CONNOR CHESS

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**EXPERIENCE**

**Varsity Tutors | Spanish Tutor** | Fall 2017 – Present

* Freelance Spanish tutor working with students of differing experience levels. Provide enthusiastic and engaging lessons, aiding in translations, grammar rules, vocabulary, etc.

**Apogee Adventures | Trip Leader / Counselor** | Summer 2017 & Summer 2018 | Costa Rica

* Led teens for 2 months exploring, serving, and learning Spanish in Costa Rica. Facilitated teamwork, cooperation, kindness, and fun, with safety and well-being as the overall priority. Challenged kids to step out of their comfort zones and experience new things, while emphasizing open-mindedness, inclusivity, and respect in everything they did.

**Fundación Leer (Foundation Leer) | Intern** | February 2016 to July 2016 | Buenos Aires, Argentina

* Translated documents. Researched international companies and NGOs possibly interested in donating to the Foundation’s mission of promoting literacy in Argentina. Communicated with companies and solicited donations. Surveyed visitors at International Reading Fair in Buenos Aires 2016 about their relationships with literature.

**Victorious Fitness Application | Fitness Expert Demonstrator** | Winter 2018 – Present

* Perform exercises and workouts for live online fitness classes

**Liceo Nocturno de Nicoya (Night High School)** | **Volunteer English Teacher**  **|** June 8 – July 18, 2015 | Nicoya, Costa Rica

* Worked with Costa Rican students to improve their English skills (pronunciation, grammar, vocab).

**Chari’s – Nicoya Local Restaurant** | **Volunteer Busboy**  **|** June 8 – July 18, 2015 | Nicoya, Costa Rica

* Volunteered to further apply my Spanish language skills to real life. My interactions with customers helped me practice communication skills, and learn more about local culture.

**Joe Gibbs’ – Youth for Tomorrow** | **Immigrant Minor Advisor** **|** May to June 2013 | Bristow, Virginia

* Supervised, disciplined, taught, counseled and befriended Latin American boys in the Unaccompanied Immigrant Minor program (ages 13-17). Spoke Spanish everyday and completed paperwork regarding their progress in the program.

**EDUCATION**

**Washington and Lee University** | Bachelor of Arts Degree, Spanish and Politics | Class of 2017 | Lexington, Virginia

* Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
* 3.25 GPA
* Fluent in Spanish
* Study Abroad: Cádiz, Spain (April 20 – May 16, 2014)
* Study Abroad: Nicoya, Costa Rica (June 8 – July 18, 2015)
* Study Abroad: Buenos Aires, Argentina (February 20 – July 26, 2016)

**LEADERSHIP, EXTRACURRICULARS, ACTIVITIES, and AWARDS**

**Acting |** Fall 2017-Present | Los Angeles, CA

* Auditioning and acting in various independent, short, and student films
* Member of a live sketch comedy troupe
* Practicing at The Groundlings and a scene study class

**Washington and Lee Varsity Football Team |** Fall 2013-Fall 2016 | Lexington, Virginia

* Lettered all four years as Running Back and Special Teams
* 2016 Season - Most Improved Player (Running Back) and Leading Rusher

**Amans Artium Bonarum Award – Spanish Scholarship Prize |** May 2016 | Washington and Lee University

* Recognized rising senior Spanish major whose passion for Spanish language and Hispanic culture exemplifies best of major and ideals of Spanish program.

**The Woolley Fellowship for International Internships - Project |** June 8 – October 15, 2015 | Nicoya, Costa Rica - Lexington, Virginia

* Fellowship funded to study and work in Costa Rica. Created video project explaining what I gained from the experience. <https://www.wlu.edu/global-experience?feature=true&id=x13911>

**SSA Group Research Project** | Researcher | March 2015 | Lexington, Virginia

* Researched topic (smoking stats) related to field research in Spain (interview process of Cádiz citizens). Formatted display for presentation. Presented information at university SSA Research Conference.

**Peer Tutor, W&L |** November 2015 – May 2017 | Lexington, Virginia

* Aid lower level Spanish students with studying, homework, and basic language problems

**WLUR Show Host |** January 2015-Present | Lexington, Virginia

* Hour weekly radio show. Played latino and other international music. Gave biography information of artists.

**Southern Comfort A Cappella Group |** September 2015 - Present | Lexington, Virginia

* All male a cappella group that performs at school functions and parties

**OTHER INTERESTS**

Interests: Language, travel, sports, music, singing, outdoor activities, acting, video editing, dancing, nature, hiking, surfing