



Board Details

CITY RESIDENCY REQUIRED.

- (a)The student community relations advisory board shall consist of seven voting members who serve on the board and are appointed by the city commission.
- (b)When possible the student community relations advisory board will include the following:(1)Three students. Students are defined as persons attending a postsecondary educational institution.(2)Three non-students. A non-student is defined as a person who is not a student, as defined above.(3)One administrator from a postsecondary educational institution. The city commission may appoint two additional administrators from postsecondary educational institutions to be nonvoting members of the board.
- (c)If no applicants meet the above criteria any resident of the city may be appointed to the board.
- (d)Student and non-student members of the student community relations advisory board shall be and remain bona fide residents of the city. If at any time any student or non-student member of the student community relations advisory board fails to be and remain a resident of the city the person shall be automatically disqualified and removed from the board.
- (e)Student members shall be appointed for a term of one year. Administrator and non-student members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms, but no member shall serve more than four successive years. Reappointment may then occur after at least one year of absence from the student community relations advisory board. If a vacancy occurs, a new appointment shall be made by the city commission for the unexpired term.

Created by Ordinance No. 060431 (December 11, 2006). Board to act as a vehicle for students and non-students to voice their concerns and opinions; to review, discuss, and forward recommendations as appropriate, on issues, concerns, and initiatives relevant to students and non-students; to establish and implement a new member orientation; to assess and address needs of non-students as they pertain to student issues; to provide outlets for action by students and non-students; to be a knowledgeable liaison between the City Commission and the students and non-students of Gainesville; to encourage involvement by non-students and students in planning and implementation of improvements; and, to ensure that student issues are addressed by providing a link between the students, non-students, and the City Commission.

Overview

- Size** 7 Seats
- Term Length** 1 Year
- Term Limit** 2 Terms

Additional

Advisory Board Website

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CodeEnforcement/StudentCommunityRelationsAdvisoryBoard.aspx>

Agendas and Minutes are located

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CodeEnforcement/StudentCommunityRelationsAdvisoryBoard.aspx>

Ordinance

Ord. No. 060431, § 1, 12-11-06



Board Roster



Kevin Trejos

2nd Term Nov 05, 2020 - Sep 30, 2021

Category Student Voting Member



Andre Bostic

1st Term Nov 05, 2020 - Sep 30, 2021

Category Student Voting Member



Ms Roselind C Brown

1st Term Feb 18, 2021 - Sep 30, 2022

Category Voting Non-Student Member



Dr. Bahram Dideban

1st Term Oct 21, 2021 - Sep 30, 2023

Category Voting Non-Student Member



Andrew G Selepak

1st Term Oct 21, 2021 - Sep 30, 2023

Category Voting Non-Student Member



Dr. Patricia Sohn

1st Term Oct 21, 2021 - Sep 30, 2023

Category Non Voting Post Secondary Administrator



Solange Douglas

1st Term Oct 21, 2021 - Sep 30, 2023

Category Administrative Voting Member

STUDENT APPLICATION

Profile

View current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

Prefix Sean _____
First Name

Middle Initial M _____
Last Name

Suffix

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Street Address

Suite or Apt

Gainesville
City

FL
State

32601
Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> *

District 4

Mobile: (352) 262-4068
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Employer

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Gainesville Human Rights Board: Submitted
Student Community Relations Advisory Board: Submitted

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STUDENT BOARD SEATS, terms ending 9/30/2022

City Residency Required

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- Gainesville Human Rights Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board
- Student Community Relations Advisory Board

City Residency NOT Required

- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- City Beautification Board
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Public Recreation and Parks Board
- Tree Advisory Board

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

The Gainesville Human Rights Board has 1 STUDENT SEAT term ending 9/30/2022. City Residency Required

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

The Student Community Relations Advisory Board requires City Residency and has 3 student seats with a term ending 9/30/2022. City Residency Required

Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?

Yes No

Review the text of FLA. STAT. Section 119 [HERE](#).

If yes, it is required that you submit a detailed explanation of exemption. Upload additional documentation if necessary.

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Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Human Rights Board?

I am interested in serving on this board because I believe I have a lot to offer the city of Gainesville through my experience. I am born and raised in Gainesville and I currently am involved in the Alachua County Labor Union, GNV4ALL, and Aces In Motion. Having studied human rights issues through my anthropology and public health background, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that each citizen of Gainesville is afforded the same rights as everyone else regardless of race, ethnicity, age, or gender. This is especially true considering the high degree of economic segregation present within our city. Therefore, I ask to serve on this committee in order to better human rights for my fellow citizens.

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Student Community Relations Advisory Board?

I am currently a student at UF and have been closely following the situation concerning public safety and traffic accidents. I believe that the city of Gainesville has a responsibility to reestablish trust lost as a result of these horrific incidents. Additionally, I believe students, who are both competent and committed, should have a say in how the city of Gainesville operates. It is, after all, our city as well.

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

0

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

0

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NON-STUDENTS Which non-student position are you applying for?

None Selected

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behavior or another reason?

Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

[Resume..docx](#)

Upload a Resume

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Sean Amiel

(352) 262-4068 | seanamiel@ufl.edu | www.linkedin.com/in/sean-amiel/

EDUCATION

University of Florida, College of Public Health and Health Professions
Bachelor of Public Health

May 2022
Gainesville, FL

- Minor: Anthropology, Medical Geography in Global Health
- Cumulative GPA: 3.89/4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aces In Motion (AIM)

June 2021 – Present

Summer Camp Counselor/After School Counselor

UF Health Shands – Supply Chain Services

April 2021 – May 2021

Strategic Sourcing Intern

Gainesville, FL

- Learned to operate Vizient and HAMI in order to navigate supply chain services contracts and associated documentation
- Evaluated over 2500 leasing contracts and purchase agreements to locate undiscovered rebate clauses and to update expired information
- Saved UF Health Shands \$105,000 by finding 7 undiscovered purchase agreements with rebate clauses
- Recorded detailed notes on procedures involved in operating HAMI so that future interns may be able to learn the program interface with ease

UF Health Shands – Sebastian Ferrero Office of Clinical Quality and Patient Safety

March 2021 – April 2021

Quality Improvement Intern

Gainesville, FL

- Shadowed a quality improvement specialist to understand how AHCA and Joint Commission standards and regulations are applied within inpatient and outpatient settings
- Conducted a tracer within an outpatient physical therapy facility to ensure that Joint Commission regulations were heeded by staff and managers
- Reviewed documented inpatient and outpatient tracers to reveal certain trends or patterns within the accumulated data
- Attended several core policy and procedure meetings in order to better understand the interdepartmental politics and to better understand the process of creating or updating hospital policies

Oak Hall High School Varsity Soccer Team

October 2018 – February 2019

Assistant Coach

Gainesville, FL

- Led drills and general operations during practices held three times a week to facilitate the effective use of time while developing the basic skills needed to ensure better performance and cooperation amongst the team
- Traveled to all 17 games in a supervisory role to offer assistance in the form of emotional support in addition to generating game analysis and tactical breakdowns so that the players may react accordingly
- Organized several social events outside of scheduled practice times in order to further deepen the teammates comradery and chemistry guaranteeing sportsmanship on and off the field
- Used my prior experience as defensive player of the year to aid in the development of strategies and field positioning to diminish the amount of goals conceded

Holiday Inn Hotel

May 2018

Front Desk Intern

Lake City, FL

- Managed front desk operations through checking in and checking out guests to facilitate normal business operations and help maintain successful client relationships
- Assessed individual rooms for quality and cleanliness as a housekeeping assistant to uphold the standards of the company and the brand
- Operated the front desk register so that customers may be served various beverages and food stuffs to garner extra revenue for the company
- Served customers in the restaurant as a waiter to ensure attentive care and consistent customer service so that the customers would continually return to the hotel

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

UF Undergraduate Public Health Association

Club Vice President

May 2021 – Present

Club Treasurer

May 2020 – May 2021

- Invited numerous UF professors for the purpose of sharing their research interests with club members to promote interest in public health
- Managed the funds for the club so that any events or services rendered would have sufficient supplies

Club Member

September 2018 – May 2020

- Attended multiple lectures concerning related public health topics to gain a better understanding of the subject and help focus my future professional aspirations
- Participated in discussion activities to generate a dialogue on current public health issues and to connect with other undergraduates enrolled in the Bachelor of Public Health program
- Developed interpersonal relationships with fellow club members as well as researchers and professors to foster an atmosphere of trust and cooperation

UF Eta Sigma Phi, Epsilon Iota Chapter

Club Vice President

May 2021 – Present

Club Treasurer

May 2020 – May 2021

- Managed the funds for the club so that any events or services rendered would have sufficient supplies/resources
- Helped in advertising and promoting the study of the classics to motivate UF students to join the organization

UF Global Brigades

May 2021 – Present

Education Director

Gainesville, FL

GNV4ALL UF Chapter

October 2020 – Present

Health and Transportation Chair

Gainesville, FL

- Directed fundraising efforts for the College of Dentistry so that medical supplies were provided for the annual Alachua County elementary school dental screenings
- Participated in GNV4ALL community meetings to discuss pressing issues concerning local public policy and health policy
- Distributed fliers to East Gainesville residents in order to advertise Navigator services for the special enrollment period on healthcare.gov

contraCOVID Gainesville

October 2020 – April 2021

Member

Gainesville, FL

- Facilitated a group presentation on the severity of economic segregation in Gainesville, FL in order to educate UF students on racial and health disparities
- Conducted interviews with teachers and school administrators in Gainesville, FL as part of an IRB approved study created to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the public education system in Alachua county

Aces in Motion (AIM)

February 2020 – June 2021

Tutor/Mentor

Gainesville, FL

- Tutored middle school and high school children in different topics including Geometry, English, and History
- Provided instruction on basic professional skills including the construction of a resume and conducting mock interviews to ensure understanding of workplace expectations
- Received training sessions focused on enhancing the interpersonal connection with students in order to create a greater sense of trust and ensure compliance

TOPSoccer

November 2018 – April 2019

Volunteer/Mentor

Gainesville, FL

- Mentored developmentally disabled children in the basic skills of soccer to create a family friendly and recreational safe space for nurturing creativity and forming memorable moments
- Contributed in team building activities for the purpose of creating friendships and enhancing the overall experience of my assigned children
- Supervised efforts to pick up and clean up various equipment so that members would be capable of leaving on time and in an orderly fashion
- Guided my assigned special needs child in proper stretching techniques to prevent any injuries incurred as a result of strenuous physical activity

SKILLS

Latin (Intermediate)

French (Beginner)

ArcGIS (Basic)

Microsoft Office Suite

CERTIFICATIONS

NASM – CPT

American Red Cross – Adult First Aid/CPR/AED

AWARDS OR HONORS

President's Honor Roll Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Dean's List Fall 2018 – Present

PHHP Honor's Program Spring 2021 – Present

STUDENT APPLICATION



City of Gainesville

Clerk of the Commission
PO Box 490, Station 19
Gainesville, Florida 32627
352 334 5015

APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES (Please Print or Type)

PROFILE

____ Jon _____ A. _____ Parker _____
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

jon.parker@ufl.edu

Email Address

906 NW 6th Ave

Street Address

Gainesville

City

Suite or Apt

FL

State

32601

Postal Code

In which district do you live?

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

I do not live in Gainesville

Question applies to Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area:

Do you live and/or work within the reinvestment area?

I live in the reinvestment area.

I live and work in the reinvestment area.

I work in the reinvestment area.

I neither live nor work in the reinvestment area.

Employer Address (if in GCRA): N/A

Primary Phone: 510.205.4659

Alternate Phone:

Primary Phone Type:

Home Cell

Office

Other:

Alternate Phone Type:

Home Cell

Office

Other:

Employer: University of Florida

Job Title: Graduate Research Assistant

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan
- Charter Review Commission
- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- City Beautification Board
- City Plan Board Development Review Board
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority
- Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust
- Gainesville Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
- Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Gainesville Housing Authority
- Gainesville Human Rights Board
- Historic Preservation Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Pension Review Committee
- Police Advisory Council
- Public Recreation and Parks Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board
- SHIP – Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Student Community Relations Advisory Board
- Tree Advisory Board
- Utility Advisory Board
- Wild Spaces Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee

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Question applies to Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority:

All applicants to the Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority must submit a signed copy of the GACCRA Certification Form.

Download a pdf of the form at:

[http://www.cityofgainesville.org/Portals/0/clerk/GACCRA Certification Form_2015.pdf](http://www.cityofgainesville.org/Portals/0/clerk/GACCRA%20Certification%20Form_2015.pdf)

If applying to GACRAA, attach the completed form to this application.

Question applies to the Police Advisory Council:

Are you currently employed as a Police Officer for the City of Gainesville? Yes No

Question applies to SHIP – Affordable Housing Advisory Council:

Do you represent one or more of the following categories?

- citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
- citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing
- citizen who actively serves on the city plan board
- citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction
- citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan
- none of the above

Question applies to SHIP – Affordable Housing Advisory Council:

If appointed to the City of Gainesville’s SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, I will attempt to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Represent and work for the benefit of both my specific constituency and the entire community;
2. Serve the entire two-year term;
3. If unable to complete a term, provide the City with a written letter of resignation;
4. Attend monthly meetings, either in-person or virtually;
5. Notify staff in advance, if unable to attend a meeting;
6. Arrive at meetings on-time and stay until the end of the meeting (usually 60-90 minutes);
7. Review backup materials provided by staff and/or other AHAC Members;
8. Thoughtfully complete evaluation forms, if asked to evaluate development proposals;
9. Participate in the development of all AHAC recommendations; and
10. Participate in presenting written and or verbal recommendations to the City Commission, including occasionally attending City Commission Meetings.

Yes or No; I agree with the above statement. (Circle one)

Question applies to Regional Transit System Advisory Board:

Are you a member of one of the following groups? (you may select more than one)

- Regular user of the transit system
- Senior Citizen
- Person with a disability
- Chamber of Commerce Representative
- Major employer in the local area
- University of Florida student nominated from a list of at least three names submitted by the University of Florida Student Senate (attach nomination)
- Environmental community
- Neighborhood/Homeowners Associations
- Student oriented housing developments
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Advisory Committee
- None of the above

Question applies to Utility Advisory Board:

Do you have any of the following experience? (you may select more than one)

- Experience as a utility demand customer
 - Experience as a utility service provider
 - investment banking, financial or certified public accounting experience
 - experience in energy and water conservation
 - experience with business, contract or corporate law experience, or contract law administration
 - Engineering experience
 - None of the above
-

Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?

- Yes No

If yes, please attach a detailed explanation of exemption to this application.

INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES

***Please answer the following three questions for each board you are applying to. Attach additional pages if necessary**

1. Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I live in District 1 and I am actively involved in my community. I have been to events put on by the GCRA and I feel as if this would be a great opportunity for me to help with future development.

I am also a student at UF. I am an older PhD student and would like to be a liaison between students and the city. My age would provide a different level of insight and experience that is needed on the board.

2. How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

N/A

3. Are you applying for a student seat? Yes No

4. Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behavior or another reason? Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (attach extra pages if needed)

Members of all City of Gainesville Advisory Boards and Committees must only serve two (2) consecutive terms, except for the City Plan Board, Development Review Board, Historic Preservation Board and the Police Advisory Council.

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESUME TO THIS APPLICATION.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Ethnicity: Asian or Pacific Islander African American
American Indian/Alaskan Native Aleutian Caucasian/Non-Hispanic
Other Unknown Prefer not to Answer

Gender: Male Female Nonbinary or third gender Prefer to self-describe
Prefer not to Answer

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

Paper applications are available in the Office of the City Clerk for pick-up on the first floor of City Hall at 200 E. University Ave. 32601, or may be mailed to those requesting one. Please contact Kristen Bryant at 352.275.8307 or email bryantk1@cityofgainesville.org. Mailed/paper applications must be received by the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline, typically by 5:00 pm on the last business day of the month.

Jon Parker, MAMFT, LPC, LMHC, NCC

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Education

Richmont Graduate University, Atlanta, GA 2014
Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 2002
Bachelor of Arts - African American Studies, Social Studies emphasis

Clinical Experience

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2020-2021
Mental Health Counselor

- Conducted triage appointments with UF students seeking counseling services
- Assisted students with social services needs including, but not limited to, referral to community resources
- Consulted with clinical faculty and case managers on students with urgent/emergent/recurrent concerns

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA Jan 2020 - May 2020
Mental Health Counselor

- Provide individual and group counseling services for students
- Responsible for promotion and coordination of mental health related events on campus
- Coordinate wellness activities for students, faculty, and staff

Jon Parker Consulting, Atlanta, GA/Gainesville, FL 2015 - Present
Therapist-Private Practice

- Provide individual, family, and group counseling services for clientele
- Develop treatment plans and/or safety plans for clients
- Provide life and business coaching services

Laurel Heights Hospital, Atlanta, GA 2015 - 2018
Therapist

- Conducted individual, family, and group therapy
- Responsible for case management and discharge planning
- Developed treatment plans, discharge plans, and safety plans for patients


Other Experience

Founder- BALEKA Wellness Initiative, Cape Town, South Africa /Atlanta, GA September 2018 - Present

- Facilitate nutritional and emotional health programs in various schools and community centers
- Host workshops and forums addressing the benefits of proper physical and emotional health
- Provide free and low cost counseling services
- Provide free cooking classes for youth and young adults
- Coordinate job shadowing opportunities for youth and young adults
- Created job readiness programs- Cape Town, South Africa

Co-Founder- BALEKA Run Club, Cape Town, South Africa /Atlanta, GA September 2018 - Present

- Organize group exercise and marathon training
- Conduct running tours of townships and other local areas- Cape Town, South Africa
- Coordinate group walks, hikes, and trail runs
- Provide mentoring services

- 
- Coordinate various community service projects
 - Created a homework / tutoring lab- Cape Town, South Africa

ProfileView current Advisory Board and Committee openings [online](#).

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix

mrazdan@ufl.edu
Email Address

_____	_____
2165 Museum Road	Suite or Apt
Street Address	

_____	_____	_____
Gainesville	FL	32611
City	State	Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit:**<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CityCommission/CityCommissionDistricts.aspx> *** District 4

_____	_____
Home: (813) 618-0074	Alternate Phone
Primary Phone	

Primary Phone Type

None Selected

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

_____	_____
Employer	Job Title

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Question applies to multiple boards

STUDENT BOARD SEATS, terms ending 9/30/2022

City Residency Required

- Historic Preservation Board
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board

City Residency NOT Required

- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development
- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment
- Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board
- Nature Centers Commission
- Public Recreation and Parks Board

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

The Gainesville Human Rights Board has 1 partial term ending 2/22/2022. City Residency Required

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

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Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Gainesville Human Rights Board?

I'm passionate about improving the welfare and protecting the rights of neurodivergent, disabled, and LGBTQ individuals. I've personally experienced a lack of access to mental health services for much of my life, so I want to promote access and support for the neurodivergent and disabled community. I am also questioning my gender and I'm noticing that the lack of visibility for people outside the gender binary is an obstacle that cisgender people face in accepting and understanding gender identities outside the gender binary. It's definitely an obstacle to my own acceptance and understanding of my own gender identity. This would be another issue I'd want to address through a set on the Gainesville Human Rights Board.

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Why are you interested in serving on the Student Community Relations Advisory Board?

As a UF student, I have learned about UF's historically fraught relationship with the Gainesville community. I know that in the past, UF has made promises to the city that it didn't keep, and that at times they have ignored what residents wanted for its own gain. Even today, there exists lingering bitterness toward the institution from some community members. But I think that with all its funds and other resources, UF could be a strong positive force in Gainesville, if there is open, constructive dialogue between representatives of the institution and representatives of the community. I want to acknowledge the difficult past relationship between UF and the community in order to move beyond it, and toward an equal partnership of mutual benefit to both UF and Gainesville as a whole.

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

0

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

How many terms have you served on this board or committee previously?

0

Question applies to Gainesville Human Rights Board

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

Question applies to Student Community Relations Advisory Board

NOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NON-STUDENTS Which non-student position are you applying for?

None Selected

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behavior or another reason?

Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, please explain: (upload a file if needed)

Please upload a file

Demographics

Ethnicity

Asian or Pacific islander

Gender

Prefer not to say

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

MAYA RAZDAN

Email: mrazdan@ufl.edu

Phone: (813) 618-0074

Volunteer Service

Jun 2018 – Aug 2019 **Women's Clinic Volunteer**
Bay Pines, FL 33744
C. W. Bill Young VA Medical Center
Grade 10, 11
16 Hrs/Week
Total Hours: 168

Prepared and organized packages and resources to distribute to pregnant veterans and index of VA policies regarding women veterans' health and healthcare. Updated list of community providers that provide prenatal/labor and delivery services for women veterans seeking care in the VA system.

Sep 2017 – May 2018 **Teen Advisory Board**
Tampa, FL 33611
Jan K. Platt Library
Grade 9
1 Hrs/Week
Total Hours: 25

Created, planned, and assisted with musical and literary events for patrons.

Extracurricular Activities

- Sep 2021 – Present** **LGBTQ Presidential Advisory Committee**
Freshman year
Member of University of Florida committee that examines policies relating to LGBTQ individuals on campus, and makes recommendations on how to make them more inclusive.
- Sep 2021 – Present** **Paths to Purpose**
Freshman year
Member of advanced leadership program that facilitates student involvement in community organization's projects to address social issues in Gainesville
- Sep 2020 - Jun 2021** **Hillsborough County Mental Health Student Advisory Board**
Grade 12

Helped plan a mental health-themed art competition as well as a mental health awareness week in May.
- Nov 2019 – Present** **Universal Mental Health Screening Initiative**
Grade 11

Researched and worked with the Political Science Club in order to implement my plan of universal mental health screening in our school/county. Researched potential screening scales to use in a school pilot program. Recommended to the Hillsborough County supervisor in charge of initiative as a student that could serve on a future panel.
- Aug 2019 – Jun 2021** **National Honor Society**
Grade 11, 12

Aug 2019 – Jun 2021 **National Spanish Honor Society**
Grade 11, 12

Aug 2019 – Present **Political Science Club**
Grade 11, 12

In this club, debated controversial political topics and aimed to broaden understanding of political science. Served as secretary - took meeting minutes and kept records of important files.

Aug 2019 – Present **RHS Demands Action**
Grade 11, 12

This club focuses on preventing gun violence through social and political advocacy and improving school climate.

Aug 2017 – Aug 2019 **Young Writers' Club**
Grade 9, 10

Aug 2014 – Present **Japanese culture/language learning**
Grade 9, 10, 11, 12

Learned about Japanese language and culture regularly through reading articles on current events in Japan, regularly consuming Japanese-language media, and practicing speaking skills.

Awards

Benaquisto Scholarship

Freshman year

A full cost of attendance scholarship for National Merit Finalists who attend the University of Florida.

Spanish Award

Grade 11

Award for best Spanish student in 11th grade IB class.

Student of the Month (AP US History: Mr. Simmons)

Grade 11

Every month, teachers at Robinson choose the student they view as the most exceptional that month to win this award.

National Institute of Mental Health Essay Contest Finalist

Grade 10

Wrote and gained national recognition for essay regarding a creative way to start conversations about mental health or reduce stigma/barriers to treatment among minority groups.

Third Place Trophy
Grade 10

3rd place in Team Round of the Precalculus Division in the fall 2018 Hillsborough County Math Bowl.

Silver Key
Grade 9

Received award for Collection of Original Poems at the Hillsborough County level of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Skills/Academic Achievement

Principal's Honor Roll
Grade 9, 10, 11