

MAYOR-PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE
ON CITIZENS'S WITH DISABILITIES

RESUME LIST:

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GABBY HOFFPAUIR- ROSATTO

Fenetre Road

COVER LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to apply for the position as a member of the Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities. I am confident that my history of leadership, activism, networking, and my personal experience with disability will be of great benefit to you and the organization. I am an autistic and ADHD woman who understands some of the unique struggles that face the disabled community in Lafayette.

Throughout my seven years of working, I have gained valuable experience working within Lafayette. At Tropical Smoothie Café, we held multiple community events that raised money for charitable organizations across the country. At Target, I was involved with cleanup initiatives in the nearby areas. Working as an RA, my entire job was to learn more about my community and find ways to get residents more involved. I attended poetry events in Brooklyn; visited schools in Park Slope, Fort Greene, and more; and attended the Climate Protest in 2019 with Greta Thunberg. With UL Lafayette's Special Collections as an UGRA, I've become enmeshed in the Lafayette community as I search for more LGBTQ+ individuals willing to share their stories. I attended Pride on June 24 and set up a booth that conducted oral histories with Louisianians from across the state.

Because Zack Stein and Dr. Marissa Petrou have given me the unique opportunity to work with them on their Queering the Collection project, I have become a more impassioned person who is able to effectively network throughout the state. I have won four awards while working on this project, and I have spoken with countless people in the area, including Miss Peyton Rose Michelle of the Louisiana Trans Advocates; Commissioner Davante Lewis; Mr. Ted Richard, a Lafayette writer; and Mr. Frank Perez, a writer and New Orleans native. I was tasked with locating and being the point of contact for potential contacts, coordinating three or more schedules, and being proficient in Microsoft Office and the Otter.ai transcription service. Because of my work within the community, I am tasked with being informed on the happenings within Lafayette.

This work with Mr. Stein and Dr. Petrou, if I'm being honest, has been the most fulfilling part of my life thus far. It's molded me into someone who is more knowledgeable about the goings-on in our community and state, someone who has finally discovered her passion for people and making the world around her a better place for everyone. This job has taught me that I don't have to know everything, and that my inclination to constantly learn more will take me to places I never thought possible.

I am confident that my experience, skills, and overall passion for people will be of extraordinary benefit to your company. You can email me at gabbyfaithhr@gmail.com or contact me by phone at 337-384-1965 if you have any other questions, or to set up an interview. I look forward to hearing from you soon, and I am excited at the possibility of volunteering on this board!

Gabrielle Hoffpauir-Rosatto

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Gabrielle (Gabby) is a motivated person who wholeheartedly commits herself to any and every opportunity offered to her.

EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2017 – JUNE 2020

SHIFT LEADER, TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFÉ

Through this job, I was able to learn how to interact with others and work as a team to achieve a common goal. Being a Shift Leader, I still reported to a manager, and took directions from them on how to better lead the team. I handled money, operated a cash register, delivered unparalleled hospitality to the customer, and opened and closed the store with a personal key.

AUGUST 2019-MAY 2020

RESIDENT ADVISOR, PRATT INSTITUTE

A significant amount of interpersonal connection went into this job. Every day, regardless of whether I was on the clock or not, I was a representative of the Pratt Institute Resident Life staff and was held to the highest standards. My residents could need me at any moment, and I was expected to be by my phone and be able to show up. The most important part of my job here, though, was to create meaningful connections with my residents that left them feeling heard and happy to live in a Pratt dorm.

JULY 2020 – PRESENT

GUEST ADVOCATE, TARGET CORPORATION

Here, my primary focus was assisting others. When I didn't know the answer to a question, I asked. My job was to commit myself to my team, and to assist others in finding whatever it was they were looking for. I was patient with guests, ready to help them with whatever it was they may need. I used and operated a Zebra handheld device, answered phone calls, and conducted myself as a professional, approachable team member ready and willing to assist the guest in whatever way I could. While working drive-up, I was timed on how quickly I could deliver groceries to the guest and had to carry multiple bags at once to the guest.

JANUARY 2022 – MARCH 2022

ASSISTANT MANAGER, TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFÉ

At this job, I am consistently multitasking. My job was to lead others, to encourage others, and to stay curious about how I could do better as an Assistant Manager and as a human being. My responsibilities included handling money and operating a cash register, opening and closing the store with a personal key, answering phone calls, delivering unparalleled hospitality to customers, assigning workstations and tasks, and expediting food and smoothies in a timely manner.

APRIL 2022-PRESENT

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

With this unique job experience, I have been able to expand my knowledge of queer history, of working with artifacts, and of dedicating myself to my practice. I worked in conjunction with both Special Collections and the Guilbeau Center on their project Queering the Collection, under which our collective goal was to bolster UL's Louisiana Room's collection of queer historical objects, including photographs, physical artifacts, literature, historical documents, and oral histories. One of my responsibilities in this project was contacting local organizations, activists, and queer folks who might be of interest to our project. I was also in charge of locating artifacts and historical documents that were relevant to our project. I have conducted oral histories within our local community, in which I am tasked with maintaining a professional environment while also making the guest feel comfortable enough to open up about vulnerable topics. It continues to be an extremely rewarding experience, one which I am wholly passionate about.

AUGUST 2022-MAY 2023

FOH HOSTESS, ZEUS EXPRESS SCOTT

This job gave me better experience working with people. Often, I was working alone, with only one or two cooks making food for customers. I was tasked with greeting, conversing with, and fulfilling any and all customer needs with a light and calm attitude. I pride myself in the fact that I was able to work with the owner of this particular Zeus location, Angelle Savard, to uplift the company's name in the public's mind. I worked with Angelle to distance ourselves from unnecessary organizations, while also establishing Zeus Express Scott as a small, independent business centered around people first, profit second.

FEBRUARY 2023-MAY 2023

PROJECT DIRECTOR, ACCESS DENIED PODCAST

Though this podcast is still in its infancy, I am extremely excited about the possibilities it holds. My intention is to create this podcast as both a resource and source of inspiration for disabled folks on ULL's campus and beyond. As podcast host and project director, I have charged myself with budgeting, contacting potential guests, creating scripts, recording episodes, and editing/transcribing episodes. I oversee ensuring that my collaborator works diligently with me on this project and gets paid fairly. Guests on our show will talk about their experiences with being disabled both on UL's campus and in the Lafayette community as a whole, drawing on both their hardships and inspirations throughout their lives and in the present. We've conducted interviews with three guests; they include a diverse array of folks such as a psychologist, a school counselor, and a program director for disabled veterans in Lafayette.

EDUCATION

AUGUST 2018 – MAY 2020

PRATT INSTITUTE, WRITING, 3.9

As a writing major at this prestigious school, I was expected to be able to meet multiple deadlines and balance work and school life. I was an exemplary student, and always did my best to reach whatever goal I made for myself. I remain in contact with multiple professors and fellow classmates, who have given me extremely valuable experience and have helped me network in my field.

AUGUST 2020 – PRESENT

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE, ENGLISH, 3.85

At UL, I have consistently worked full-time jobs while in school, and have been expected to make adequate time in my schedule for both. Here, too, I have been able to maintain a high GPA and

achieve much more than I ever thought possible for myself. I am continuing to expand my work throughout campus, creating a safer space for **all** students.

SKILLS

- Passionate, able to find new solutions to problems
- Attentive, able to listen and understand people's needs and desires
- Open-minded, willing and able to learn new things quickly and efficiently
- Balanced, able to juggle multiple responsibilities at once, but also able to vocalize boundaries

ACTIVITIES

Volunteer: In high school, I completed over 40 hours of volunteer work, including working with the Patrick Williamson Foundation, donating food and nonperishables to charities, and working donation drives. I held the Vice President position in the National Honors Society. I was also part of BETA Club and the Writing Club at Acadiana High School.

While working at Target, I donated nonperishables and volunteered for a roadwork cleanup of Settlers Trace.

I have a history of leadership, and I have been involved in multiple clubs in high school and at Pratt Institute. I was part of CBoard, a community board that hosted events and volunteer opportunities. I was part of ResLife, the resident community that hosted multiple events, donation drives, and volunteer opportunities.

Awards: In 2016, I won first place in the Writes of Spring Contest. Also in 2016, I won first place in the English Literary Rally, in the two subsequent years I won fourth place. I've made Presidents List every semester at UL, and Dean's List every year at Pratt Institute. I've had multiple works published in the Southwestern Review at ULL. This past schoolyear, I earned four LEAF awards through UL Lafayette for my work on the Queering the Collection project.

REFERENCES

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