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# Objective

I seek opportunities to use my extensive knowledge of foreign languages, sensitivity to social customs, and culture/history to help bridge gaps in communication and cultural understanding on an international level through interpretation and translation.

# Education

## 1st Bachelor’s Degree | December 16th, 2016 | Florida State University

* Major: French
* Minor: Portuguese

## 2nd Bacehlor’s Degree | December 16th, 2016 | Florida State University

* Major: Chinese and Japanese Co-major

# Skills & Abilities

## Communication

* Proficient in six languages: Spanish (native level), English (native level), Portuguese (native level), French (native level), Chinese (high intermediate), Japanese (high intermediate).

## Leadership and awards

* President of the Everglades Legacy Ensemble Choir (2012-2013)
* Vice-President for the Portuguese Language Club at Florida State University (2016)
* Florida Grand Opera Student Council Member (2012-2013)
* Exceptional Departmental Service award (2015-2016) at Florida State University
* Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Japanese award (2015-2016) at Florida State University
* First place in World Language Academic Competition for French (2012, 2103)

# Experience

## Translation

* Haruo Shirane’s “Secondary Nature and Talismanic Power--Capital and Satoyama” and Tomi Suzuki’s “Gender, National Language, and Literature in Modern Japan” into Spanish, published on kappabunko.com
* Produced translations of emails and PowerPoints for the Brazilian pharmaceutical industry in south Florida.
* Translated works from Landê Onawale’s poetic collection, *Kalunga*, from Portuguese into English

## Interpretation

* Facilitated interpretation services to Portuguese speakers on throughout Spain.
* Facilitated interpretation services to Spanish and French speakers throughout South Florida.

## Organization Memberships, Fundraising, volunteer work

* Member of BRASA (Brazilian Studies Association)
* Event planning for a project to send textbooks written in creole to underprivileged children in Haiti.
* Graduated from Everglades High School with over 1000 hours of community service
* Represented Florida State University’s Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at the Florida Capitol (2016)