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EDUCATION

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Expected Graduation Spring of 2025

Bachelors in Science (B.S.) - Public Service Leadership

- G.P.A.: 3.0
- Member of Latinos United

College of the Mainland

May 2023

Associate in Arts (A.A.) - General Studies

- Member of the Science Club, Art Club, and Hispanic Student Alliance
- President of Community Engagement Club
- Club of the Year Award for Science Club 2023
- Presented in the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Consortium Academic Symposium 2023, "Protection, Security, and the Dangers of Sex"
- Facilitated Sex-Ed resources on campus and brought a county mobile county clinic to provide affordable STD testing for students.

Texas City High School

May 2021

Highschool Diploma

- President of Green Stings Environment Science Club 2018-2021
- Member of Spanish Honor Society, Student Council, Garden Club, and FCCLA.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Program Coordinator

August 2024 - Current

Galveston County Food Bank / Texas City, Texas

- Manage Backpack Buddy, Kidz Pacz, and Senior Homebound delivery programs.
- Serve over 50,000 residents through pantries, mobile distributions, and partner agencies.
- Coordinate services to 500 homebound seniors and over 50 campuses across the county.

Emerging Leaders Board Member

March 2024 - Current

Texas Network of Youth Services / Texas

- Facilitate presentations on networking and career advancement for opportunity youth.
- Assist in developing workshops for nonprofits to support youth employment efforts.
- Provide testimony on personal experiences to inspire youth engagement.

Member/Mentor

August 2023 – May 2024

AmeriCorps/Communities of Schools of Galveston County / Galveston County, Texas

- Develop and organize well-structured mentor activities focusing on delivering valuable guidance and support.
- Maintain accurate weekly records of mentee interactions and essential documentation.
- Strategize, execute, and provide detailed reports on community service projects to enhance local communities.
- Actively engage in recruiting and coordinating community volunteers to support initiatives.

Youth Development Specialist**August 2022 - July 2023***Boys and Girls Club of Greater Houston-Johnny Mitchell Branch / Galveston, TX*

- Planned, organized, and implemented various hands-on programs and activities to keep youth engaged.
- Build partnerships with schools and parent groups to increase community engagement and program outreach.
- Worked with children aged six to twelve and adapted teaching techniques to fit their age and skill level.

Student Advisor/ Alumni**March 2023 - Current***Texas Community College Student Advisory Council / Austin, Texas*

- Educated prospective students about community college financing through community events, orientations, and academic fairs.
- Worked proactively to positively impact community college students who rely on financial aid to pay for their education.
- Helped pass HB-8 in the 88th Texas Legislature by providing written and verbal testimony to state representatives and senators.

VOLUNTEER**Director of Communications****August 2024 – Current***NextGen Scholars for Change / U.S.A*

- Manage social media platforms to ensure functionality, up-to-date content, and effective communication of events and achievements.
- Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders while developing new partnerships to support the organization's mission.
- Develop outreach strategies, create communication materials, and contribute to strategic planning to enhance engagement and innovation.

Co-Founder**July 2024 – Current***Hispanic Business Network of Galveston County / Galveston County, Texas*

- Empower and promote Hispanic businesses through collaboration and networking.
- Build programming that will help Hispanic/Latino entrepreneurs build their businesses.
- Build partnerships with the local chambers of commerce, economic development corporations, and Small Business Development Corporations.

Board Member | Board of Directors**November 2023 - Current***Lifeline of Galveston County / Galveston County, Texas*

- Advocate for animal welfare, focusing on community cats, neonatal kittens, and pit-bull-type dogs.
- Led the low-cost vaccination clinic initiative throughout the county, providing resources for low-income areas.
- Assisted in developing the strategic plan for the organization for 2023-2024

Chairman | City of Texas City**July 2023 - Current***Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Board / Texas City, Texas*

- Provide input on allocating funds to benefit neighborhoods and historical districts.
- Collaborate with Texas Southern University students on revitalization projects.
- Engaged with community stakeholders to determine homeless resources.

Chairman | City of Texas City

July 2023 - Current

Keep Texas City Beautiful Committee | Texas City, Texas

- Promote events and initiatives to keep the city clean and attractive.
- Participated in the Great American Clean Up, and the Fall Sweep focused in the historical districts.

Parliamentarian

March 2023 - Current

League of United Latin American Citizens Council #255 | Texas City, Texas

- Help organize events, including Cinco de Mayo and El Grito celebrations.
- Raise funds for scholarships for local students pursuing higher education.
- Attended the 2024 National LULAC Academy and convention.

Member

August 2023 - Current

League of Women Voters Galveston | Galveston County, Texas

- Present to high school and college students to boost youth voter turnout.
- Assist in voter registration and advocate during redistricting hearings.
- Panelist for the Turbo Charging the Youth Voter panel at the 2024 Texas League of Women Voters Convention.

Member/Alumni

January 2024 - Current

Texas City Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association | Texas City, Texas

- Support the police department at community events and serve on the Communications Committee.
- Participated in TCPDCPAAA classes and recruited members.

Member

February 2023 – Current

Mainland Toastmasters | Texas City, Texas

- Manage financial transactions for the club.
- Serve in various roles during biweekly meetings and won “Best Speaker” award in June 2023, December 2023, March 2024, May 2024, and August 2024.
- Recruited members and conducted community outreach at events.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Finalist for Citizen of the Year

March 2024

The Galveston Daily News | Galveston County, Texas

- Honored for personal and professional contributions to the county, making it more prosperous, livable, and civil.

Drum Major Instinct Award

January 2024

College of the Mainland | Texas City, Texas

- Awarded in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King for displaying peace and righteousness, embodying Dr. King's "Drum Major Instinct."