

In a world that is constantly changing with new technology, expanding media platforms and globalization, I believe that communication is the bridge that connects and drives us to a better future. It is through meaningful communication that we are able to better understand one another and create change. This belief fuels my passion for public relations, where I can use my communication skills and eagerness to learn, to contribute positively to a better future.

Communication is so much more than just delivering information, it's about connection. Sharing stories and ideas is what creates a community of encouragement and understanding. I want to use my skills to motivate the voices of those who go unheard and to foster ideas that can make a real difference. Whether it is through storytelling or social media, I hope to inspire others in a way that sparks continuous learning.

My desire to grow and learn from professionals is present in all that I do. I am constantly seeking new advice and perspectives that will refine my communication skills and shape me into a better person. Through public speaking and writing, I've learned that it is so much more than just an exchange of information. It is about building relationships and sharing experiences that could one day make a difference. In the future, I hope I can encourage others to do the same and create dialogue that sparks new ideas and ignites action to build a better society.

Throughout my courses, I believe I have developed stronger communication skills through public speaking, writing and networking. These skills have helped me to analyze different perspectives, accept new ideas and articulate my own thoughts. Presenting in class and writing assignments have helped me to become a more clear, concise communicator. Networking has provided me with many opportunities to engage with professionals in the field. This has been a good way for me to gain more confidence and build connections that will be useful in the future. All of these skills have helped me to enhance my communications understandings and evaluate different viewpoints

I have had several opportunities to apply my communications skills in real-world settings, which have simultaneously been a learning experience. Something in particular that I am very passionate about is Breast Cancer Awareness. My mother passed away in April 2022, after a long fight with the disease, and since then, I have become committed to advocating for breast cancer awareness and supporting others impacted by it. Since her passing, I raised over \$5,000 for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a program organized by the American Cancer Society. In 2022, I was asked to share my mother's story. That was such a powerful moment for me. Before that, I had not done a lot of public speaking, but in that moment, it felt like more than just words. When I was talking to the audience, I felt a sense of connection knowing that my words were resonating with others. I was able to honor my mother in such a special way and it felt inspiring to have people come up and thank me afterwards.

This experience, along with others, has given me insights into how effective communication can foster hope. Whether it be through raising awareness or inspiring change, I am prepared to contribute meaningfully to future initiatives, particularly in raising awareness for causes that matter most to me.

I plan to continue raising awareness about breast cancer research by leveraging my communication skills to connect with and inspire others. I would like to continue working with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and eventually lead my own fundraising initiative. My ultimate goal is to foster meaningful connections and highlight what is truly important in our world, change, and with that, a community to make it all happen. I would like to create a platform for people to share their stories and feel supported by those around them.

This not only allows me to make a positive impact on the world, but also aligns with my personal values. By using my abilities to advocate for change, I feel a sense of purpose that goes beyond my own achievements. Working with others towards a common goal is very fulfilling and reminds me that no one is alone in the fight. Through my communication skills and advocacy towards something so personal, I am forever connected with my mother.

While communication is part of our everyday life, it is how we use it that makes our thoughts and ideas effective. Through my experiences, I've learned that approaching communication with empathy and understanding can make a lasting impact. As I continue to refine my skills and contribute to causes that matter the most to me, I remain a dedicated student who plans to use new opportunities to drive a brighter, better future.