

Damien Joseph Walz

HIGHLY SKILLED PROFESSIONAL

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Highly motivated and multifaceted professional with a robust academic background in political science and extensive experience in leadership, program development, and project management. Proven track record of thriving in fast-paced environments, designing and delivering engaging experiences, managing teams, and achieving results. Demonstrated strong communication skills throughout a diverse career path, excelling in both independent and team-oriented settings. Adept at fundraising, engaging in meaningful conversations, learning new skills, and taking calculated risks.

Project Management & Leadership • Program Development • Fundraising & Donor Relations • Risk Management
Data Research & Analysis • Public Speaking & Presentations • Staff Training & Curriculum Development
Logistics Management • Inventory Control • Emergency Response & Medical Aid • Event Planning & Marketing
Contract Negotiation & Client Service • Communication & Conflict Resolution • Cross-functional Collaboration

Professional Experience

Missionary Field Instructor – COR Expeditions, Lander, WY September 2022 – Present

- Organized and led intensive, experiential backcountry expeditions across the Western United States.
- Taught participants outdoor survival skills, leadership principles, and personal narrative exercises.
- Secured \$50K in fundraising and oversaw a donor support team to subsidize COR-related costs.
- Accumulated 450 days of backcountry field time with over 1000 participants as of August of 2024.
- Handled three overnight medical evacuations, participated in two search and rescue missions, and provided medical assistance on over 50 trips.
- Successfully negotiated and closed 20 contracts, including 7 with new clients.
- Trained 10 field instructors and conducted 4 canyoneering courses, including the first advanced course.
- Attained instructor-level expertise in rock climbing, ice climbing, winter camping, backpacking, canoeing, pack rafting, mountain biking, and canyoneering.
- Contributed to recruiting and training 20 interns for the summer internship program.

Summer Intern – COR Expeditions, Lander, WY June 2022 – Aug 2022

- Shadowed COR staff to master outdoor guiding, experiential education, course logistics, group management, and wilderness medicine.

Academics Intern, Office of Student Affairs – University of Dallas, Irving, TX August 2021 – May 2022

- Created and supervised extracurricular academic opportunities for the university community.
- Enhanced academic event quality, resulting in a 50% increase in average attendance.

Student Administrative Assistant, Politics Department – University of Dallas, Irving, TX January 2020 – May 2022

- Conducted the scheduling, planning, and execution of departmental events while overseeing logistics.
- Oversaw office inventory by restocking supplies and fulfilling purchase orders.

Level 1 Supervisor – Virtual Services Operations, Irving, TX (Remote) June 2020 – August 2020

- Led 18 pandemic unemployment analysts tasked with processing claim records for the New York Department of Labor.
- Developed and implemented efficient work schedules to meet team deadlines and maintain adequate staffing levels.
- Assessed employees' strengths and delegated tasks according to their experience and training.

Business Analyst – Virtual Services Operations, Irving, TX (Remote) Summer 2020 & 2021

- Examined Pandemic Unemployment claims for the state of New York to verify accuracy and suitability.
- Proposed recommendations to streamline the claims process for enhanced efficiency.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Politics – University of Dallas, Irving, TX May 2022

- GPA: 3.48 | Dean's List | Trustee's Scholarship | Hatton W. Sumner's At-Large Scholarship
- Study Abroad: Rome, Italy (2019) | St. Clare of Assisi Summer Rome Scholarship
- President of Student Body – Student Government (2021 – 2022)
- Student Leader of the Year Award (2022) | Charity Week Co-Chair (2020)
- Patrick M. Daly Service Award (2021) | Rome Award – Summer Rome Program (2019)
- Player, Vice-Captain, Club President – Rugby Football Club (2018 – 2022); *Won the Unsung Hero Award*
- Coursework: Political Philosophy, Natural Law, Ethics, Literature, and Leadership

Activities

- Lead Teacher, Midtown Educational Foundation (2021)
- Eagle Scout, Boys Scouts of America (2015)