Kaya Karkoska

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Education

School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago *Expected Graduation: May 2028*

- Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Public Relations, Minor in Marketing.
    - Cumulative GPA: 3.5 | Dean's List: All Semesters | Regents Scholarship

John Felice Rome Center *Jan 2026 - May 2026*

- Completed a semester-long study abroad program in Rome, Italy, gaining cross-cultural communication skills, independence, and a broader global perspective through immersive international experiences.

Work Experience

Sales Associate *Chicago, IL*
Alo Yoga *Sept 2025 - Jan 2026*

- Delivered personalized customer experiences by identifying consumer needs, recommending products, and building positive customer relationships.
- Supported brand presentation through visual merchandising and inventory management while maintaining company standards.

Child Development Specialist *Minneapolis, MN*
LifeWorks *May 2025 - Aug 2026*

- Developed individualized, age-appropriate goals and strategies to support children with developmental delays, strengthening problem-solving, adaptability, and organizational skills.
- Build trusting relationships with parents and guardians through thoughtful communication, active listening, and an understanding of diverse family needs and perspectives.

Cashier *Minneapolis, MN*
Kowalski's Markets *Aug 2021 - Aug 2024*

- Established positive customer relationships through friendly, personalized service, encouraging customer satisfaction and repeat business.
- Managed cash transactions accurately while maintaining efficient operations and delivering a welcoming customer experience.

Extracariculars

Volunteer *Chicago, IL*
Friendship Center Community Service *Aug 2026 - Present*

- Volunteer weekly to support community members experiencing food insecurity by helping provide meals and essential resources.
- Coordinate food preparation and distribution while maintaining a welcoming environment and demonstrating teamwork and community engagement.

Member *Chicago, IL*
Emerging Leaders of Color Program, University of Minnesota Twin Cities *Jun 2023 - May 2024*

- Participated in a leadership development program focused on professional growth, communication, and strengthening leadership skills.
- Collaborated with peers through group activities, discussions, and professional networking opportunities, developing teamwork and interpersonal communication skills.

Skills

Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint
Video Editing: iMovie, Final Cut, CapCut
Graphic and Photo Editing: Canva, Adobe Photoshop