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| Education | Purdue University, West Lafayette, INB.A. in Political Science, minors in Russian and Philosophy **Liberal Arts Honors Program, Dean’s List**  **Graduating May, 2011** (earned degree in three years) **GPA 3.73/4.0** | |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Transferrable Skills | * Well-formed communication skills – gave presentations on a variety of topics; wrote clear in-depth essays as well as summaries of complex literature/articles * Excellent research skills – passionately pursued knowledge independently * Gained international and cultural perspective, is able to work with a diverse group of people well – Russian language, culture, and history courses * Team-oriented – worked in groups to solve difficult problems, delegated tasks * Familiar with SDA analysis – conducted cross-tabulation analysis of public opinion polls to uncover what factors motivate citizens/consumers * Learned to multi-task and meet deadlines – juggled multiple commitments, such as work, and school successfully, displaying flexibility, and willingness to go the extra mile |  Career History | | | |
|  | | Keyholder/Sales Associate | University Spirit West Lafayette, IN  August, 2009 to present   * Entrusted to manage multiple locations without supervision * Opened and closed stores * Handled electrical and facility malfunctions – handled crisis calmly and independently * Updated client address list * Experienced in customer relations – answered phones, resolved customer complaints * Reconciled cash register and responsible for end of day deposits   **Server |** *Steak n’ Shake* **| Crew |** *McDonald’s*  *Steady employment throughout High School* |
| **Academic Experiences** | | **Purdue Russian Club, Treasurer**   * Participated in Russian theatre plays, comedies, and musical numbers * Won Outstanding Performance Award (Spring 2010) * Organized events-booked venues, arranged for guest speakers * Handled all income and expenses of Russian Club   **Pi Sigma Alpha National/Local Member –** Political Science Honor Society   * Participated in seminars that delve into social and political current affairs   **Liberal Arts Honors Program**   * Enrolled in courses that are intensive, team-oriented, and focused on problem solving through creative and analytical thinking   **Speech and Debate Judge, Volunteer**   * Judged local high school debate tournaments, giving constructive feedback to students |