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EDUCATION

Master of Science in College Student Personnel
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville May 2021

Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance
The University of Tennessee at Martin, May 2019
Major: Human Performance

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong communicator committed to active listening and building professional relationships
- Critical thinker able to develop and evaluate options and create solutions
- Organized leader able to effectively manage and prioritize time on projects
- Build rapport easily, promoting a trusting and encouraging learning environment
- Proven ability to build relationships with students to foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant – Center for Student Engagement; University of Tennessee, Knoxville

June 2019 – Present

- Advise, mentor, and provide guidance to the student Entertainment Committee executive board and members
- Plan and organize Late Night Initiatives, which are targeted for first-year students
- Manage a programming budget of \$300,000 per semester
- Identify artists and coordinate the Spring Campus Concert; oversee concert budget of \$150,000
- Interpret and communicate university policies to Entertainment Committee to ensure effectiveness and efficiency
- Instruct vendors and contractors on university and on-campus guidelines for events

Student Assistant – Office of Student Life; University of Tennessee at Martin

April 2018 – May 2019

- Provided event planning direction and assistance to more than 150 student organizations
- Coordinated and organize semester calendar for National Pan-Hellenic Council activities, events, and workshops
- Served on university's diversity task force to assist in increasing minority student involvement
- Developed risk management policy and procedures for student events such as Homecoming Week, Greek Step Show, and Philanthropy Week

Coordinator of Step Show – Alpha Gamma Rho; University of Tennessee at Martin

October 2017 – February 2018

- Directed rehearsals to instruct members in how to use dance steps and techniques to achieve desired effects
- Collectively worked with members of the fraternity to construct theme of show
- Prepared 60 participants through practice for competition
- Trained and attended rehearsals to maintain high level of technical proficiency and physical ability

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. – Advisor

October 2019 – Present

- Ensure all chapter operations follow organizational policies and procedures to maintain student safety
- Oversee chapter budget and mentor an executive board of five members
- Communicate new member expectations and certify all paperwork is collected and properly submitted

- National Pan-Hellenic Council – President Fall 2018 – May 2019
- Served as the liaison between nine organizations and university fraternity/sorority life officials
 - Conducted weekly council meetings and met with each organization’s president each semester
 - Maintained overall responsibility for the operations of NPHC, its programs, and officers
 - Provided support to organizations including attendance at appropriate council-sponsored and co-sponsored events

- Kappa Omicron Chapter Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. – President Fall 2016 – Dec. 2019
- Served as the chief executive officer of the chapter; presided over all meetings
 - Led organization of eight and executive committee of five to meet mutual goals
 - Recruited members, educating on available programs and resources, exceeding goals
 - Carried out all provisions of the constitution, bylaws, and rules of procedure

- Student Government Association – Senator Fall 2018 – May 2019
- Represented students’ voices by attending meetings to discuss areas of concern, improvement, or question
 - Actively participated in senate meeting discussions; listened to the voices of UTM students and found new ways to respond to their needs, concerns, and aspirations
 - Found and developed multiple avenues for connecting with students to collect their ideas

- Campus Orientation Leader Summer 2018
- Greeted over 1,000 new students and their families to Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR)
 - Communicated university resources to new students and their families to aid in transition from high school to college
 - Facilitated discussions and ice breakers with new students to assist with acclimation with each other

HONORS

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| ● Paul and Martha Meek Leadership Award | 2019 |
| ● UT Martin Homecoming King | 2018 |
| ● Nominee for UT Martin Who’s Who Award | 2017 |
| ● NPHC Greek Man of the Year | 2017 – 2018 |
| ● UT Martin Emerging Leader Award | 2016 |

PRESENTATIONS

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- Wright, B., Sawyers, A., & DeGuzman, N. (2019, October) *When It Rains, It Pours: Programming in Unique Spaces*. NACA South Regional Conference; Chattanooga, TN.
 - Sawyers, A., & Dixon, A. (2020, March) *Back 2 Da Basics: The Law of Delegation*. Clifton M. Jones Student Leadership Conference; Knoxville, TN.
 - Sawyers, A. (2020, October) *Making College Work for You*. Emmanuel Temple Inc. College Conference; Nashville, TN.

PUBLICATIONS

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- Dasinger, Timothy M., Brown, Laura L., and Sawyers, Ashton J. (2020) "Examining Minority Youth Swimmers’ versus Non-Swimmers’ Perceptions of Swimming Involvement," *International Journal of Aquatic Research and Education*

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES

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- **2020 Culturally Based Fraternal Organization Consortium**
 - Coordinated logistical arrangements for hybrid conference
 - Collected and evaluated raw assessment data
 - Created info graphic of assessment data for internal and external stakeholders
 - **National Association for Campus Activities**
 - Reviewed more than 100 conference proposals and provided constructive feedback for every submission
 - Ensured that well-balanced, high-quality educational sessions were organized and presented at the regional conference
 - Encouraged submitters to actively reflect institutional issues at the time of submission