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SUMMARY

Compassionate and dedicated soon to be graduating dental student with experience fostering authentic connections and inspiring patients to achieve and maintain happy, healthy smiles. Using patient-centered clinical philosophy combined with communication skills and an attention to detail, I look forward to securing an associateship in the Chicagoland area.

- Restorative Dentistry (61)
- Extractions (21)
- Crowns (13)
- Endodontics (12)
- Removable/traditional dentures (6)
- Periodontics (17)
- Implants (9)
- Exams/Hygiene (118)

EDUCATION

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Downers Grove, IL

Doctor of Dental Medicine

August 2020 – May 2025

- Served as President-elect, President, and Immediate Past-President for Midwestern's chapter of American Student Dental Association (ASDA)
- Developed leadership skills and attended conferences around the country collaborating and learning from other dentists and dental students
- Volunteered in retirement communities and local schools teaching good oral health habits
- Volunteered as an instructor for 'mini medical school' events for local high school students

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Tampa, FL

Master of Molecular Medicine

August 2018 – May 2020

- President for Graduate Student Dental Club; 2019
- Anatomy Lab Teaching Assistant; 2020

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Edinboro, PA

Bachelor of Science in Biology/Chemistry

March 2014 – May 2018

- Track and Field Sprinter and Mid-Distance; 2015-2017
- 3x Scholar Athlete; 2015-2017
- 4x Deans list; 2014-2016

CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Downers Grove, IL

Student Dentist

August 2023 – June 2025

- Built rapport with my patients helping them improve and maintain their oral health
- Expanded my clinical skillset by challenging myself and learning and working with colleagues and specialists in Endodontics, Periodontics, Oral Surgery, and Radiology
- Honed my communication skills and interpersonal skills to communicate with clarity and efficiency

CLEARWATER FAMILY DENTAL

Clearwater, FL

Phlebotomist/Dental Assistant

October 2020 – June 2021

- Dual role of phlebotomist and dental assistant; manufactured PRF/PRP products (membranes, plugs, injectables, etc.) along with preparing and assisting the doctors in their everyday schedule

- Investigated and fixed technical issues with dental equipment, dental chairs, etc.

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA & OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES Edinboro, PA
Academic Tutor/Lab Assistant May 2016 – May 2018

- Tutored nursing students, pre-med students, other students in areas of Biology and Chemistry
- Assisted students in performing lab calculations and lab write-ups
- Aided physically disabled students conduct experiments in Organic Chemistry lab

UPMC HAMOT HOSPITAL Erie, PA
Phlebotomist March 2016 – July 2018

- Performed accurate phlebotomy and specimen collection throughout the entire hospital including ER, NICU, ICU, and Women's Hospital
- Worked with patients in cultivating bed-side manor and showing compassion in times of failing/compromised health
- Respond to codes and emergencies throughout the hospital while on duty

SERVICE ROLES Various locations
Various titles in my local community 2010 – 2014

- Dishwasher, host, server, and bartender
- Lifeguard at the community pool
- Umpire for little league games in the tri-county area
- Tour guide for different age groups in vacation bible school

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Photoreactivity of Nitrogenous Compounds: Phenyl Nitronates Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

- Studying the behavioral effects of photochemical reactions involving methoxyphenyl nitronate, specifically as a NO donor used in heart medications and physiological systems. Exposing this compound to different wavelengths of light, I monitored the change in molecular structure using spectroscopy and gas chromatography.

Erythroid Cell Differentiation at the Single Cell Level Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

- Erythroid cell differentiation is a multistep process typically examined from the perspective of a population of cells. Heterogeneity limits population studies to averaged data and does not provide information on what is happening at the single cell level. We propose to overcome this limitation by focusing on single cells at various stages of erythroid differentiation. Our objective was to define the transcriptome and metabolome – from the bone marrow stem cells to the mature red blood cell – at single cell resolution.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Professional Associations: Chicago Dental Society, American Dental Association
- Certifications: CPR/AED certification, First Responder certification through Red Cross
- Interests: Running, Exercising, Comedy, Cooking, Gardening, Sports
- Hobbies: Avid Seinfeld fan, part-time open-mic comedian, part-time chef