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Professional  
Development

## SUMMARY

*I am an active UTSA Ambassador serving since Spring of 2018. The UTSA Ambassador program is a school-sponsored organization consisting of student leaders committed to the pillars of service, leadership, integrity, and excellence. As a member I volunteer at many campus, community, and alumni events as a representative of the University. Entering the program as a sophomore I sought to improve my communication skills, find a community of leaders to learn from, and develop my professionalism. The program encouraged me to grow out of my previous timid demeanor and to speak with confidence while instilling in me the importance of giving back to the San Antonio and UTSA community.*



## SPICES

*Through immersing myself in the responsibilities of a UTSA Ambassador I had to confront my fear of public speaking, develop confidence in my speech, and implement leadership qualities I've been observing to begin evolving into a refined version of myself.*

## HERBS

*The honorable privilege of serving UTSA with the support of the members within the organization has fostered my leadership potential and directed the rest of my collegiate career.*

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

*I applied for the Dean's Ambassador Program before the UTSA Ambassadors application opened, and I had to decide whether I would let previous rejection define me or allow it to redirect me into another opportunity. This experience enabled me to adapt and demonstrate resilience by being dedicated to cultivating my professionalism and quashing my weaknesses.*



## IMPACT

*After receiving Century Marker for more than 100 hours of service to the University, I reflected on the impact the Ambassador organization has had on my life; the Ambassador organization has molded my leadership skillset, guided my undergraduate career, and lead me towards uncovering why I love to serve others. I am grateful I choose to persevere amid doubts on my leadership potential for I wouldn't have had to confidence to establish Unite For Sight at UTSA on campus the following semester and serve as President.*

## ADVICE

*"You have knocked at every door?" she asked.  
"Yes."  
"Have you knocked at that one there?"  
"No."  
"Knock there."  
-Victor Hugo, Les Misérables  
Remember that rejection is redirection.*