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TO: Michael Hanlon
City Clerk

FROM: Matt Tuerk
Mayor

DATE: October 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointment for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Batool Salloum	Council of Youth	8/20/2023

Authorities, Boards, and Commissions
Request for Appointment

Applicant Name: Batool Salloum

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Authority, Board, Commission: Council_of_Youth

Reason For Application: My experiences as a Syrian woman who grew up in Allentown are what inspired me to major in Political Science. Together, my experience and education have developed my unique perspectives. The value I will bring to the Council is my ability to utilize them.

Agreement to Verify Tax Payments: Agree

Submitted Date: 9/4/2022, 12:33:07 PM

Batool Salloum

Student

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SKILLS

- ★ Arabic Fluency
- ★ Presentation
- ★ Organization
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Teaching
- ★ Teamwork
- ★ Writing

EXPERIENCE

IECPA Mosque, Allentown PA - Volunteer Teacher

September 2017 - June 2020 (3 years)

This is a volunteer teaching position in my mosque's Sunday school. I taught basic Arabic, Quran, and Islamic studies for about three years with them.

MALV Mosque, Whitehall PA - Volunteer Campus Counselor

July 2018 (two months)

This was a two-month volunteer position as a summer camp counselor for kids ages four to fifteen at a local mosque. Two counselors were assigned to every five to ten children.

IECPA Mosque, Allentown PA - Babysitter/Daycare

August 2019 - March 2020 (7 months)

I babysat at my Mosque's afterschool Quran school for the Teachers' children. It was typically four young children.

Muhlenberg College Trexler Library, Allentown PA - Library Front Desk Student Worker (Work-Study)

August 2020 - April 2021 (1 year)

Throughout most of my freshman year, I worked for eight hours weekly at my College's library. My responsibilities consisted mostly of sitting at the front desk and helping anyone who came up. I also did inventory and some other small tasks.

Full-Time Legislative Intern in Congresswoman Susan Wild's Washington D.C. Office - Longworth House Office Building Room 1027 Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2021 - August 21, 2021 (2 months)

I served as a summer intern in person in Congresswoman Susan Wild's Washington D.C. office. I worked Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm while I was there. My main duty along with three other interns was handling all the different types of Constituent correspondence. We drafted letters to reply to constituent messages and managed phone calls. We also attended briefings for staff members when they were unavailable and submitted memos accordingly. In addition, we had the opportunity to attend lectures as part of an intern lecture series as well as occasionally shadowing lobbying meetings with staff.

EDUCATION

Louis E. Dieruff High School, Allentown PA

September 2016 - May 2020

SAT Score: 1350

Class Rank: 14

GPA: 4.136

Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA - *Computer Science Major (declared) & Political Science Major with a focus in the area of Inequality, Justice, and Power (declared) (In Progress)*

August 2020 - PRESENT

I am a junior at Muhlenberg College. I am double majoring in computer science and political science on a pre-law path. I intend to go to law school after my four years at Muhlenberg.

Computer Science Major Program Of Study GPA: 3.540

Political Science Major Program Of Study GPA: 3.785

Current Cumulative GPA: 3.623

Extracurriculars

President Of Muslim Student Association (MSA) - *Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA (In Progress)*

August 2020 - PRESENT

I have been a member of a small Muslim Student Association (MSA) at my college. As of Fall 2022, I am President of the MSA. We meet two or three times monthly. The purpose of the MSA is to bring together and advocate for Muslim students at the College. Some examples include arranging prayer rooms, having Ramadan dinners, and hosting Islamic speakers on campus.

Member of Refugee Advocacy Delegation - Travel To Geneva, Switzerland - *Separate delegation organized by Mr. Fred Rooney (lawyer)*

Summer 2022 (June 12-15)

I had the opportunity to travel to Geneva, Switzerland for one week this Summer 2022, in

early June, with a small delegation of refugee advocates to meet the ICMC secretary-general and relevant staff at the United Nations in Geneva. There we heard from various speakers and discussed forced migration, forms of refugee advocacy, the specific struggles of women and their roles in these issues, the value of the legal incubator program started by Fred Rooney, and many other things.

Math & CS Student Advisory Group - *Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA (In Progress)*

November 2021 - Present

I am a member of a faculty-led student advisory group at my college as an initiative to discuss diversity in the Math/CS department, where it might be falling back, and how other students on campus view the department. This semester I have been put under our community outreach subcommittee. The purpose of the committee is to find ways to connect with the local underrepresented students, find ways to help them prepare for college, and/or encourage

them to pursue education in Computer Science, Math, Statistics, or Physics. Ideally encouraging and essentially recruiting them to become a part of the Muhlenberg CS-Math department when they graduate high school.

Habibi Initiative - Muhlenberg College,
Allentown PA (In Progress)

November 2021 - May 2022

This is a new initiative at my college for Hebrew and Arabic-speaking students to get together weekly in an effort to broaden our understanding of the two languages/cultures with deep learning side by side.

Young Muslim Sisters (YMS)- IECPA Mosque,
Allentown PA

September 2017 - July 2020

The female Muslim youth in my area meet at a mosque every Friday and have a small lecture, activity, meal, and prayer. Although this group was set back as a result of covid. They have just now begun to start meeting again.

Debate Team - Louis E. Dieruff High School,
Allentown PA

September 2017 - May 2020

I was a member of my high school debate team for three years. This helped me to hone my public speaking skills and my writing, and analytical skills. Participating in this helped me realize my future career goals.

Student Forum - Louis E. Dieruff High School,
Allentown PA

September 2018 - May 2020

This student leadership group meets with other schools` groups every month to do some community service or college and career activities.

National Honor Society (NHS)- Louis E. Dieruff
High School, Allentown PA

September 2018 - May 2020

This was a club for students who maintained a high GPA and was only for Juniors and Seniors. We met once a month and we organized the Blood drive, attended Special Olympics, and participated in other charity and school fundraising projects.

Student Council - Louis E. Dieruff High School,
Allentown PA

September 2016 - May 2020

This was a student council for my class year. The student council for the class of 2020 had weekly meetings and organized fundraisers, planned prom and made and sold class shirts each year.

German National Honor Society (GNHS)- Louis
E. Dieruff High School, Allentown PA

September 2017 - May 2020

This is a club for students who maintained high grades in their language classes.

Summer Engineering Institute (SEI)- Louis E.
Dieruff High School, Allentown PA

July 2019

This was a two-week engineering program conducted at Lehigh University. We stayed overnight and learned about different types of engineering whilst completing a project in groups to present at the completion of our visit.