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Objective

Grassroots community-driven citizen with extensive public and nonprofit sector experience seeks to effect positive change in the lives and aspirations of residents in Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Political Science

Sept 2005 – May 2009

Madison, WI

Work Experience

Alderman | City of Milwaukee

2nd District – Milwaukee Common Council

- Vice Chair, Judiciary and Legislation Committee
- Member, Licenses Committee
- Member, Wisconsin League of Municipalities
- Member, Administrative Review Appeals Board
- Member, Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees
- Member, Redevelopment Authority City of Milwaukee
- Member, Community and Economic Development Committee
- Local administrator responsible for City services delivery to 40,000+ constituents

Apr 2016 – Present

Milwaukee, WI

Office of the Mayor | City of Milwaukee

Staff Assistant to the Mayor – The Honorable Tom Barrett

- Coordination of outreach efforts to special constituencies
- Chief contributor to anti-violence prevention strategy, other citywide initiatives
- Responsible for research, investigation and collaborations used to brief Mayor on relevant issues

Nov 2013 – July 2015

Milwaukee, WI

Employ Milwaukee

Contract Monitor | Youth Specialist

- Tracked progress for data entry systems
- Recorded documents for verification of activity
- Tracked and dispersed payroll for summer youth workers
- Supervised and managed public access areas, Milwaukee Career Center and College Career Center
- Collaborated with Milwaukee area community-based organizations matching area youth with summer employment
- Worked with case managers to keep Milwaukee youth involved in employment and educational opportunities through federally funded education & work initiatives – ex. Workforce Investment Act (WIA), DOL – ReXo youth

Oct 2010 – Nov 2013

Milwaukee, WI

YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

Collegiate Services Director

- Directed collegiate cohort of YMCA Sponsor-A-Scholar program
- Managed transfer of scholarship funds from a million dollar –plus trust account
- Kept contact with a hundred plus MPS scholars at universities across the United States

Sept 2010 – Dec 2010

Milwaukee, WI

North Avenue Community Development Corporation

Program Manager – North Avenue Gateway District

- Targeted grant opportunities from local foundations for program development
- Worked to get businesses operating in designated area on common accord for growth and increased opportunity
- Worked in conjunction with Milwaukee BID # 28, Milwaukee Police District Three Community Prosecution Unit and City of Milwaukee 15th Aldermanic District Office

Apr 2010 – Oct 2010

Milwaukee, WI

- Worked with City of Milwaukee Department of City Development to implement strategies aimed at spurring commerce in Milwaukee's historical commercial districts, or Main Streets

MAXIMUS Inc.

Dec 2009 – Mar 2010

Case Manager – Youth Services

Milwaukee, WI and West Allis, WI

- Actively recruited youth from 18 – 21 year demographic
- Collaborated with Milwaukee area agencies to match low income youth with employment and educational opportunities

Steve Brown Apartments

Aug 2007 – May 2009

Resident Director

Madison, WI

- Conducted annual staff evaluations which effected staff payment
- Addressed concerns of student residents based off of a unique complaint/compliment system
- Collaborated with Resident Assistants to create interactive, engaging and community-building events and lifestyle for residents
- Supervised Resident Assistant team of up to 35 staff at three private student housing properties; organized and facilitated workshops and weekly staff meetings

YMCA of Greater New York

May 2006 – Aug 2006

Intern

New York City, New York

- Direct Assistant to Senior Executive of Marketing and Communications
- Researched and consolidated New York City YMCA branch rules and prices into uniform policy
- Supported in creating grassroots campaign to reach youth to spur involvement in YMCA activities and programming
- Used photography to capture essence of community programming at YMCA facilities in each New York City borough

Volunteer Experience

Congressional Black Caucus Institute Political Training Boot Camp

July 2011

Graduate

Washington, DC

- Nominated to attend by US Representative Gwen Moore (4th District, Wisconsin)
- Trained in all aspects of the science of political campaign composition and execution

Organizing for America

Sept 2008 – Nov 2010

Volunteer

Madison, WI

- Conducted phone calls for Get Out The Vote activity
- Performed Iowa door-to-door canvassing for US Senator and Presidential candidate Barack Obama
- Volunteer assisting in coordination of venue, time and spectator control for rally at UW-Madison's Kohl Center featuring then Presidential candidate Barack Obama

Earl's Court YMCA Youth Hostel

May 2008 – July 2008

Study Abroad Intern

London, England, UK

- Supported staff in creating quality social programming for at-risk London area youth
- Researched and reported similarities and differences on YMCA mission and movement in US and UK

Political Experience

Nov 2005 – Present

Various Posts

Madison, WI and Milwaukee, WI

- Candidate, fund raiser and phone banker
- Archived research and articles from statewide media
- Conducted phone calls for Get Out The Vote activity
- Contacted state-wide organizations for gubernatorial appearances
- Crafted constituent correspondence and collected names for nomination
- Participant in literature dropping for Dane County elected officials

- Participant in Opportunity Rocks: Rebuilding the Gulf Coast service mission to New Orleans, LA post Hurricane Katrina

YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

Feb 2001 – May 2009

Volunteer

Milwaukee, WI

- Former member, Downtown YMCA Board of Managers
- Summer counselor to high school youth at YMCA Camp Matawa
- Service volunteer to YMCA sponsored school in Valparaiso Chile, South America
- Raised funds for continued YMCA programming with annual Strong Kids Campaign

References are available upon request