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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

“We may have
 all come on
 different ships,
 but we’re in
 the same boat
 now.”

— Martin
 Luther King, Jr.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Academic honors
- Event planning experience
- Awareness of diversity
- Knowledge of languages
- Experiences abroad

I was raised in a small town in Northern New Jersey called Ridgefield, only a five minute drive to the George Washington Bridge to cross into Manhattan. I am the eldest child and have two younger brothers.

From a young age, I strived for academic excellence in all projects and assignments I was given. I was not satisfied if I received anything less than an A; as a first grader I once wrote in my diary that I wished we went to school on the weekend. My grades in college have earned Dean List honors each semester.

I had given thought to a wide range of possible career options during various times in my life ranging from a pilot to a teacher to finally business and hotel management. As a senior in high school I had my first basic event planning experience for a fundraising event and realized I truly enjoy organization and coordination.

After my college career, I hope to find a position in a hotel working in sales and management in the event and banquet department.

Some of my favorite leisure activities include reading, dancing, arts and crafts, and cooking.



HFTP SCHOLARSHIP

In November 2009, I was nominated by Dr. Seoki Lee of Temple University to receive an academic scholarship from the professional organization Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals. On November 17, 2009 I attended an award dinner to accept my scholarship. As well as event coordination, I am also interested in aspects of finance and accounting and I was able to network and make valuable connections at this event.



CULTURAL AWARENESS

As a teenager, I discovered a new found interest in aspects of diversity and multiculturalism. I grew up in a conservative Jewish household and have had personal experiences relating to diversity since those who practice Judaism comprise only about 1% of the total world population.

I had many friends of Latino/Hispanic background and began to explore this culture in depth. Over a few years, I found that I began to identify strongly with these cultures rather than my own Russian, Irish and Polish heritages that my family is relatively far removed from in terms of language, traditions and culture through several generations of Americanization.

I began to learn about various traditions in a number of different Latino cultures as well as pick up relatively easily on both the Portuguese and Spanish languages. The surrounding area of where I grew up also provided so much

ethnic diversity and enhanced my experience.

Currently, being culturally aware and knowledgeable is very beneficial in a world that is said to be becoming “smaller” in addition to being something of great interest to me.

As a member of the Membership, Conference and Global and Cultural Awareness Committee in Montague and Associates, I have been appointed Head of Global and Cultural Awareness. I look forward to further educating myself as well as my associates throughout the semester.

