened political writing and ability to research political topics

**Senior Member**, Dundee-Crown GSA **09/2018-PRESENT**

● Lead workshops on why social justice is still necessary in the community

● Strengthened school and student relationships

**Surveyor**, Necessity of SRO Survey **09/2018**

● Wrote and distributed survey to student body to give insight on the police presence at the high school

● Supported school improvements after it was determined there are still students that feel unsafe with police presence in school

**Director**, Dundee-Crown Writing Club **08/2018-PRESENT**

● Lead workshops on incorporating social justice and imagery into writing

● Discussed the necessity of writers to political movements

**Silenced Student**, National Day of Silence **04/2018-PRESENT**

● Promote awareness for LGBT individuals who have been silenced by in-school discrimination.

● Lead a silent protest annually

● Assisted in the expansion of this National event, bringing my high school from 50 participants to over 150 annually

**PUBLICATIONS**

***We Are So Much More***, Poetic License, Inc. **expected 05/2021**

● Publication of 3 poems

***Poema***, Dundee-Crown Literary Magazine **05/2020**

● Publication of 3 poems

***Paradox***, Dundee-Crown Literary Magazine **05/2019**

● Publication of 3 poems

***Rive and Rend***, Dundee-Crown Literary Magazine **05/2018**

● Publication of 3 poems

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES**

**Club Member**, Dundee-Crown Drama Club **08/2020-PRESENT**

**Club Member**, Dundee-Crown Strategy Game Club **03/2019-PRESENT**

**Team Member**, Dundee-Crown Volleyball Team **08/2017-10/2018**