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**PROFILE:**

A dedicated and highly-motivated student with a passion for film production and writing, gender and queer studies, Latin American studies, politics, and dance. I seek opportunities in the areas of English, History, Political Science, and filmmaking. I am known for my hard work ethic and exceptional people skills.

**EDUCATION:**

**HIGH TECH HIGH SCHOOL – Secaucus, NJ**

**Audio/Visual Production Certificate**

**National Honor Society Inductee**

AP English Language and Composition, Grade 11, A

AP Literature and Composition, Grade 12, ongoing

AP United States History, Grade 12, ongoing

Graduation June 2024

GPA 3.89 (unweighted)

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Jersey City, NJ**

February 2022-Present

Introduction to Sociology 101 - Spring 2023 (A)

Interpersonal Communications 101- Fall 2023

**BARNARD COLLEGE PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS – New York, NY**

**Young Women’s Leadership Institute** (July-August 2021)

Completed with distinction the Young Women’s Leadership Institute to strengthen my leadership skills over the course of the summer. Worked specifically on women’s queer history projects and established connections within the Barnard Community.

**Athena Film Festival Teen Immersive** (March 2023)

Increased my knowledge of the film industry by collaborating with Barnard professors, women filmmakers, and applying hands-on experience within the field.

**FILM/TV EDITING MASTER CLASS W/ ALLYSON C. JOHNSON**

**Jersey City, NJ** (Jan. 2023)

Learned various features of AVID Pro Tools

**CAREER EXPERIENCE:**

**FILM PRODUCTION FREELANCER – New Jersey/ New York**

**Production Assistant/Social Media Curator, *Regarding Veronica*** (June-July 2023)

- Worked as a production assistant on the feature film “Regarding Veronica” which was filmed over three weeks in June and July 2023. Assisted with main and background cast.
- Fully curated the Instagram and social media accounts for the film, including the design, photo selection and captions.

**Volunteer, SOHO International Film Festival** (Sept. 2023)

- Ran VIP and general admission check-in as well as created social media content for the festival.

**Intern, Golden Door International Film Festival** (Jan. 2023-June 2023)

- Interned with the Golden Door International Film Festival executive board. Attended bi-weekly meetings and was responsible for viewing films that applied to be recognized in the film festival and had input in selecting what films would be included in the film festival.

**Intern, FilmJC** (July-August 2022)

- Interned for the City of Jersey City film permitting office assisted with film permit applications, location scouting, community impact mitigation, and oversaw films being shot in Jersey City, including a

high-importance crash scene and major motion picture production.

## **HIGH TECH HIGH SCHOOL – Secaucus, NJ**

### **Audio Production Intern, (Sept. 2019 – Present)**

- Implemented existing knowledge from course work and field production to help further assist underclassmen and prepare them for future assignments. Led creative meetings to maintain motivation and interest in different story elements and current editing styles.
- Directed a series of on air events and led the production crew in the control room to ensure the programs were executed without interruption on air.
- Collaborated with directors, producers, animators, designers, and project managers to ensure high-quality and on time deliverables.
- Hosted, led, and prepared training material for editing in Adobe Cloud (motion graphics, sound design, music, dialogue, color) workshops resulting in increased knowledge and practical application to enhance the participants' audio and visual media projects.

### **SKILLS:**

- Adobe Premiere / Cap Cut / Adobe Cloud Applications
- Studio and Control Room Operations / Field Production
- Microsoft Word / Excel / PowerPoint

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

- **STUDENT GOVERNMENT, High Tech High School, Sept. 2023 – Present**  
**Senior Class Representative** – Responsible for organizing and planning school events, fundraisers, and other activities for the entirety of the student body; Advocate on behalf of my class.
- **PEER LEADERSHIP, High Tech High School, Oct. 2022 – Present**  
**Peer Leader** – Participate in freshman orientation and help incoming students adjust to the high school experience; attend monthly meetings and help plan school activities; provide peer mentoring throughout the academic year.
- **GAY STUDENT ALLIANCE, High Tech High School, Oct. 2022 – Present**  
**Club Co-Lead** – Led weekly meetings and group discussions; Organized club events including starting a queer media once monthly video showing.
- **FILM AND TELEVISION CLUB, High Tech High School, Oct. 2021 – Present**  
**Member** – Participated in weekly meetings by discussing different films and techniques to filmmaking while simultaneously creating short films by collaborating with peers.
- **QUEER MEDIA CLUB, Hudson Pride Youth Connect, July 2023 – Present**  
**Creator and Organizer** – Created and launched a Queer Media Club at the non-profit organization, Hudson Pride Center, through their Youth Connect group. Curate screenings of Queer films, and other forms of media, which always follows with a discussion on to what extent the media is positive or negative for the queer community.
- **NIMBUS DANCE PRE-PRO, Jersey City, Sept. 2017 – June 2022**  
**Dancer** – Participated in the Nimbus Dance Company pre-professional program, dancing six days per week and performing alongside the professional company at community performances (ballet, modern, jazz).

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

#### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF HUDSON COUNTY, July 2023 - Present**

- Assist with after school and camp activities; teaching middle school students photo and video editing and other social media and digital tools.

**ZOMBIE OPERA PRODUCTION VOLUNTEER**, October 2022/2023

- Volunteer for the Zombie Opera Halloween community event in Hamilton Park in Jersey City. Built set for the performance and helped with the organization and flow of the event.

**UNITED STATES SENATE OFFICE**, March 2023

- **Event Volunteer**, Women's History Month Celebration at Montclair State University

**PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT:**

**HOUND ABOUT TOWN – Jersey City, NJ**

**Retail Associate** (Sept. 2023 – Present)

- Work at a pet store in downtown Jersey City to provide excellent customer service; handle cash register operations, stocking, and other duties.

**LIBERTY HOUSE RESTAURANT – Jersey City, NJ**

**Restaurant Hostess** (Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2023)

- Greeted and welcomed guests upon arrival, creating a positive first impression as well as handling cash and credit card payments.
- Managed reservations through online systems, ensuring efficient seating and waitlist management.

**BABYSITTER – Jersey City, NJ**

**Child Care Provider** (May 2021 – Present)

- Provide attentive and loving care to children aged from six months to 10 years in the family's home; Ensure children's safety, well-being, and emotional comfort through activities, meal preparation, and bedtime routines.