# Alyssa Vaughan

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Houston, B.A. in Sociology

May 2024

• Minor in Law, Values, and Policy

# Benjamin Gilman Scholarship Recipient

May 2023 - July 2023

# **Study Abroad in South Africa**

- Analyzed poverty and development in Cape Town, gaining insights into Global North-Global South politics and South Africa's role in the world economy.
- Collaborated with Just Grace Youth Development Program, completing 90 service hours on-site, enhancing cultural awareness and fostering a positive, mutually beneficial partnership.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### Election Worker | Dallas County Elections | November 5, 2024, General Election

• Ensured smooth election operations by verifying voter eligibility, managing electronic voting equipment, providing voter assistance, and securely handling ballots in compliance with Texas election laws.

# **Harris County Clerk's Office**

June 2024 - August 2024

#### **Communications Intern**

- Analyzed the election preparation process by managing voter registration records and organizing election materials to improve the election preparation process under state guidelines.
- Processed and organized legal documents, including property records, marriage licenses, and court filings, ensuring accuracy and compliance with county regulations.
- Managed and created social media content to boost public engagement and awareness for the Harris County Clerk's Office, Contributing to a stronger digital presence.

# **Civic Houston Internship Program**

September 2023 - December 2023

## **Campaign Management Intern**

- Contributed to campaign success by executing voter data entry, canvassing, and 50 phone calls daily, resulting in enhanced skills in political public relations.
- Attended campaign events on behalf of the mayoral candidate, contributing to effective campaign management and successful event execution.

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### **University of Houston LGBTQ Alumni Association**

**February 2024 - Present** 

### **At-Large Board Member**

- Plan events and promote our mission through social media, resulting in increased community engagement and awareness.
- Contribute to key decisions such as scholarship reviews and fundraising ideas, supporting current LGBTQ UH students financial and academic needs.

# The Freedom Collective, University of Houston

August 2023 - May 2024

### **President and Founder**

- Mentored undergraduate peers through group-based discussions and hosting networking events, creating a supportive community for Black queer students.
- Led educational initiatives for the UH Black queer community on critical history, resulting in increased cultural awareness and community support.
- Facilitated executive board meetings, overseeing event planning and execution, which resulted in membership growth from 10 to 40 members by the end of the year.

#### **SKILLS**

- Marketing and Communication
- Event Planning and Management
- Technical Proficiency- Microsoft Office Suite Word, Excel, PowerPoint