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**1. What personal, professional, and Board experience do you have that would contribute to the progress of the ADNA?**

I have volunteered in my community at some level ever since entering college. Those volunteer opportunities have involved both lending my support to pre-existing efforts, as well as my seeing community needs and addressing them by growing programs from the ground up. I'm fortunate to have been recognized for these contributions with 2 awards – the *David E. Rogers Award for professionalism and community leadership* from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and the *William L. Stewart, Jr. Award for contributions to extracurricular life on campus* from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

If elected to the Downtown Neighborhood Association board, I will bring the same skills that helped me to affect community progress in other places that I have lived to Atlanta. I am including examples of my volunteerism by way of demonstrating the diversity of projects that I have worked on, in addition to the different capacities in which I have done this work:

**Faith in Action, Friendly Visitor Program, 12/2004-present**

***Volunteer***

*Atlanta, GA*

Visit senior citizens and/or infirmed members of the community to provide company and assistance with light chores

**A Space of Her Own (SOHO), Alexandria Court Service Unit/Torpedo Factory, 2/2003-5/2003**

***Mentor, Art Class Aid, Design Consultant***

*Alexandria, VA*

SOHO seeks to build confidence and promote cooperation and friendship among low-income, at-risk girls through art and interior design.

**Thurgood Marshall Academy, 11/2002-4/2002**

***High school student mentor***

*Washington, D.C.*

**The Forum on Blacks in the Arts and Sciences , 2/1999**

***Inaugural Speaker***

*Seattle, WA*

Delivered talk, "Becoming a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Biological Sciences"

**Office of Minority Affairs, University of Washington, 11/1998**

***Guest lecturer***

*Seattle, WA*

Presented lecture, "My Day as a Research Scientist"

**Minority Biomedical Graduate Association (MBGA), 9/1994-12/1997**

***Co-founder and vice president, 1994***

*Baltimore, MD*

Helped to recruit and retain minority graduate students to Johns Hopkins by corresponding with prospective students, forming support groups, sponsoring an annual lecture series, and by visiting local elementary and high schools to increase interest in science

**Bridges Not Walls (BNW), 3/1992-9/1994**

***Founding Member***

*Baltimore, MD*

Improved dialogue between The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the residents of East Baltimore through seminars, volunteer placement, neighborhood fairs, and by attending community meetings

**AIDS Response at M.I.T. (ARMIT), 3/1988-5/1990**

***Founding Member***

*Cambridge, MA*

Educated the M.I.T. community about AIDS by scheduling programs to observe World AIDS Day, distributing literature on AIDS to interested students, and by giving presentations in dormitories and campus organizations

**Women's Health Education Network (WHEN), 9/1989-5/1990**

***Member***

*Cambridge, MA*

Performed informational "road shows" throughout the M.I.T. campus to discuss issues affecting women's health

**Institute Advising, 9/1987-5/1989**

***Associate Student Advisor***

*Cambridge, MA*

Advised incoming M.I.T. freshmen on classes and campus life in association with a faculty member

**Project Contact, 9/1987-5/1990**

***Coordinator for Africa***

Corresponded with newly accepted African students to answer questions and welcome them to M.I.T.

**African Students Association (ASA), 9/1986-5/1990**

***Member***

*Cambridge, MA*

Highlighted cultural diversity at M.I.T. by participating in international students' events

**2. What 3 issues matter most to you as a resident or business owner in Downtown?**

- a. Public transportation/infrastructure for walking
- b. Converting unused properties into viable community resources/businesses
- c. Cultivating connectedness among downtown residents

**3. Is there anything else you would like ADNA members to consider in reviewing your candidacy?**

Not at this time. Thank you.