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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Fourteen years of work experience within a diversity of organizations: for-profit, non-profit, and government. Successfully used my skills as a planner, organizer, collaborator, researcher and writer. Respected as a proven grant and speech writer. Recognized as results-oriented and creative. Highly successful as a revenue generator, negotiator and presenter.

PERFORMANCE COMPETENCIES

Influence without authority	Action-oriented	Learn on the fly
Political savvy	Build effective teams	Problem solver
Demonstrated leadership	Creative	

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

AGRICENTER INTERNATIONAL, Memphis, TN **2016-PRESENT**

A 41-year old non-profit focused on agricultural education, research and conservation with a \$524M annual economic impact on the region, a \$8M budget, and 35 employees.

Director of Communications: Report to the President; sharing the mission with the public through outreach, event planning, grant writing, fundraising, volunteer coordination, and project management. Handle all public communication, work with media, governmental agencies, and property stakeholders.

- Website content creator and web developer, manager of social media accounts and inquiries.
- Liaison as a member of 7 local civic organizations and creator of the Agricenter Crisis Communications Plan.
- Since 2016, raised \$1.06M; written and awarded grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$100k.
- Lead planner for annual 450-guest fundraising gala with net revenue increase of 130%.
- Lead planner for annual harvest festival; over 4,000 attendees, 91 volunteers.
- Lead planner for annual exclusive farm-to-table fundraiser in the field.
- Partnered with Ducks Unlimited to create printed materials and with Archer Malmo to create a fundraising video.

MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY, TN **2011-2016**

Formed in 2011, a joint city-county government agency, reporting to both city and county Mayors; two employees with \$63.9M in grants awarded since inception.

Senior Planner: Increased sustainability initiatives on behalf of both Mayors within the community; grant writer, event planner, spokesperson, and supervisor of interns. Maintained web presence, social media, wrote monthly newsletters, press releases and speeches for Mayors.

MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY (cont.)

- 2013-2016, awarded grants ranging from \$2500 to \$250k totaling \$415k.
- Project leader leveraging a \$22k grant to a 267% match for Low Impact Development Design Competition and Conference. Conference for 100 designers with 13 speakers; Competition with live jury, 120 guests, and 28 firms participating, 2014.
- Secured a \$20k grant for Shelby County Rain Garden Installation, 2015.
- Project leader; Memphis-Shelby County received national excellence in sustainability.
- Liaised with TVA and positioned Memphis-Shelby County as a Valley Sustainable GOLD Community, 2014.
- Helped expand recycling from 2 to 12 government buildings; 84 tons in one year.
- Leader of Green Matters for Shelby County Women, a women's networking organization.
- Created and produced first Mayors' Energy Challenge video, 2013.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO., Memphis, TN**2003-2011**

A global Fortune 500 paper and packaging manufacturing company, \$29B in revenue, 65k employees.

Full-time Contractual Employee: Team member of 6 divisions: Information Technologies; Consumer Packaging; Pulp and Export Papers; Legal; Global Sourcing; Audit.

FEDEX, Memphis, TN**2008-2010**

A global Fortune 100 logistics company with annual revenues exceeding \$47B, 325k employees worldwide, delivers 1M packages daily.

Full-time Contractual Employee: Solutions Activation Team member, supported multiple Market Council managers and account executives in the customer on-boarding process.

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Commissioner. Appointed by Collierville Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

- Collierville Design Review Commission, Collierville, TN (2013, 2016-2020).
- Collierville Town Beautiful Commission, Collierville, TN (2014).

State Committee Officer. TN Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects.

- Elected officer (2011-present).

EDUCATION

MLA, Master of Landscape Architecture & Certificate in Historic Preservation, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

- Graduate Assistant. Department of Landscape Architecture.
- Ferrell Gardens Research, Graduate Fellowship for Masters Research.

B.S. Biology, *cum laude*, Furman University, Greenville, SC.

- Department of Plant Sciences, Research Assistant. Oxford University, U. K. Field collection in Spain and Portugal; analysis and technical reporting funded by Hipp Intern Fellowship.