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TAYLOR JONES

Profile

Aspiring urban planner with GIS certification. Passionate about engaging community stakeholders, affordable housing, and sustainable economic development. Skilled in writing and communication with a strong background in customer service. Enjoys creating visually appealing deliverables and creative problem solving.

Education

University of Washington, Tacoma, WA

Expected June 2017

Bachelor of Arts, double major in Communication and Sustainable Urban Development

- Certificate in Geographic Information Systems
- 3.97 GPA; projected to earn Magna Cum Laude academic honors

Work Experience

Occupational Intern for Planning and Development Services, City of Tacoma

September 2016 - Present

- Researched codes and design standards to guide and inform development projects and comprehensive plan amendments
- Organized a series of four informational Planning and Development public forums to engage community stakeholders in the permitting process and provide communication about major development projects
- Utilized GIS for map creation and data analysis

Research Assistant for the Carbon Challenge Project, University of Washington Tacoma

January 2016 - October 2016

- Utilized MAXQDA software to analyze and code qualitative data from hundreds of student reflections regarding experiential learning and reducing their carbon footprints
- Research presented at conferences:

Midwest Political Science Association 2016, Chicago

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2016, Baltimore Just Sustainability 2016, Seattle

Bartender and Administrative Assistant, Peterson Bros. Eleven Eleven

August 2012 – Present

- Provides exceptional customer service and is responsible for handling cash and balancing till
- Helped implement an accounting system and managed bookkeeping

Academic Honors and Scholarships

- Dean's List Winter 2014-Present
- 2016 Recipient of Urban Studies Director's Award for Academic Excellence
- 2016 Recipient of Erling O. Mork and Ryan Petty Endowed Scholarship
- 2017 Haley Writing Award nominee
- 2017 UWT President's Medalist

Service and Volunteering

Serves on University of Washington Tacoma's Chancellor's Advisory committee on Sustainability

2015 - Present

Member of Civitas, an Urban Studies Student Organization

2014 – Present

- Secretary 2014 2015
- Vice-President 2015 2016

Member of Project Earth, and Environmental Science Student Organization

2014 - 2016

Social Media Manager 2014 – 2015

UWT Giving Garden Shed Committee

2015 - 2016

 Assisted with organizing the conception, development, and fundraising of the Giving Garden's SHED (Sustainable Hub for Education and Demonstration)

Volunteer with Food Empowerment Project

2015 – Present

Experience with event planning, tabling, and fundraising to advocate for food justice