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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, B.A. with Honors in International Relations and Global Studies May 2025
Minor: Business
Certificate: Business Spanish
The University of Texas at Austin & ACC, Path to Admission through Co-Enrollment (PACE)
IES: Barcelona, Language & Area Studies Program May 2023 - July 2023

EXPERIENCE

Texas Leadership Education and Development January 2022-
Student Associate | 10 hours per week

Enhancing UT Austin student leadership skills via diverse leadership initiatives including facilitating over 20 different workshop topics.
Creating and executing customized leadership and professional development programs for over 1000 organizations on campus.
Recruiting students for workshops, over 150 summer internships on campus, programs partnering with over 50 local nonprofits, and professional leadership coaching services.
Established a campus outreach database and reached out to all student organizations every semester for 3 semesters.

Dean of Students Office May 2024 - July 2024

aUsTinite Event Planning Summer Intern | 20 hours per week

Assisted in the planning and execution of aUsTinite events either on- or off-campus.
Served as a student leader during TEXPO sessions for incoming freshmen at summer orientation by facilitating activities
Acted as a resource for students, families, and community members regarding campus involvement, city resources, and off-campus living.

Democracy Summer Program June 2022 - August 2022

Internship and Fellowship for Representative Colin Allred's 2022 Congressional Campaign | 20 hours per week

Contacted 300+ individuals weekly via canvassing, phone and text-banking, block walking, voter registration, fundraising, donor research, and digital organizing.
Participated in National Democracy Summer School sessions, engaging with over 50 Representatives, Congressmen, Ambassadors, and Professors to discuss relevant social, political, and economic matters.

Patel and Associates December 2021- January 2022

Legal Intern | 20 hours per week

Provided direct support to two attorneys by aiding in complex legal preparations.
Employed entry-level clerical skills including the utilization of various computer software and office organization techniques.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

International Relations and Global Studies Council August 2021 -

Co-President and Social Chair | 5 hours per week

Led weekly general and leadership meetings and assisted in organizing service, social, and academic events for the students of the International Relations and Global Studies Department.
Supervised different aspects of the Council, strategized for future plans, and addressed complex questions.
Managed New Member recruitment, Leadership Team recruitment, and the succeeding Executive Team transition through delegation and oversight.

Indian Cultural Association | 4 hours per week August 2021 -

Vice-President, Social Director, and Membership Assistant

Led bi-weekly general meetings and coordinated over 30 social and religious events.
Supported the President in both internal and external organizational matters.

Student Government—Hook the Vote | 2 hours per week August 2022 -

Enhanced political engagement within UT Austin's campus community and facilitated voter registration initiatives.

Absolute Texas

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair | 4 hours per week August 2022 -

Served as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair, further establishing the new position within the organization to promote unbiased and unprejudiced practices.

Volunteered and raised funds for St. Jude's Hospital, and contributed to campus events through a Service and Spirit Organization.

Akshaya Patra

August 2016 -

President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Youth Ambassador | 1 hour per week

Served as a keynote speaker for four annual galas, over 50 children's activities, and about 10 fundraisers for the North Dallas youth chapter.

Led youth in making over 3000 sandwiches on more than 10 occasions for various global crises such as Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Laura.

De Zavala Elementary School | 1 hour per week

August 2022 -

Tutoring 10 children (second and third grade) in reading, English, and math

UT Austin Microfarm | 2 hours per week

August 2022 -

Supporting efforts to manage the UT Austin student-run Microfarm that donates to students in need

AWARDS

Toyota Financial Services Making Life Easier Scholarship Award

August 2021- May 2025

Girl Scout Journey Award, Girl Scout Bronze Award, and Girl Scout Silver Award

Girl Scout Gold Award

August 2020

Dedicated a total of 94 community service hours to provide government issued funding of \$7520

Built two Rolling Libraries with more than 500 donated books, games, and toys for the ChildCareGroup

Attained the highest achievement and honor in Girl Scouts, awarded in August 2020.

Kathak Rank I Diploma Recipient

August 2008 -

Demonstrated mastery of graduate-level skills in a classical Indian dance form by earning the classification of Master of Art and qualification as an instructor.

CERTIFICATION

Paralegal Certification from the University of Houston – Clear Lake

August 2022

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Gujarati (native), Spanish (professional), Hindi (elementary)

Interests: Bollywood movies, Skiing, Traveling (27 countries), Reading (Historical Fiction and Romance), Art (any media), New York Times Games, Dance (classical and folk Indian dance), Sudoku