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COMMITTEES

Historical & Cultural Preservation
Committee for MPTN

- 2016 – Present
- Primary Member

Natural Resources Protection
Committee for MPTN

- 2018 – Present
- Alternate Member

Pow Wow Planning Committee for
MPTN

- 2017 – Present
- Primary Member

Native American Heritage Month
Planning Committee

- 2021
- Primary Member

Ledyard Fair Committee

- 2017 – 2020

CAREER OBJECTIVES

To further develop my ability of assisting disadvantaged populations while advocating for the environment. I will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Geoscience with a concentration in Natural Resources & Conservation from Southern New Hampshire University to improve my existing knowledge base (or to improve my ability to assist communities).

QUALIFICATIONS

- Community convention facilitator
 - Thorough organizer
- Created and provided multiple presentations to government bodies, committees, communities, and more.
- Team and project management
- Climate change advocacy
- Indigenous rights advocacy
- Directed or lead multiple grants
- Unique indigenous perspective
- Current member of MPTN's cultural and natural resource committee, among others

WORK EXPERIENCE

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Government [Environmental Liaison]

2023 – Present

- Assess the environmental interests the MPTN community has, coordinate both interdepartmentally within Mashantucket as well as with external entities on behalf of Mashantucket regarding environmental topics, increase the department's capacity to meet the needs of the community, etc.

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Government [BIA TRP Project Director]

2020 – Present

- Conduct a climate change vulnerability assessment, attend vulnerability assessment and climate change trainings, communicate inter- and intra-tribally, oversee multi committee and multi department coordination, and more.

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Government [Environmental Monitor]

2019 – 2020

- Conducted drinking well and surface water samples, monitored the health of the environment, monitored community safety, responsible for removal of pest animals from buildings, monitored certain regulation related

- Co-VP of Admissions

Ledyard Fair Committee

- 2019 – Present
 - Board Member
- ## Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed

- 2023 – Present
- Board Member

activities at the gas station, responsible for inspecting and either approving or denying certain permits within the reservation, etc.

Foxwoods Resort & Casino [Accounts Payable Clerk]

2016 – 2019

- Paid Foxwoods' bills, responsible for the WB Mason account, coordinated with many departments to ensure timely payment, conducted accruals, communicated with outside vendors to ensure accurate payments, etc.

Foxwoods Resort & Casino [Bell Captain]

2014 – 2015

- Supervised bellman staff of 5-10 individuals, helped schedule bell desk employees, ran the bell desk and closet, cooperated with front desk management, coordinated with Foxwoods' scooter, oxygen tank, and dry-cleaning provider, etc.

Foxwoods Resort & Casino [Bellman]

2010 – 2014

- Assisted patrons bring their luggage and other belongings to and from rooms, assisted convention attendees in a similar manner, coordinated vehicle pick-ups with valet, made reservations for guests, provided recommendations and directions, etc.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center Archaeology Department [Jr. Archaeologist/Researcher]

2005 – 2009

- Jr. Archaeologist: Participated in excavations, distinguished between rocks and artifacts, separated finds by category, etc.
- Researcher: Worked in dry lab identifying artifacts, transcribed audio recordings from interviews conducted on my ancestors and elders, wrote papers based on interpretation of research conducted, etc.

EDUCATION

Southern New Hampshire University (Online)

Fall Semester 2023 – Present

- Current GPA: 4.0
- Major: Geosciences – Natural Resources & Conservation Program

Three Rivers Community College

Fall Semester 2019 – Present

- Made honors
- Major: Environmental Engineering and Technology
- Associates Degree – 2022

Spring Semester 2011 – Spring Semester 2013

- Major: Nurse Practitioner

Pace University

Fall Semester 2009 – Spring Semester 2010

- Made dean's list
- Major: Nurse Practitioner

ACHIEVEMENTS

HAZMAT Certified

- 2019

Global Environmental Management Certified

- Coursera – Technical University of Denmark (DTU) in 2019

Leadership Education Advancement Program (LEAP) Certified

- A year-long leadership training program provided by Foxwoods Resort and Casino to a select few employees in 2016

Published an article in the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center Magazine

- Topic was Mashantucket Pequot Tributaries prior to colonization published in 2008

USDA-NRCS Conservation Grant

- Project Lead from June 2019 – May 2020

Boston Marathon Participant

- Completed in 2021

REFERENCES

Available on request

Rahiem Eleazer – Bio

A proud member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (MPTN), Rahiem Eleazer has worked in the environmental sector for five years, and currently serves as the Environmental Liaison for the MPTN. Mr. Eleazer focuses on environmental efforts within Mashantucket and networks with various external organizations, institutions, and local, state, and federal agencies to pursue mutual interests while protecting and promoting the Tribe's sovereignty. His work in Mashantucket's Natural Resources Department includes serving as the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Resilience Program Grant Project Director from 2020 to 2022, for which he constructed a climate change vulnerability assessment on behalf of the MPTN. Mr. Eleazer is primarily focused on ecological conservation and climate change resiliency while incorporating indigenous philosophy to environmental practices. He serves as a member of the MPTN Historical and Cultural Preservation Committee since 2016 and the MPTN Natural Resources Protection Committee since 2018, and is a board member of the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed.