

Paul R Smith

Contact

3156 S Quincy Ave
Milwaukee WI 53207
414-416-3593
oneidapaul@gmail.com

Education

The University of Milwaukee
History degree
M.A.T.C.
Associates: Teacher Education
(2015)

Key Skills

Team Building
Community Development
Public Relations
DEI certified

Objective

Apply my experience and work ethic to the tasks and goals of the organization for the best possible outcomes. To bring people to the table and bring them together to accomplish goals

Experience

2024 current Vice President of The Milwaukee Intertribal Circle
2023-current Assistant Executive Director of The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin
2018-2023 The Milwaukee Christian Center
Housing Director • Construction Manager

2009-2013 Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Project Supervisor •

2008-2009 Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
AmeriCorps • House leader

The last fifteen years of my professional and student life have been devoted to the service of others. I have trained over a thousand volunteers during my time at Habitat for Humanity. I was part of a team that went El Salvador to build homes while I was in AmeriCorps. I was able to rehab some of Milwaukee's distressed homes while at MCC. Within the first week I became the liaison for the organization at City Hall. I managed contracts and construction budgets. I was on the hiring, community development, and fundraising committees.

Communication

I am able to sit at any table in any room and reach those in that room because of my diverse life and professional experience. During my time as a student at MATC I was nominated and elected the student teacher association's president during my second semester at MATC. I was able to apply for funding to take the Association's members to the Wisconsin Indian Educational Association's conference to expose them to educational resources and obstacles that my Native people face. I currently sit on the Educational Advisory Board at MATC, we

help shape the teacher education program from the curriculum to the recruitment of new students. During my full-time student status at The University of Milwaukee I was elected President of the American Indian Student Association. As President I organized and raised the funds for the 40th annual Pow Wow celebration. I started with no money and through my network in the Native community I was able to raise over \$20,000 in less than six months. I turned those funds into a Pow Wow, Native Art Exhibit, and Honor Feast to celebrate our Native Alumni. I was also able to use those funds for a service trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation to deliver a van full of hygiene products to the youth at their High School. I am currently a consultant for the Milwaukee Art Museum. I initiated the change that is currently taking place at the museum. The Native Community finally has a voice at the Art Museum, and I sparked the fire that helped create and recruit the first paid Native Advisory Committee in the Art Museum's history. I helped recruit most of the diverse celebrated members who currently serve on the committee, which is made up of artists, educators, and community members. Contemporary Native American art has been purchased and added to the Museum's permanent collection for the first time. The very first contemporary Native art exhibit was held in 2023 that will be followed up by another exhibit and wing added to Chipstone Collection. I have changed the landscape of Milwaukee in many fields from construction, affordable housing, Native rights, student rights and the Arts. It is my hope to continue that positive change for those who may not have a voice.

Leadership

Assistant Director of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Vice President of Milwaukee Intertribal Circle

DEI trained and certified

Director of Housing

Student President of the Student Teacher Association

Student President of the American Indian Student Association at UWM

Board member of the Educational Advisory team at MATC

Consultant at the Milwaukee Art Museum.

References

[Available upon request.]