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Education: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Master of Education in College Student Affairs May 2010
BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies May 2008
Minor: Psychology

Employment Experience: KENYON COLLEGE
Office of Student Engagement, Assistant Director July 2014-Present
Student Organizations

- Administer the student organization recognition and review process to develop an outcomes-focused model.
- Created a weekly late night alcohol-alternative event series that is an opportunity to showcase organizations.
- Organize and host the spring and fall activities fairs, which consist of over 140 student and community organizations.
- Hold regular meetings with the Student Life Committee and organization presidents to discuss organization goals.
- Support student organizations as they navigate office policies and processes.

Leadership Programs January 2013-Present

- Implement a strategic plan for leadership programs based in theory, student feedback, and campus needs.
- Plan and lead a Pre-Orientation leadership program for first-year students with a focus on being a leader at college.
- Facilitate an Emerging Leaders Institute for first- and second-year students empowering them to take leadership roles.
- Built a Distinguished Leaders Institute for third-year students focusing on how to maximize their strengths.
- Coordinate a 5-week "Senior Leadership Series," for senior students to prepare for life after graduation.
- Created a leadership program on masculine identities based on best practices and campus climate research.
- Chair the Student Leadership Awards selection committee and host the recognition banquet.

Greek Life January 2013-July 2014

- Advised student leaders on Greek Council.
- Compiled and managed information and the feedback process for a Greek Standards of Excellence program.
- Organized Greek Volunteers for the Wiggin Street Fun Festival each spring.
- Worked with a student leader to plan and facilitate a week of events for Greek Week each spring.

Additional Responsibilities January 2013-Present

- Hire, train, and supervise a student intern staff of ten and supplement the experience with evaluations.
- Serve as the chairperson for the "SActivities", a student affairs division committee that assist the Vice President of Student Affairs by planning division-wide events, retreats, and a monthly newsletter.
- Participate in a professional on-call rotation to provide 24-hour crisis intervention and on-site emergency response for a campus of 1,700.
- Support other departments by participating in search committees, panels for admission, and staffing of events.

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Office of Student Life, Assistant Director

Volunteerism

June 2011-January 2013

- Coordinated with Community Partners to arrange an annual volunteer fair for the campus community.
- Structured the semester service calendar to include multilevel service activities in response to community needs.
- Advised student-led committees to plan Dance Marathon and Relay for Life.
- Lead Alternative Break trips (fall and spring) and planned the first international service study abroad trip (May 2013).
- Organized traditional philanthropic/awareness events: hunger banquet, sleep-out for the homeless, and 5K race.

Greek Life

June 2010-January 2013

- Advised IFC, NPC, and NPHC which together consisted of 13 national fraternities and sororities.
- Organized the Greek Awards selection and program.
- Implemented a Standards of Excellence Program for Greek Life starting spring 2013.
- Facilitated the formal recruitment process for NPC Women and IFC Men.

Recreation Sports

June 2010-August 2011

- Advised an intramural program with 14 different sport seasons and tournaments.
- Supervised and trained a staff of three student supervisors and 12 referees.
- Responded and acted on conduct violations in accordance with intramural handbook.

Related

Experience:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Office of Student Programs

Graduate Advisor

July 2008-June 2010

- Advised student leaders of the Campus Activities Board, University Lecture Series, and Homecoming Steering Committee.
- Managed and approved expenses within a \$300,000 budget.
- Advised student planning, marketing, and implementation of a variety of campus programs.
- Initiated and negotiated contracts and riders with numerous off-campus agencies.
- Worked with students to ensure that the logistical needs of large-scale campus events were met.

NORTH-AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute

Small Group Facilitator

July 2013, 2015 & 2014

- Led a group of 12 student leaders from across the country over the course of a five day institute.
- Challenged students to develop an action plan that addressed the issues facing their community head on.
- Facilitated conversations in the large group setting of 75 student leaders about the importance of ritual, values, brotherhood and sisterhood, and accountability.

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Riverfront Park

Spring 2009-Spring 2010

Challenge Course Facilitator

- Led groups of various age and ability through an Alpine Towers high ropes challenge course.
- Facilitated low ropes initiatives and reflection discussions focused on specific outcomes determined by the group.
- Maintained a safe and supportive atmosphere for participants to challenge themselves to achieve previously unthinkable goals.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Office of Student Activities and Facilities (OSAF)

The Hub Intern

Summer 2009

Mission: The Hub supports the interaction between Duke students and the surrounding community to promote an appreciation of diversity and to instill the value of citizenship.

- Developed and critiqued the Hub Mission statement to align with the OSAF Goals.
- Established relationships with local businesses to encourage participation in the HUB.
- Created the student employee manual for The Hub Student Staff.
- Identified learning outcomes for the program to garner support from Duke administrators.

Student Organizations Intern

Summer 2009

- Developed a best practices manual of student organizations based on benchmarking of similar institutions.
- Assisted the staff to update the Student Organization Handbook for Duke groups.

Professional

Presentations:

OHIO COLLEGE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

2018 Annual Conference

- *Turn fifteen minutes of flop into fifteen minutes of fame: mastering the art of the interview presentation*
- *Where have all the good men gone: redirecting masculinity on a college campus*

2017 Annual Conference

- *Behind the Regalia: Transparency in Student Affairs*
- *Passionate Today, Forgotten Tomorrow: How to stay motivated in the era of 24-hour Activism*

2017 Mid-Managers Institute

- *350 Unread Emails: I'm too Busy to Attend this Session*

2016 Annual Conference

- *350 Unread Emails: I'm too Busy to Attend this Session*

2015 Annual Conference

- *Creating a Culture of Respect through Productive Dialogue*

Community

Involvement:

VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

Village Council, Council President

June 2015-July 2017

- Chaired the Library and Programing Committee which plans the annual Independence Day Parade and Picnic.
- An active member of the Police and Personnel Committee, and Streets and Utilities Committee.
- Served as one of the Council Representatives on the Planning and Zoning Commission since January 2016.
- Elected the President of Council in January 2016 and work closely with the Mayor in that role.