Good thing I’m a creature of habit and not much has changed in the world of personal statements over the years. Here is the most recent recording of my personal statement brainstorming session for those who could not attend last week. The biggest addition is an exercise that I’ve been suggesting over the last year or so that seems to work for a lot of students and gets them to “attack the blank page” early and often. Don’t get stressed about the thought of needing to get out your entire personal statement, fully formed and edited, all at once. Draft vignettes. Jot down ideas or paragraphs that you may want to expand/expound on. You may notice after a few that there is a common thread, and that cohesive theme is incredibly important. https://youtu.be/CvwZ9Fp90ns

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1.
Samaritan Health Center is looking for volunteer interns!
Are you looking for a place where you can use your skills and talents to impact the community? Perhaps you are pre-med and looking for an internship in a free clinic setting? If so, we have a place to offer you. We offer an impactful experience with the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience in a fun and community-oriented environment!

Internship Details:
Internship for college graduate, or undergraduate student in pre-med, social work or other field-relevant major, with the following qualities and skills:
- strong Spanish speaker, including on the phone
- strong attention to detail
- reliability & professionalism
- ability to work both independently and as an engaged member of a team
- ability to work with a diverse client population
- respect for privacy and confidential information
- an eagerness to learn and a demonstrated self-starter
- knowledge and experience with Microsoft Office and ability to learn our electronic medical record system, Practice Fusion
- active in a local church
- committed to the mission of Samaritan Health Center

The focus of this internship is front desk support at our Garrett Road clinic: scheduling patients, answering and returning phone calls, greeting visitors, and generally producing a welcoming atmosphere at clinic. This will include administrative tasks (filing, documentation, data entry, etc.), with the potential for learning other aspects of clinic operations if front desk responsibilities permit, or completing special projects as requested by physicians or the Executive Director. All internships require a commitment of at least one half day per week. For summer 2017, opportunities are Monday afternoons (12-5 PM), Tuesday afternoons (3-8 PM), Wednesday mornings (9 AM-1 PM) and Thursday mornings (9 AM-1 or 2 PM). Those interested in internships should submit a resume and specific letter of interest, including days and times of summer availability, to jobs@samaritanhealthcenter.org. Please include “2017 Summer Internship” in the subject line of email. Samaritan Health Center is a faith-based primary care medical clinic serving the low-income residents of Durham and the surrounding communities.
2. If you are interested in being a part of the 2017-2018 Editorial Team for The Health Humanities Journal of UNC-CH, the application is now available at [https://goo.gl/forms/XWJBGvf9HqHqUKZo2](https://goo.gl/forms/XWJBGvf9HqHqUKZo2). All applications are due by April 17. If you have any questions, please email: hhj.uncch@gmail.com.

3. Happy Kids, Healthy Kids is a new nonprofit start-up that is working to prevent childhood obesity in the United States, which has one of the highest obesity rates in the world. By partnering with local schools and the UNC sports teams, we will equip children and parents with the tools to achieve a healthy, more active lifestyle through a structured afterschool program. We are looking for students to take on leadership roles in our organization and volunteer, as well. If interested, please fill out the following form: [https://goo.gl/forms/2medzXtlo33BYhJ22](https://goo.gl/forms/2medzXtlo33BYhJ22)

This is the perfect opportunity for students who are pre-health or love working with children.
For more information visit happykidshealthykids.org or e-mail jeet.galani@happykidshealthykids.org

4. The University of North Carolina’s Institute for Trauma Recovery is seeking highly talented baccalaureate or master’s degree holders with an outstanding academic record and passion of research, to apply for a one year research funding opportunity sponsored by the federal government. Eligibility for this funding includes individuals with disabilities and individuals from the following racial and ethnic groups, which have been showed to be underrepresented in biomedical research: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, Hawaiian Natives, and natives of the US Pacific Islands. Further eligibility requirements based on academic level are below. Grant funding for the position is scheduled to begin in December 2017, but there is the possibility of a temporary department position starting in summer 2017. The individuals selected will apply, with UNC’s Institute for Trauma Recovery’s Investigators, to the federal government for a one year full time position to assist with its research activities.

The goal of the Institute for Trauma Recovery is to advance understanding of the biological processes mediating recovery after trauma, and to use the latest scientific technology to develop individually tailored interventions that promote rapid recovery and prevent chronic symptom development. A primary responsibility of this individual will be to assist in the coordination of one or more research projects. This may involve many skills and tasks, including conducting in person and telephone surveys with participants, tracking and monitoring participants through the studies, training remote sites in study procedures and maintaining daily/weekly communication with recruiting sites, completing mock patients and training new data collectors at recruiting sites. Other responsibilities will include working closely with a multidisciplinary research team to advance all studies in the research program.

**Baccalaureate and Master’s Degree Holders:**
Candidates must have demonstrated an interest in and wish to pursue research training in health-related sciences such as biology, psychology, or neuroscience while applying for admission to graduate or medical school. Candidates must also possess excellent communication and problem-solving skills. The duration of the program will be one year.

Interested individuals should send their CV and a personal statement (500 words maximum), describing their background and reason for interest in applying for the position to jkostyla@aims.unc.edu
Information regarding the research group can be found at: [https://www.med.unc.edu/anesthesiology/research/UNC-Institute-for-Trauma-Recovery-research-group](https://www.med.unc.edu/anesthesiology/research/UNC-Institute-for-Trauma-Recovery-research-group)
To learn more about this funding opportunity, and for eligibility details, please visit: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-288.html

5. Need Practical Experience?? Seeking weekday summer helper Immediately for 14 year old Teen with Mild Cerebral Palsy (starting June 2017 near Chapel Hill) Our family is looking for an upstanding individual to work Saturdays and some 3 hour shifts on Sundays this summer from June – late August, 2016. In the fall, if desired, can transition to working minimum of 2x/month on the weekends. Assist at the pool and in the home setting; aid in doing OT, PT, ST exercises and his daily activities. Great experience for your resume!

REQUIREMENTS:

- Strong values, and standards. This is an absolute MUST for us.
- Mature college student; experience with special needs children a plus.
- Seeking high energy, loving, patient and flexible personality.
- Good communicator with both children and adults.
- Must live in or nearby Chapel Hill/Durham
- Excellent driving record (may assist with driving son to activities or therapy sessions)

Please submit your resume and references for serious consideration of this excellent position to Connie at (connie.tempest@gmail.com) The agency who employs the student is A Small Miracle, LLC. Sarah-Jane Fitch is the Quality Professional who oversees all the habilitation technicians (the job title) for Gabriel, my son. Monica Kulesza, Staffing Coordinator does the training. Duties are unique per client based on the annual goals and objectives set.

6. We are looking for motivated, reliable students to assist with a clinical research study based in the operating room and intensive care unit. Students will assist with handling and processing of biological samples, as well as data management, for a study of post-operative atrial fibrillation after cardiac surgery. Hours are variable, but will average approximately 5 hours/week per student. Please contact Dr. Emily Teeter (Department of Anesthesiology) at eteeter@aims.unc.edu if interested.

7. As Team Advisors/Assistant Team Advisors, students will serve as mentors to numerous high school students seeking further insight and hands on experience in the medical field. Team advisors are responsible for:
- leading academic and leadership development sessions
- assisting our Administrative staff, Professors and Leadership Facilitators with program components such as clinical diagnostic simulations, surgical rounds and team building
- serving as resident advisors, residing in the dormitories on the same floors as students, and serving as chaperones for medical facility visits and social excursions
* Candidates should have completed coursework in pre-med and science courses and have a strong interest in the health care field. Work or internships in medical or research facilities is highly favored. EMT training is a plus. For further details: https://www.nslcleaders.org/about-summer-youth-programs/job-opportunities/

Our hiring process is still open and I encourage all to apply if interested.

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