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For International Division III Vice President



"Breaking Barriers and Building Triumphs"

I was born in New York City but grew up in Trinidad and Tobago, a small island nestled in the southern Caribbean. My insatiable curiosity to explore the world ignited from a desire to understand my birthplace, propelling me to chart my path despite financial hurdles. Working tirelessly after high school, I saved every penny to pursue my dream of higher education and eventual journey to America.

Now, as a student at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington, Indiana, I embark on a new chapter, pursuing a degree in Informatics with a passion for International Studies as a proud first-generation, non-traditional college student. Despite my introverted nature, I embrace challenges and opportunities for growth. My journey is not just about personal development; it's about equipping myself with the skills and insights necessary to positively impact the communities and individuals I hope to serve in the future. As a student advocate, I am dedicated to breaking the barriers that hinder us and championing inclusivity and equal opportunities for all. My drive stems from a profound desire not only to achieve my personal goals but also to uplift and empower those around me wherever I can.

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About me

I've always been captivated by the world's diversity and cultural richness, especially having grown up in a nation that values multiculturalism and celebrates cultural festivals as national holidays. These celebrations brought people of all backgrounds together, fostering a sense of unity that deeply resonated with me.

I'm someone who enjoys exploring new places and trying new things because you'll never know unless you try it and life is too short. I get excited over the simplest things and the natural beauty of the world. I am that person who will point out sunsets and the moon every time I think it looks beautiful. I find nature to be very calming; I could look out at the ocean and for a brief moment, forget about the world around me.

In my other spare time, I enjoy indulging in new TV series and undertaking craft projects, like making piñatas. As of lately I've been trying to put aside more time for self care because taking care of one's mental health is just as important and I'm a huge promoter of having music be a part of your daily routine. It makes the most mundane of tasks 10 times more fun.



Career Aspirations

While living in Trinidad and Tobago, I became too familiar with the recurring danger of hurricanes and destructive floods. In observing the challenges my community endured in these crises, I felt compelled to take action seeking solutions to mitigate future damage.

In March 2023, I had the privilege of visiting a refugee center in Rome. Listening to the heartbreaking stories of many refugees, and witnessing the support offered by the center left a profound impression on me.

My dedication to humanitarianism stems from personal experiences of adversity within my family and community. This journey fueled my ambition to pursue a career in disaster preparedness and management, and to assist refugees as a UN peacekeeper.



Family

Deciding to leave Trinidad was not an easy decision. It would be the furthest away from my family I'd ever been. But, family is one of my biggest motivates. Even from 2,507 miles, they are my biggest supporters.

My sister is my whole world. Being 15 years apart, she looks up to her big sister and I strive to be a role model and sister that she's proud of. I strive to be an example that the sky is not the limit, instead it is limitless.



CCsmart

As chapter co-president 2023-2024, my biggest project was advocating for CCsmart. Two years ago, when I decided to enroll at a community college, I too encountered doubts. Despite the prevailing online stigma surrounding community college, I found it to be the perfect fit for me.

The opportunities, support, and close connections I've experienced with fellow students and college faculty continues to reinforce my decision. I am committed to sharing my journey to dispel misconceptions about community colleges and encourage others to embrace them as valuable options in education.

Leadership

- Malabar/Arima Non-Profit Organization (MANGO)

I became involved with MANGO, Trinidad from 2016-2019. As a non-profit, our focus was on poverty alleviation and community development as we strived to aid underprivileged citizens across the country. I worked with children and adults with physical disabilities and assisted with wheelchair distributions, food drives, clothing drives, and mobile health clinics.

- Student Leadership Academy graduate 2022
- Co-president of Alpha Rho Sigma 2023-present
- Officer in Disability Support Services 2023-present
- Little Italy presentation and panel discussion
- Monthly luncheon with the Chancellor



Trunk or Treat community event and fundraiser

Fellowship

- Indiana Regional Spring Conference 2023
- Catalyst Convention – Ohio 2023
- Indiana Regional Fall Conference 2023
- Ivy Tech Student Leadership Conference 2023
- PTK fellowship events

Service

- Alternative Spring Break (Service Learning) - Italy
- Resource Fair Info Table
- PTK membership recruitment
- Disability Support Group membership recruitment
- Grad Fest Dunk Tank fundraiser
- Dine and Donate fundraisers
- Graduation Flower Sale fundraiser
- Trunk or Treat community event and fundraiser
- Scholar Dash
- Campus Tours
- Monroe County Fall Festival activities booth
- Leadership workshops with middle school visits
- Student Disciplinary Appeals Board and Hearing

Scholarship

- Ivy Achieves Scholarship 2022
- Futures Unlimited Scholarship 2022-2023
- Student Leadership Academy 2022
- Gabe Hinds and Nikolas Kalosandros Scholarship 2023
- Dr. Lou Pierro Endowed Scholarship 2023-2024
- Nominee for Distinguished Chapter Officer

PTK info table for membership recruitment

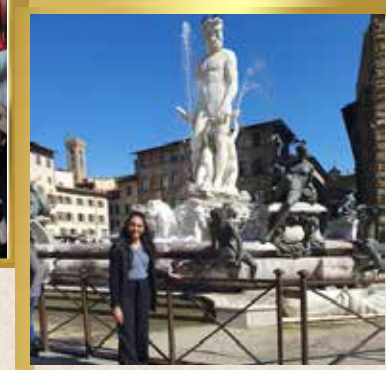
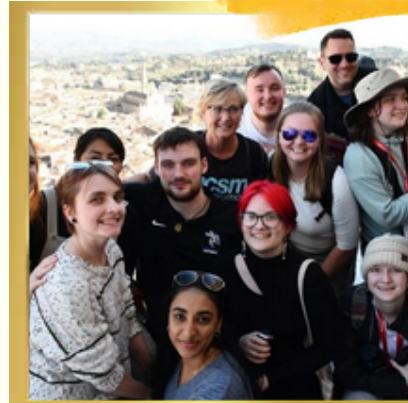


Graduation Flower Sale Fundraiser



Dine and Donate fundraiser at Chipotle

Italy 2023



Little Italy Presentation

