Phillip Yonekawa-Blest

Education The University of Houston, Honors College

Major: Economics, B.S. Minors: Psychology, Leadership Overall GPA: 3.742

Experience BNY Mellon: GFC Controller and Summer Analyst

Summer 2022

Applied Nexen to manage and process hundreds of billions USD in overdrafts. Utilized Excel to organize and update thousands of employee security clearances for BNY global teams and other projects. Implemented a URA (Unstructured Records Archive) tool that will be implemented across the BNY system.

UH Research Assistant: Active 4 the Culture Lab.

Spring 2023

In partnership with Meta, completed literature research and constructed artifacts for publications, such as tables and transcripts, every week. Assisted in experiments and the literature review for publishing papers concerning female minority exercise activity and Instagram usage.

Honors University of Houston Honors College – University Honors

Designation for completing all 36 hours of Honors coursework.

University of Houston - Magna Cum Laude

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Houston at twenty years old.

UH Honors College Dean's List

Activities Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Leader

Designed and lead a weekly Honors College small group, reached out to UH students on campus, mentoring students one-on-one weekly, attended biweekly meetings, assisted weekly large group and community events, as well as creating events.

Fonde Civic Club Volunteer & Advocate

Participated in regular community service with the Fonde Civic Association for the past ten years and presently. Advocated against the TXDOT environmental evaluation of the upcoming Spur-5highway to UH President Khator, volunteered for and co-facilitated highway trashpick-up days, and delivered monthly newsletters to the neighborhood.

The HERE Program

A full-time, two-week research program with the UH Honors College. Created a research project and proposal for a practical plan to shift Houston-based, nonrenewable energy companies to become environmentally sustainable. Committed over 100 hours to the project.

Awards BNY ESG Competition: SLL Implementation & \$2,500 Donation Summer 2022

A systemwide competition. Presented a diagnostic exam paired with a sustainability-linked loan program to solve issues related to SDGs 9, 12, and 13. The plan improves loan accessibility for marginalized business owners, incentivizes eco-friendly priorities, and increases community identity through minority-owned SMEs.