**Paws Catamount**

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**OBJECTIVE:**

Emerging social justice advocate specializing in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives seeking to apply abilities in nonprofit work to bridge inequities within low socioeconomic communities. Proven record in open-mindedness, effective communication, conflict resolution, negotiation, and leadership skills amongst peers.

**EDUCATION:**

Western Carolina University Cullowhee, NC

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science May 2021

* Minor: Philosophy
* DegreePlus Program, Cultural Responsiveness & Professionalism, Level 3 completion
* Completed campus program designed to introduce and integrate in chosen skill sets
* Presented integration of Cultural Responsiveness and Professionalism skills learned during DegreePlus Day

Relevant courses: Spanish I, II, and III; Public Policy; The Nonprofit Sector; Political Communication; Legal, Scientific, and Critical Reasoning; Self, Society and the Good Life; Philosophy of Mind; Global Justice, Liberty, and Human Rights

**SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE:**

*Intern,* Advocates for Excellence, Whittier, NC | 150 hours May 2020 to August 2020

* Worked remotely to create first-ever blog for agency which teaches technical and transferable skill sets for individuals in low socioeconomic communities for workplace advancement
* Developed topics and articles for blog, as well as researched and wrote a series of articles for blog scheduled through December 2020
* Supported agency in social media platform posts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
* Assisted Executive Director in editing grant application for additional funding to support future equity initiatives

*Volunteer,* Clean Slate Coalition, Webster, NC | 75 hours June 2019 – February 2020

* Worked in a team environment to maintain the upkeep of housing units for agency which supports women in emergency situations and women transitioning from incarceration
* Attended agency meetings with local government officials to learn and discuss disparities within marginalized communities in Western North Carolina

**DIVERSE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

*Member,* Political Science Club January 2020 – Present

*Member,* American Association of Women at Western Carolina University August 2019 – Present

*Member,* LatinX Appreciation Student Organization (LASO) August 2018 – Present

*Member,* First Gen Club August 2018 - Present

**WORK HISTORY**

*Cashier,* Wal-Mart Supercenter, Sylva, NC August 2018 – Present

*Spanish Tutor,* WCU Writing and Learning Commons, Cullowhee, NC August 2018 – Present

*Sandwich Artist,* Subway, Lincolnton, NC June 2017 – August 2018