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Dear whomever it may concern:

I am a sophomore at Stanford University, working toward my bachelor's degree in the neuroscience track of Psychology. I am seeking an internship for the summer 2009. Upon researching possible opportunities, I found an internship for the American Red Cross, in the area of outreach and education in Los Angeles, California.

The American Red Cross provides lifesaving programs and services in community. I have had a number of years of experience as a volunteer as peer counselor, as well as served as an intern for a local non-profit that focuses on helping the educational goals of inner-city youth. At the University, I currently serve as a mentor for high school students in their junior and senior years. Therefore, I feel my experience will be of value to your organization while broadening my skills in public outreach to community and other health programs. My enclosed resume provides additional details about my background.

Stanford University's spring term ends mid-May. I will follow-up the beginning of May 1, 2009 and welcome an opportunity to interview with you or answer any questions you may have. I will be in Los Angeles starting May 18, 2009 throughout the end of August.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

Stanford University, New Haven, CT

Class of 2012

Major: Undeclared; Psychology

GPA: 3.25

Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES)

Class of 2008, Valedictorian

Awards: AP Scholar with Honors Award; National Achievement Program Participant

WORK EXPERIENCE

Yale University Athletics Office

New Haven, CT

Student Assistant

2008-Present

Cover the front desk and direct student athletes to the proper location. File and organize incoming financial reports.

Beverly Hills Public Library

Beverly Hills, CA

Library Page Level 1

2008-Present

Return library materials in alphanumerical order and operate audiovisual equipment. Assist patrons and staff in retrieving and processing material.

LEADERSHIP

Afro- American House Advisory Board

Yale University

Member

2008-Present

Assist in managing the inner workings of the African-American cultural center. Duties include, but are not limited to: determining how funds will be allocated; and making recommendations about how to improve minority life at Yale.

Leadership Education and Development Program (L.E.A.D)

Yale University

Member

2008-Present

Participate in four-year program designed to teach and encourage leadership skills and administered through classes, workshops, trips and guest speaking events. The program is sponsored by the Yale School of Management and is the only program of its kind in the country.

Black Student Alliance at Yale

Yale University

Historian

2008-Present

Bring African-Americans together for events, networking and discussion of selected topics. Catalogs records and as a member of the Political Action Committee, play a part in setting the political agenda for the Association.

Black Student Union

LACES

Co-Founder/Co-President

2007-2008

Founded club intended to bring the minority community at LACES together. Worked closely with the Black Parent Organization to improve the achievement of African-American students.

ACTIVITIES

College Acceptance

Yale University

Tutor

2008-Present

Help high school juniors prepare for the college application process, especially the personal statement.

Peer Counseling

LACES

Advanced Peer Counselor

2005-2008

Mentored and counseled students ranging from sixth to twelfth grade who dealt with issues including: isolation; self-mutilation; and academics. Participated in a semester long training intended to prepare students for situations encountered as a counselor. Achieved the highest Peer Counselor rating available.

SKILLS

Proficient in Microsoft Word and Power point Limited Excel proficiency and Spanish experience/proficiency