

OLIVIA PAYSON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A student embracing the collaboration of politics and the arts through performance, nonprofit work, advocacy, and policy change
- Focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion research and promotion

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, expected May 2023

- Coursework: American Political Parties, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in PA, Global Relations, Political Analysis, Middle Eastern Studies, Social Justice and Social Change

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre, expected May 2023

- Coursework: Voice, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Scene Studies, Shakespeare, Pop/Rock, Choreography

LEADERSHIP

Recipient of the 2022 Cortez A.M. Ewing Public Service Fellowship

Chair/Vice Chair- The Fine Arts Diversity Council

2022-2023/2021-2022

Vice Chair- The Dean's Student Advisory Council

2022-2023

Social Media/Public Relations Chair- The Justice League

2020-2022

Internal Affairs/Programming Chair- The Fine Arts Diversity Council

2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern for Congressional Representative Lois Frankel

2022

- Worked on Capitol Hill with the Legislative and Communication staff to help promote Representative Frankel's policies
- Included legislative research for bill writing, news clipping, memorandum writing, attending briefings, handling constituent correspondence, and providing Capitol tours

Dean's Student Advisory Council at the University of Oklahoma

2020-2023

- Represents the constituents of the College of Fine Arts to the Dean
- Serves as the Vice Chair and head of the Fundraising team to raise money for scholarships, equitable opportunities, greater performances, student showcases, etc.

University of Oklahoma Writing Center

2021-2023

- Conducts peer tutoring sessions to improve the written work of both Undergraduate and Graduate students as a writing consultant
- Serves as the Event Planner and facilitates greater connections between the center, students, and other campus organizations

Undergraduate Student Congress at the University of Oklahoma

2021-2023

- Sole Representative for the College of Fine Arts
- Vice Chair of the Committee of Human Diversity and organizes events to promote greater inclusive practices across campus

Undergraduate Student Research at the University of Oklahoma

2020-2022

- Conducted scientific research on how to improve the diversity, equity, and inclusion of Musical Theatre BFA programs via communication with artists and instructors alike

Lobbying at the Oklahoma State Capitol

2021

- Lobbied Senators and Representatives for increased educational funding

SKILLS

Intermediate French and French immersion

Adept in professional writing styles

Proficient in data analysis with R