

# ZENANI D. JOHNSON

## OBJECTIVE

Dedicated, experienced, Psychology major with exceptional leadership, communication, organizational and administrative skills; looking to obtain a position with an innovative company that allows me to be challenged and use my skills to the fullest potential.

## SKILLS

- Microsoft Suite proficiency
- Public Speaking
- Budget Experience
- Special Projects
- Critical Thinking
- Excellent quantitative skills
- Oral and Written Communication
- Youth and Student Programming
- Team Leadership
- Event Planning / Coordination
- Advocacy / Lobbying skills
- Legislative Experience

## EDUCATION

*Florida State University*, Rueben Askew School of Public Administration and Policy Fall 2020 – Present  
**Master of Public Administration Program**

*University of West Florida* – Pensacola, FL Spring 2018 – Spring 2020  
**Major: Psychology    Minors: Public Administration and Sociology**

*University of West Florida* – Pensacola, FL Fall 2016 – Spring 2018  
**Associates Degree in Psychology**

*James S. Rickards High School* – Tallahassee, FL August 2012 - June 2016  
**International Baccalaureate Program**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Special Projects/Governmental Affairs Coordinator**- Escambia County Government - Pensacola, FL July 2020-Present  
*Responsible for the coordination and implementation of special projects and governmental affairs for Escambia County government. Accountable for tracking, attendance and monitoring of 25-30 various boards affiliated with Escambia County and any other projects assigned by the County Administrator.*

**Intern/Special Projects** - Escambia County Government - Pensacola, FL Summer 2019–Spring 2020  
*Served as part of the County Administrator’s transition team. Conducted special projects, assignments and research for issues that could potentially impact Escambia County and its residents. Participated in meetings with county staff, attended commission meetings and other activities assigned by the County Administrator.*

**Student Entrepreneur in Residence** – UWF College of Business – Pensacola, FL Fall 2019 – Spring 2020  
*Established an emergency housing program at UWF in my freshman year, which led to other schools replicating the housing program. Selected as the Student Entrepreneur in Resident to supports educational initiatives related to entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial thinking and serves as a resource for economic innovation for students, faculty, industry, and community partners.*

**Peer to Peer Educator** – University of West Florida – Pensacola, FL Fall 2018 – Spring 2019  
*Responsible for marketing the food, dining, and meal plan services throughout the UWF campus. Also accountable for educating students about the best food options on campus which enables them to develop better eating habits during their college career.*

**Office Assistant** – City of Tallahassee, Commissioner’s Office - Tallahassee, FL Summer 2017  
*Assisted City Commissioner Curtis Richardson with various tasks (document creations, responding to correspondence, setting Commissioner appointments, assisting in arranging events). Also assisted with event scheduling and served as the youth liaison for Tallahassee students.*

**Office Support Staff** – University of West Florida - Pensacola, FL Fall 2016 – Spring 2017  
*Served as support staff, responsible for auditing and processing confidential undergraduate admissions files for students applying to the University of West Florida.*

**Office Assistant** – City of Tallahassee, City Manager’s Office – Tallahassee, FL Summer 2014  
*Assisted with clerical and training preparation duties within City Manager Anita Favors Thompson’s Office. Also worked as a liaison the Palmer Munroe Teen Center. Participated in staff meetings, trainings, planning activities and organizing teen events at the Palmer Munroe Teen Center.*

**Office Assistant** - Leon County Tourist Bureau – Tallahassee, FL Summer 2013  
*Receptionist and clerical duties for the Office of Tourism; participated in staff meetings and assisted in event planning activities for the Bureau.*

### **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- ✚ UWF Student Government Association, **Student Body President** Fall 2019- Spring 2020  
 Serves as the key representative for the 12,000 UWF students; facilitates, supports and coordinates all activities of the organization; collaborates with the University President, Senate and student organizations to support student success; responsible for the management and oversight of SGA staff, budget committee and support staff.
- ✚ SUS Florida Board of Governors, **Governor** Spring 2019 – Spring 2020  
 The Florida Board of Governors oversees the operation and management of the Florida public university system’s twelve institutions. Serves as the Student Representative for more than 350,000 students across the state of Florida.
- ✚ Florida Student Association, **Chair** Summer 2019 – Spring 2020  
 The Florida Student Association is comprised of the student body presidents from the 12 public universities in the State of Florida, represent over 350,000 students at the University, Local, State, and Federal level through advocacy, lobbying, planning, and executing the annual ‘Rally in Tally’ event and advocacy events to Washington, D.C. Lobby the Department of Education against the proposed Title IX changes on behalf of the Florida State University System and proposed appropriation for House Bill 3419.
- ✚ UWF Board of Trustees (Student Affairs Committee), **Trustee** Summer 2019 – Spring 2020  
 The Student Affairs Committee is responsible for providing policy guidance to promote a safe and healthy environment that encourages academic success and ensures students have a quality of campus life.
- ✚ UWF Student Government Association, **Student Body Vice-President** Fall 2018 – Spring 2019  
 Assumes the duties of the President in their absence. The Vice President shall coordinate the efforts of the various departments and committees, serves as coordinator for the formulation and completion of Executive projects.
- ✚ UWF Foundation Board, **Member** Summer 2018 – Spring 2019  
 Serves as advocates for the University, encourage philanthropic support, and manage the investments and business affairs of the Foundation.
- ✚ Florida Student Association, **Committee Chair** Summer 2018 – Spring 2019  
 Responsible for planning and coordinating ‘Rally in Tally’ and Washington D.C. trips. Lobbying, educating, and advocating for Florida students.
- ✚ UWF Student Government Association, **College of Health Senator** Fall 2017 – Spring 2018  
 Serves as the official elected representative for students in the College of Health.
- ✚ UWF Student Government Association, **Freshmen Committee Member** Fall 2016 – Spring 2017  
 Serves as the official representative for freshman students.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ♦ Florida Commission on the Status of Women, Spirit of Community Winner (2021)
- ♦ Distinguished Service Award, UWF Board of Trustees (2020)
- ♦ UWF Career Gauntlet Award Winner (2020)
- ♦ Junior League Youth Woman in Leadership Award (2020)
- ♦ Student Leader of the Year, Phi Beta Sigma (2019)
- ♦ Senator of the Year – University of West Florida, Student Government Association (2017-2018)
- ♦ Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle, Visionary Award Winner (2018)
- ♦ Florida Department of Education’s Outstanding School Volunteer of the Year (2017)
- ♦ UWF Student of the Year (2017)
- ♦ Outstanding Senator of the Semester – University of West Florida, Student Government Association (Fall 2017)
- ♦ Governors Champion of Service Award Recipient (May 2016)
- ♦ Spirit of the Best & Brightest Winner and Public Speaking Honorable Mention (May 2016)
- ♦ Leon County School’s Volunteer of the Year Finalist (April 2016)
- ♦ Tallahassee Democrat’s, 5 Young Women to Watch Awardee (March 2016)
- ♦ Congressional Award (Silver 2016, Bronze 2016)
- ♦ United States Presidential Volunteer Service Award Recipient (Gold – 2016, Gold-2015 and Gold-2011)
- ♦ Youth Making a Difference, Mayor’s Award, Tallahassee Forward (October 2015)
- ♦ 2015 Florida Girls State Delegate (Unit 13, District 2- Elected City Manager, Party Chair and Senator)
- ♦ James S. Rickards Student Volunteer of the Year (May 2014)
- ♦ Oasis Center for Women and Girls, Girls Can Do Anything! Award Honoree (February 2014)
- ♦ Tallahassee Police Department T.A.C. Leadership Program Graduate (August 2013)
- ♦ Senator Bob Graham Service Award Recipient (May 2012)

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- ♦ New Leaders Council, Class 8 – (2021 – Present)
- ♦ League of Women Voters, Pensacola Bay Chapter (2020 – Present)
- ♦ UWF Black Alumni Network Co-founder (2020 – Present)
- ♦ Florida Association for Intergovernmental Relations, Member (2020 – Present)
- ♦ DeBoles-Johnson Foundation, Board Member (2019 – Present)
- ♦ Florida College Access Network, Committee Member (2019 – Present)
- ♦ Emergency Housing Assistance Program (Founder) – University of West Florida (2017 – 2020)
- ♦ UWF Campus Activity Board - Students activities, hosting events, campus activities (2017 – 2019)
- ♦ Martin Luther King Day of Service – University of West Florida (2017 and 2018)
- ♦ Ronald McDonald House – Pensacola, Florida (2016 – 2020)
- ♦ Girls State Florida, Counselor – Florida State University (June 2016)
- ♦ Youth Health Leadership Council, Ambassador, Former High School Chair (2012-2016)
- ♦ Leon County Schools Student District Advisory Council Member (2015-16)
- ♦ Celebrate New Life Tabernacle Children’s Church Volunteer (2010-2016)
- ♦ Summer-of Service Activities (Pensacola, Miami, Jacksonville, Ft. Pierce - Summer 2015)
- ♦ Florida House of Representatives Page & Messenger Program (2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 Legislative Sessions)
- ♦ Tallahassee Police Department (TAC Camp) Volunteer (2013-2015)

**References available upon request**