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CELIA RATTNER

My name is Celia Rattner and this fall, I am supposed to matriculate to Washington University in St. Louis (commonly known as WashU) as a first year student. Given the school's regulations in response to Covid-19, I am considering a gap year. Currently, I am trying to set up some sort of internship or volunteer opportunity with a number of organizations. While I completed more than eight years of French education in middle school and high school, my language proficiency has declined and I'm interested in ameliorating my French skills. Thus, I would love to secure a position that will not only give me work experience, but allow me to improve my French. This could include working for a French company doing business in the US; tutoring French immigrants or French children in English; or working at a French restaurant with a largely French patronage. Anything to help me improve my language skills is appreciated.

CLUBS, ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

School Newspaper: *The Parker Weekly* – Features Editor

10TH-12TH GRADE : 5Hr/W, 44W/Yr

- *The Parker Weekly* is a student-run newspaper at Francis W. Parker with 11 annual issues that publishes both online and in print.
- As a sophomore, served as a Staff Writer, and as a junior, worked as a Copy Editor.
- For the 2019-2020 school year, I served as the Editor to the Features section of the paper.

Model United Nations – Middle School Team Captain

10TH-12TH GRADE : 5Hr/W, 36 W/Yr

- Competed in regional conferences around Chicago and an international conference in Dubai, UAE with Parker's Model UN team. Was supposed with Parker's delegation to Athens, Greece in March, 2020.
- For the 2019-2020 school year, I was a Captain and was tasked with planning and running in-school symposia.

Francis W. Parker Model UN (FWPMUN) – Head Chair

11TH-12TH GRADE : 5Hr/W, 22W/Yr

- FWPMUN is the annual day-long Model UN conference hosted at Parker.
- Held the position of Assistant Chair at FWMPUNIII.
- Served as a Head Chair to my own committee at FWMPUNIV, tasked with creating a unique topic, writing a background guide, and chairing the committee on the day of the conference.

Red Pine Camp – Leadership Program

2011-2018 : 168 Hr/W, 4-8 W/Yr

- After attending Red Pine Camp for seven summers, I joined the camp's Leadership Program in the summer of 2018.
- The Leadership Program requires the oldest campers to sort mail, raise/lower the flag, lead songs at meals, run the candy store, and organize all-camp activities, such as the talent show and final Banquet.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Internship for Lawyers for the Creative Arts

SUMMER 2020

Filing for law non-profit.

Social Media

11TH GRADE: 4Hr/W, 40W/Yr

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, I conducted an independent study into the sociology of social media, delving into themes such as the influence of social media in elections and authenticity online.

Independent Study: French Literature

12TH GRADE: 4Hr/W, 12W/Yr

During the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year, I conducted an independent study into French literature, in which I read a number of works by Guy de Maupassant, among other French writers and poets. I ended the semester by writing my own short story in the style of Maupassant.

Oxbridge Academic Programs–L'Académie de Paris

July, 2019: 168Hr/W, 4W

Studied creative writing at Oxbridge's L'Académie de Paris for four weeks. Also completed a minor course named "Paris: Ville Imaginaire" which explored French cinema and popular tourist sites through French immersion.

Babysitting

9TH-12TH GRADE: 2Hr/W, 52W/Yr

Babysits for neighborhood children, ranging in age from 3 months to 9 years.

GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST

- Politics, including debate and social justice causes
- Writing
- Culture (film, literature, fine art, art history, dance, music)