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EDUCATION

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. M.Ed., 2005.
Meredith College, Raleigh, NC. B.S., English, 1995.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE

- ◆ **Program Management:** Served as Program Coordinator for the Community Justice Center's First Response Team; Served as Assistant Complex Coordinator responsible for the implementation of departmental Community Development Model in the University's Living/Learning Center; Interpreted data from over 2000 evaluations into comprehensive summary to be used interdepartmentally
- ◆ **Collaboration:** Successfully collaborated with 41 local nonprofit organizations to apply for an AmeriCorps*VISTA grant renewal from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS); Worked directly with other student service offices including Security, Housekeeping, Physical Plant, Student Activities, Greek Life; Coordinated department-wide initiatives such as Staff Selection, Staff Training, and Room Draw
- ◆ **Supervision/Training/Evaluation:** Directly supervised, trained, and evaluated two AmeriCorps*VISTA team leaders, paraprofessional staff, orientation leaders, and 19 undergraduate staff members; Performed job assessments and provided developmental feedback during weekly one-on-one sessions; Compiled and discussed yearly resident evaluations of student staff
- ◆ **Communication:** Served as the liaison between the CNCS and 40 AmeriCorps*VISTA members; Served as Communications Coordinator responsible for developing and carrying out Orientation Programs for over 3000 incoming students and families; Responded to the needs of 600 residents including basic academic and personal counseling and referral; Served as Judicial Officer for 600 residents including initial meetings, educational sanctioning, and follow-up

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AND SERVICE-LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- ◆ **Facilitation:** Co-coordinated campus Nonprofit Career Fair; specifically highlighted and provided application materials to students interested in post-graduate fellowships; Facilitated small group discussions regarding race, ethnicity, class, gender, religion, and sexual orientation during weekly workshops
- ◆ **Program Development:** Supported 22 site coordinators in program development and logistics coordination as primary advisor for Alternative Spring Break (ASB); Co-coordinated community-wide days of service linking students to local agencies; Designed and facilitated ten distinct programs for 10-12 year old participants from the community
- ◆ **Outreach:** Researched and contacted 35 national nonprofit organizations to access materials for interested students; Developed advertising, content, and structure for workshop aimed at addressing the unique challenges facing adolescent girls in our society; Aided in the recruitment and training of student Service-Learning Partners
- ◆ **Assessment:** Facilitated process to recruit, select, and transition new leadership for Career Service Center; Designed and implemented comprehensive assessment of Student Service Center; Implemented assessment tool to elicit program feedback from alumni
- ◆ **Resource Development:** Developed a website for the Career Services Library highlighting fellowship opportunities for students representing diverse backgrounds; Researched and developed service-learning resource guide for students, administrators, and faculty; Developed comprehensive publication to expose prospective M.Ed. candidates to the unique and often challenging experiences of graduate students of color

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- ◆ Prior experience in higher education as a Community and Economic Development Coordinator and Assistant Director of Residential Life. Excellent record with former employers, Meredith College (1995-1998) and University of Alabama (1998-present).