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CAREER FOCUS

Passionate, hard-working Community Outreach Specialist with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice seeking the opportunity to combine my expertise in the study of human behavior and interaction with my passion for advancing social justice in local communities. I have acquired a comprehensive background in leading, developing, and implementing community outreach initiatives and programs that enhance the learning environment and experience of students, communities, and social work organizations.

EDUCATION

B.S., Sociology Criminal Justice Minor **Lincoln University - Oxford, Pa, 2023**

KEY STRENGTHS AND EXPERTISE

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Program Coordination & Development
- Resources Management
- Trained in Trauma Counseling
- Oral & Written Communication
- Effective Collaboration
- Community Outreach
- Qualitative Research
- Data Analytics
- Team Management
- Problem-Solving
- Trained in Restorative Practices

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD
Social Work Organization
Community Program Specialist

June 2022- August 2022

- Collaborated with SWCOS coordinators to plan, organize, and implement a successful Back to School event serving a substantial number of students, families, and community members.
- Ensured program effectiveness through the management of over 65% of physical program resources.
- Collaborated with site-based community school leadership teams to develop and facilitate training on restorative practices, trauma counseling, and effective outreach strategies.
- Evaluated learning environments and program effectiveness through qualitative research and effective communication with students and program participants.
- Gained substantial experience, and training in the importance of restoration practice for the betterment and effective counseling of students and program participants.
- Facilitated key partnerships with outside companies and organizations to provide physical resources for SWCOS programs and events.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
National Panhellenic organization focusing on scholarship and community service within the black community
Vice Polemarch

April 2022- May 2023

- Facilitated and maintained key relationships with campus and fraternity leadership to ensure all organizational procedures were properly developed, implemented, and regulated to ensure the safety and success of all chapter participants and affected community members.
- Facilitated, coordinated, and implemented over 10 successful events and community service initiatives serving over 500 members of the Lincoln University campus community and over 100 members of the surrounding Oxford Pa community.
- Served as point of contact to manage all financial and physical resources to enhance the development of community service projects, chapter events, and programs.
- Responsible for the scheduling, facilitation, and management of all chapter meetings, official fraternity conferences, and chapter events. Using effective communication, time management, and leadership skills to promote productivity and meeting effectiveness.

Gentleman Qualities

August 2020- March 2022

Lincoln University of Pa

Vice President

- Responsible for facilitating and hosting organization events that promote the importance of organizational leadership, professionalism, and academic success.
- Managed the facilitation of all meetings, events, and financial planning by enhancing organizational procedures to increase productivity by over 30%.
- Increased brand awareness through social media management, partnership facilitation, and maintaining key relationships with the university leadership.
- Collaborated with campus organizations to promote unity and better serve the students of the Lincoln University community increasing student participation in community service initiatives.
- Streamlined and manages the interviewing process for all potential members and executive board positions which ensured the quality of participants resulting in effective event facilitation and campus impact.