

DESTINY HERBERS

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – College Park, MD Anticipated April 2023

Master of Journalism, Phillip Merrill College of Journalism

Concentration: multiplatform, investigative

GPA: 4.0

Relevant Coursework: News Videography, Reporting on Journalists Imprisoned Overseas, Data Journalism

ALMA COLLEGE - Alma, MI May 2021

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Minor: Political Science

Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 3.98

Relevant Coursework: Writing for the Media, Politics in the Age of Facebook, Media Systems and Influence, Health Communication, Political Communication, Controversies in U.S. Politics, and World Conflicts and Problems

United Nations Academic Impact Millennium Fellowship Awarded Fall 2018

WORK HISTORY

Howard Center for Investigative Journalism– College Park, MD August 2021- Present

Investigative Journalism Fellow

- Mentored 42 undergraduate researchers filing public information requests
- Organized data from researchers into a cohesive database for use in reporting

The Diamondback– College Park, MD August 2021- Present

General Assignments Reporting

- Researched and wrote a profile on memorial services for alumni
- Collaborated with campus groups to highlight diversity efforts in science departments

Alma College Chapel – Alma, MI August 2020- April 2021

Interfaith Connections Fellow

- Facilitated weekly discussion groups and interviews with diverse faith leaders and campus peers
- Tripled online event engagement by partnering with professors to host guest speakers

Alma College Chapel – Alma, MI August 2019- April 2020

Social Media Coordinator

- Increased engagement through social media by making an average of 200 new impressions weekly
- Posted new content for religious services when managing marketing and release calendars

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Shiv Nadar Schools – Delhi, India June 2019- August 2019

Teaching Volunteer

- Developed and created programs and monitored effectiveness against individual participant needs to educate children on global issues.
- Lead Model United Nations simulations and instructed students on public speaking skills.

Arms Around Sierra Leone – Makeni, Sierra Leone

June 2018- July 2018

Teaching Volunteer

- Boosted student grasp of materials with daily tutoring sessions.
- Reviewed curriculum and devised alternate approaches to presenting lessons to increase student understanding.

Art and Literature of Ireland, Spring Term Course – Ireland

May 2018

Food Culture, Health, and Environment, Spring Term Course – France and Italy

May 2019

PRESENTATIONS

Posey Global Fellowship India Presentation, “*Engaging Students in Global Issues*”

November 2019

Posey Global Fellowship Sierra Leone Presentation, “*Confronting Inequalities*”

October 2018

Public Affairs Project Presentation, “*Highland 365 and the Millennium Fellowship*”

December 2018

Public Affairs Research Presentation, “*Food Insecurity in Gratiot County*”

April 2018

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Phi Beta Kappa Liberal Arts Honorary- Alma, MI

March 2020- May 2021

Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honorary- Alma, MI

March 2020- May 2021

Alma College Model United Nations-Alma, MI

January 2018- May 2021

Editing Committee Leader, Team Mentor

- Compiled research binders and position papers with peer reviewed sources and international law documents
- Delivered weekly policy briefs and statements to update team members on changing circumstances
- Trained incoming team members on research methodologies, public speaking, and interviewing strategies

Panhellenic Executive Council-Alma, MI

September 2019- May 2021

Secretary, Inter-sorority Relations Chair

- Planned and executed events each semester to build relationships between groups of women
- Kept accurate records of sorority membership and leadership to increase communication
- Coordinated formal recruitment for more than 100 women to accommodate COVID-19 safety requirements

Phi Sigma Sigma- Alma, MI

March 2018- May 2021

Public Relations Chair

- Created and distributed graphics to promote events
- Utilized online programs to maintain correspondence with national advisors about sorority affairs

Alpha Phi Omega- Alma, MI

October 2017- May 2021

Vice President of Fellowship (2018-2019)

- Completed more than 20 hours of approved volunteer activities and service projects each semester
- Planned and executed biweekly social events to build relationships between members
- Served on Executive Council managing the administrative affairs of the organization

Amnesty International- Alma, MI

September 2017- May 2021

Student Congress Representative (2017-2019)

- Acted as voting representative for the organization at biweekly campus Student Congress meetings
- Planned and executed monthly social justice campaigns for the campus community

Hepcats Swing Dancing Club- Alma, MI

September 2017- May 2021