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Advocacy Initiatives

Senior Executive Co-Lead, Out in Medicine

Nov 2022 – Present

- Conceptualized and executed events for 2SLGBTQIA+ students in the Faculty of Medicine to foster community, and build connections between students, residents, and physicians
- Liaised with community partners and student organizations (e.g., CALMS) to integrate club members with the broader community
- Advised faculty on student perspectives to improve the current 2SLGBTQIA+ medical curriculum

Internal EDID Committee Member, Ontario Medical Students Association

Nov 2022 – May 2023

- Collaborated with Communications and Finance portfolios within the OMSA to integrate EDID principles and suggestions within initiatives and projects
- Evaluated student initiative grant selection criteria for to ensure accessibility and equal opportunity for applicants across Ontario

Co-Chief STEmpowerment Officer, STEM Fellowship

Feb 2022 – Aug 2022

- Managed a team of 35 volunteers within a science education charity to create initiatives for high school and university students identifying as part of underrepresented communities within STEM
- Supervised the development of virtual and in-person research opportunities, longitudinal mentorship initiatives, and science courses in collaboration with other organizations
- Integrated student feedback to continuously iterate and improve our programming

Training & Development Coordinator, McMaster Pride Community Centre

May 2021 – Apr 2022

- Coordinated 15+ volunteers to host an online safe space for 2SLGBTQ+ students at McMaster University
- Trained volunteers in anti-oppressive practices and peer support principles to support safe space users and create an inclusive environment within our space
- Led training sessions in inclusive terminology and practices for Orientation Week representatives

Outreach & Student Engagement

Newsletter Co-Editor, Canadian Federation of Medical Students

Aug 2023 – Present

- Edited a bilingual monthly newsletter for over 6,000 medical students across Canada to encourage professional development through opportunities, awards, and resources
- Integrated innovative design and marketing strategies to increase readership and click-through rates
- Collaborated with CFMS regional representatives to increase our outreach to French medical schools

Bilingualism Committee Member, Canadian Federation of Medical Students Oct 2023 – Present

- Facilitated the translation of organizational documents, resources, and student guides into French
- Represented the Bilingualism Committee at the Canadian Medical Student Conference (CMSC) to assist with French translation

Content Creation Team Lead, STEM Fellowship Jan 2021 – Sept 2021

- Led a team of 11 volunteers to create bilingual articles, blog posts, and videos about STEM education, professional development opportunities, and unconventional career paths
- Spearheaded the development of the organization's TikTok account and implemented social media marketing strategies to increase student registrants within our events and initiatives
- Awarded the STEM Fellowship Volunteer Award for creating an online seminar and campus tour series for university applicants during the COVID-19 pandemic

Research Experience

Student Researcher, University of Toronto Nov 2022 – Present

- Investigated clinical risk assessment tools and their usage of patients' race in decision-making
- Assembled a team of 10 medical students to assist with this project, ensuring that their assigned tasks fit within their long-term professional development goals
- Created a comprehensive literature search strategy with consultation from a librarian to gather data on validated decision-making tools

Research Assistant, University of Münster May 2022 – Jul 2022

- Investigated the role of the *quasimodo* gene on circadian clock rhythm in *Drosophila melanogaster*, supported by the DAAD RISE research scholarship
- Collected data through behavioural experiments and molecular biological techniques
- Performed data analysis using R, and synthesized findings for a presentation

Extracurricular Activities

Guest Speaker & Workshop Facilitator, Interprofessional Education Nov 2023 – Present

- Facilitated a small-group learning session during the Healthcare for the 2SLGBTQ+ Community Interprofessional Education seminar for students of healthcare professions
- Led a student group through patient cases to open a discussion surrounding systems of oppression, resources, and opportunities for patients and providers to advocate for equitable care

Props & Costumes Designer, Daffydil Musical Oct 2023 – Present

- Planned costumes and props for the annual school musical to raise funds in support of the Canadian Cancer Society
- Designed, sewed, and painted clothing to fit the unique personality traits of each character and cast member specifications