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SKILLS

- Mentoring and empowerment
- Project and event management
- Budgeting and finance
- S.W.O.T Analysis
- Operational efficiency/strategy
- Scheduling and organizing
- Conflict resolution
- Visual and oral presentation

EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP Disney University 2008

MASTER OF FINE ARTS DRAMA University of Virginia 2005

BA THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY Southeastern University 1998

AWARDS

FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVE EXPRESSION Santa Ana College 2019

SAC TEACH AWARD Santa Ana College 2017-2022

EMERGING LEADER AWARD
Walt Disney Company 2008

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accomplished arts and entertainment professional. Innovative in strategic planning and financial modeling. Skilled in staff management, training and development, and building inclusive work environments.

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR and CHAIRPERSON | 08/2011 - Present

SANTA ANA COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS - SANTA ANA, CA

- Originated departmental vision and strategic plan (one, three, five-year).
- Invented process for budgets, course scheduling, faculty/staff assignment:
- Revitalized curriculum to teach students practical, job-oriented skills.
- Prioritized payroll and production budgets won state grants.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | 07/2010 - 06/2011

BERKS ARTS COUNCIL - READING, PA

- Devised strategic plan and corrected operational concerns.
- Assessed and overhauled production budgets.
- Established employee and board member accountability and incentives.

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER | 12/2006 - 03/2010

HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE LINE - SEATTLE, WA

- Implemented hazardous waste clean-up/lighting and sound upgrades.
- Installed performer and audience talk back/meet-and-greet events.
- Handled production and venue budgets.

ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER | 03/2006 - 05/2010

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY - ORLANDO, FL

- Advanced Disney standards in all venues, shows, character interactions.
- Managed budgets, schedules, capital expenditures, repair/maintenance.
- Produced live events, celebrity appearances, concerts, TV productions.

HISTORICAL INTERPRETER | 05/2004 - 06/2005

THOMAS JEFFERSON FOUNDATION - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

- Researched, formulated, and presented historical facts to guests.
- Achieved high ratings as a Foundation tour guide.

DRAMA INSTRUCTOR | 07/2002 - 05/2005

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, DRAMA DEPARTMENT - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

• Developed and taught new curriculum for performance courses.

CONTRACTED EMPLOYMENT | 09/2000 - 06/2002

• Stage actor, assistant director/manager, Universal Studios performer.

TOUR DIRECTOR | 06/1999 - 08/2000

SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGE, PROMOTIONS DEPARTMENT - LAKELAND, FL

- Directed show operations, talent, technical staff.
- Organized budgets, scheduling, bookings, and lodgings.