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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Talented Career Educator and Advisor with expertise in helping young adults to become responsible, logical minded, job-ready, members of society. Organized, proactive, and forward-thinking professional with strong communication and interpersonal abilities. Excels in Leadership and Resource Management. Innate ability to recruit the right person for “the right job”. Skilled public speaker and motivator. Strives to lead by example and integrity as a loyal “Servant-Leader”.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Team Development
- Manpower Management
- Motivational Speaker
- Mac & Windows Usage
- Use of AI Systems
- Time & Resource Mngt
- OSHA-10 Certified
- Proactive Problem Solver
- Effective Screener
- Out-Of-The-Box Thinking
- Leadership Training
- Forward-Thinker
- Multiple LMS Usage
- Mentorship & Training

EDUCATION

Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC

2003, Bachelor of Science in Social Studies (+ Education Block) 3.89 GPA Summa Cum Laude

- 4 different National & International Academic Honor Societies
- 6 Times, named to the FSU Dean’s List and President’s Honor Roll

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gateway School (Day Treatment SLC)

PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATOR (Part time)

January 6, 2025 – Present

- Adapted to the “APEX” LMS in order to teach all required courses to students in a closed learning community.
- Primarily responsible for grades 9-12, but also helped with grades 6-8.
- Quickly realized that these students had below par grades, taught study & testing skills and time management, in order to build student motivation and strategies for success. Grades rose an average of 28 points in 5 months.

1-2-1 Enterprises (Self-Employed)

MOBILE NOTARY SIGNING AGENT

July 30, 2024 - Present

- Advanced Notary Public, trained to officiate and notarize documentation of property closings for clients.

East Burke High School, Connelly Springs, NC (12 years)

South Caldwell High School, Hudson, NC (9 years)

PUBLIC SCHOOL, SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATOR

August 1, 2003 – July 1, 2024

- Educator’s License is current until June of 2026, but I currently have enough CEUs to renew already.
- Taught grades 9-12 in World History, American History, Civics, Economics, and Personal Finance.
- Created an environment of mentoring and counseling for students in need of resources.
- Team Leader of the experimental “Freshman Academy”, Smaller Learning Community at both schools.
- Provided extra opportunities and training for students to find unrealized potential before and after graduation.
- Drive daily route with school bus (Class A CDL)
- MET (Medical Emergency Team) member, Adv 1st Aide, CPR & AED, retired Lifeguard.
- Successful Athletic Coach: Cross Country, Track & Field (Indoor & Spring)-multiple State Champions.
- Took an 18-month hiatus to work the perfect job for me (See the next job below).

Career Training Concepts, Snellville, Ga (Contracted with the NC Army National Guard Recruiting Force)

EDUCATION LIAISON / RECRUITER INSTRUCTOR

Oct 2013 – June 2015

- I used my expertise as an educator and a former military recruiter to train and expand the ability of the NC Army National Guard Recruiters, teaching them to be seen favorably in each of their assigned schools and colleges.
- Evaluated each recruiter's use of time & resources to have an effective recruiting program.
- Identified systemic issues within each recruiter's program, remediated, re-evaluated, and reported results.
- Created a detailed system to teach recruiters sales skills that they need and public speaking skills for confidence.

TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

- Well-versed in both Mac & Windows systems and have daily use of Google and Microsoft Suites
- Daily use of both, Google Classroom, Canvas & Learning Management Systems for curricular I/O.
- Have adapted all previous systems for audiences on SMART Board, Apple TV, and personal computers.
- Have used ZOOM, Google Hangouts, Remind, voice, and text/chat applications.

OTHER PREVIOUS WORK & POSITIONS

Master Sergeant (E-8) US Army, Fort Bragg, NC

August 1999 – July 2003

- "Operation Iraqi Freedom" Veteran
- Manpower Management Chief, HQ 18th Airborne Corps
- Administrative Quality Control of Contracts/Inspector, 18th Airborne Corps
- Certified EEO Officer-82nd Airborne Division
- Reserve Component Career Counselor, 18th Aviation Brigade, 18th Artillery, and 82d Airborne Division
- Army "Career Counselor of the Year" 2001
- **2002 Honor Graduate- Army Senior Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Crs, PEC, Little Rock, Ar.**
- **1999 Honor Graduate-Army Career Counselor Crs, Ft. Jackson, SC**

Sergeant First Class (E-7) NC Army National Guard, Raleigh, NC

February 1995 – July 1999

- Full time Canvassing Recruiter working in the Hickory, NC area.
- NCNG "Educational Recruiter of the Year" 1994.
- **1997 Honor Graduate-Army Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Crs, PEC, Little Rock, Ar.**
- **1995 Honor Graduate-National Guard Recruiter Crs, Professional Education Center, Little Rock, Ar.**

Staff Sergeant (E-6) US Marine Corps, Multiple stations and positions

April 1982 – January 1995

- Operation "Desert Storm" Veteran (32nd MEU)
- Southwestern Sector Special Operations (SOC JTF-4)
- Senior Air Defense Controller/Supervisor/Instructor (Marine Air Control Squadrons 4, 5, & 6)
- 1992 Air Command & Control Center, Operations Chief (Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 28)
- 1993 Battalion Training Chief (Marine Air Control Squadron 6)
- 1989-1992 Canvassing Recruiter (Regional Recruiter of the Year-FY 1990)
- 1988 Primary Marksmanship Instructor/Coach, Weapons Bn, MCRD Paris Island, SC
- 1987 Marine Corps Drill Instructor, 3rd Battalion, MCRD Paris Island, SC
- 1983 Artic Weather Survival Instructor, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, MCAS Cherry Point, NC
- 1983 Tactical Air Operations Center, Crew Chief (Marine Air Control Squadron 5)
- **1985 Honor Graduate-USMC, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Crs, MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Jap.**
- **1987 Honor Graduate-USMC, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Crs, Camp Geiger, NC**
- **1989 Honor Graduate-USMC, Recruiter Course, MCRD San Diego, Ca**
- **1984 Honor Graduate-USMC, Adv Air Defense Controller Course, MCAGCC, 29 Palms, Ca**

- **1982 Honor Graduate-USMC, Air Control Electronics Course, MCAGCC, 29 Palms, Ca**

Hobbies: In my spare time, I enjoy playing music with my band, and lead worship music for my church.