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An energetic and motivated young community leader with a passion for the advancement of democracy in South Africa. With a passion to serve, Lwazi has been in the forefront of fighting for transformation in Stellenbosch University in 2015 and was also one of the prominent leaders of the #FeesMustFall movement. He is passionate about governance and has travelled the world getting his knowledge polished. He is also well versed in the field of policy analysis, administration and communication. Lwazi is a former intern in the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa and currently serves as the Ward Councillor of the City of Cape Town in Langa, Ward 51.

EDUCATION

2019 **Bachelor of Arts in Social Dynamics**

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Majors: Politics; History, English Studies

2013 National Senior Certificate

Leap Science and Maths School

LEADERSHIP, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 Student Representative Council:

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

2019 ANC NEC 14th Workshop: China

Beijing, China

2018 Residence Committee: Deputy Head Student

Huis MacDonald

2016 SASCO Western Cape Provincial Convener

Western Cape, South Africa

2016 International Youth Conference: Guest

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2018- December 2018

Public participation freelancer

Stellenbosch University, Equality Unit

Description: Tasked with ensuring public participation among students before the implementation of the universities Discrimination Policy. I was responsible for organizing focus groups, record concerns, write a report and submit to the supervisors.

August 2019- June 2020

Communications officer

Student Representative Council, Stellenbosch University

Description: Tasked with the responsibility of communicating with the entire student population on issues that affected students and the decisions that the university executive was taking on behalf the institution. Part of my role was to ensure accessibility to help for students and always being available to step up when leadership is required.

January 2021- November 2021

Intern

Parliament of the Republic of SA - Finance Unit

Description: Tasked with the role of assisting with administrative duties of the finance unit such as ensuring that all Parliamentary Constituency Offices of the majority party receive funds from their Caucus and ensuring that they also account for those funds as per the requirements of the Caucus. I was also tasked with ensuring proper record keeping of the financial records.

November 2021- Currently

Ward Councillor City of Cape Town

Description: Elected representative of the people in the City Council, tasked mainly with the duty of ensuring service delivery in the community and being the voice of the community in various committees.

November 2021- Currently

Member of Municipal Public Accounts Committee

City of Cape Town

Description: Section 78 committee of the Municipal Structures Act meant to investigate matters of Irregular, Wasteful and Fruitless expenditure within the municipality.

SKILLS

Peace and Conflict resolution: Skills and experience gained through the Department of International Relations and Cooperation; constantly applied in the different leadership roles I occupy.

Communication: Knowledgeable on the effective ways of communicating with people, efficiently, using different platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Trained on public speaking through being involved in the Debating Society. Writing skills gained through English Studies as my major in university. I am skilled and trained in report writing as I was also exposed in rigorous report writing in Applied English studies in undergraduate.

Interpersonal: Advanced through the passion to serve the people of South Africa and working directly with students and young people to develop their conditions. I have worked very closely with the community of Langa where I stayed before I moved to Stellenbosch. As young activists we engaged the community a lot on issues that affected them and we would take those issues up with the local leadership. As Councillor I still implement these skills.

Decision making: Developed through training on Decision making and value studies as well as through the leadership structures such as the SRC which I lead in. As Councillor I engage a lot in serious decision making meetings and processes.

Project management: Experience gained through the management of community projects in Langa and in within the university. Executed the first RegisterAll campaign under the SRC and administrated it with the Bursaries and Loans in 2016. The project raised over R600 000 in donations to assist students with debt. As Councillor I have also ensured many projects run smoothly.

Technical: Microsoft (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

REFERENCES

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