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EDUCATION

Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA
Bachelor of Arts, May 2026
Majors: Political Science and English
Honors: Provost's List, High Honors, 3.6 GPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Wild Harvest Nature School, Madison, WI
Nature Program Coordinator/Teacher, June 2019 - August 2023
- Designed and implemented environmental projects and interactive learning materials
- Collaborated with educators and program coordinators to develop group activities and projects
- Communicated with children, parents, and colleagues to ensure a positive experience
- Fostered intentionally inclusive spaces that prioritized the safety and well-being of individuals from diverse backgrounds

Goodwill of South Central Wisconsin, Middleton, WI
Sales Associate, September 2021 - December 2021
- Adapted to changing tasks and priorities in a dynamic and fast-paced retail environment
- Worked in coordination with fellow Sales Associates and other team members

PROJECT AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Political Science Department, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA
Research Assistant/Analyst, April 2023 - May 2023
- Reviewed biases in mainstream media publications and analyzed how changing wording in an article can sway public opinion
- Applied the principles of randomized experiments to ensure robust and unbiased results
- Concluded media organizations intentionally craft messaging to sway opinion
- Translated complex information into accessible formats and visually appealing graphs, charts, and written pieces that facilitate easy understanding for wide audiences
- Effectively communicated the project's goals, methods, and findings through written reports

TRIO Program, Kirkwood Community College, Coralville, IA
Volunteer/Tutor, January 2024 - February 2024
- Assisted non-native English speakers in crafting scholarship application essays, addressing unique challenges presented by older learners with little experience in American institutions
- Collaborated with academic professionals with the goal of future program improvement

TECHNICAL SKILLS
- Proficient in R programming and Canva
- Working familiarity with Python (coding language) and Buffer (social media statistical tool)