



A GLIMPSE INTO ABBY ROLLAND

By doing the work, tackling challenges, accepting feedback, learning from my mistakes, and realizing that my voice and my thoughts add value, I've thrived. The ability to thrive has come from what I call quiet confidence—the knowledge, deep down, that I can tackle whatever challenges may arise. I can work on solo projects, in collaboration with team members, or across sectors. I can facilitate meetings or just listen and be an observer. I can know a great deal about a specific subject going into a project but still learn more. I can teach myself and ask questions when I need help. I'm confident in my abilities, understand my foibles, and continue to discover opportunities to evolve in even more ways.

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CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

2015

GRADUATED GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude
Major: History, Departmental Honors
Minors: Anthropology and Political Science

2015

TALCA, CHILE

Volunteer Assistant English Teacher

2016

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Intern, Cambodian Women's Crisis Center

2016

AMERICORPS VISTA

Communications Assistant,
Second Helpings: Indianapolis Hunger
Relief Agency

2017

INDIANA UNIVERSITY LILLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF PHILANTHROPY

Communications Project Manager

2020

GRADUATED INDIANA UNIVERSITY LILLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF PHILANTHROPY

Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies

2020

THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION

Selected as a Fellow at The Patterson
Foundation

2021

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Seeking new opportunities with innovative
organizations

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EXPERIENCE

Fellow

The Patterson Foundation, Sarasota, Florida

June 2020–July 2021

- Responsible for leading, managing, and contributing to multiple projects, strategic initiatives, and foundation objectives. Initiatives include Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; COVID-19 Response; NGO Thrivability; Aspirations to Actions; Honoring & Onward; Season of Sharing; and The Giving Partner.
- Create and implement strategic communications plans for new initiatives.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to systematize and develop processes and structures for multiple projects.
- Collaborate on the development of strategy and plans for new COVID-19 Response initiative.
- Facilitate community listening sessions to develop shared community goals, improve systems, and gather feedback.
- Plan, manage, and administer multiple large virtual events that convene regional nonprofit organizations and area leaders.
- Develop detailed project guidelines and timelines for multiple initiatives and projects.
- Develop project budget narrative for Governing Board review.
- Conduct research, write articles of incorporation, and collaborate with the CIO of a COVID-19 tech start-up.
- Write bi-weekly blog posts about the foundation's approach and philanthropy in general.

Communications Project Manager

Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indianapolis, Indiana

Aug 2017–June 2020

- Launched the school blog and managed the blog content calendar.
- Researched, interviewed, transcribed, wrote, edited, and published multiple blog posts every week on topics related to philanthropy.
- Analyzed data to determine subjects to pursue.
- Researched and wrote articles for online newsletter and other articles for nonprofit platforms.
- Drafted and published social media content and wrote a monthly newsletter for The Fund Raising School.
- Managed internal editorial process for "8 Myths of US Philanthropy," Stanford Social Innovation Review, Fall 2019.

MY MISSION

Driven by my professional experience, education, and passion to make a difference, I am eager to engage in collaborative philanthropic endeavors that foster innovative and strategic impact in communities of all shapes and sizes.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies

May 2020, Indiana University
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management

August 2020, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

Certificate in Fund Raising Management

June 2020, The Fund Raising School, Indiana University

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude

May 2015, Gettysburg College
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EXPERIENCE

Communications and Grants Intern The West Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana Mar-Aug 2019

- Designed and implemented a social media strategy for the foundation.
- Conducted interviews with board members about their experiences with philanthropy and international grantmaking.
- Crafted summaries of recently awarded grants.
- Completed other tasks as needed for the associate director of programs and executive director.

Special Events Intern Johnson County Community Foundation, Franklin, Indiana May-Aug 2018

- Researched best practices, wrote, and coordinated social media strategy for foundation and nonprofit partners.
- Compiled and edited gift letters to donors.
- Executed additional tasks related to special events and accounting as needed for the director of development and CFO.

Communications Assistant AmeriCorps VISTA, Second Helpings, Indianapolis, Indiana June 2016-June 2017

- Interviewed stakeholders and wrote articles for social media platforms and website.
- Established processes to successfully collect, disseminate, and catalogue stories.
- Researched and analyzed data to discover areas of food insecurity within Indianapolis to inform program strategy.
- Connected with other nonprofit and faith-based organizations to raise awareness about the culinary job training program.
- Created and published marketing materials, including culinary job training graduation program and biannual newsletter.

MULTICULTURAL & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher (part-time)
Indianapolis Public Schools
Indianapolis, Indiana
Aug 2017-May 2018

Intern, Cambodian Women's Crisis Center
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Feb-Apr 2016

Volunteer Assistant English Teacher
Talca, Chile
Aug-Nov 2015

Intern, The Roman Baths Museum
Bath, United Kingdom
Sept-Dec 2013

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Well-versed in Wordpress and Microsoft Office programs.
Additional Experience with Foundant, Adobe Photoshop, Salesforce, and Google Analytics.
- Limited Spanish reading, speaking, and writing abilities.