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Professional Summary

Ambitious self-starter with experience in hiring, supervision, team development, events, and budget management. Proficient in business financials including inventory, sourcing, and labor costs. Creative and excited. Artist by nature.

Education

University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2002.

Bachelor of Arts, *English*. Concentration in writing and rhetoric.

Southeast Community College, 2001.

Associate of Arts, *Transfer*. Graduated with honors.

Experience

Area Director and Head Chef, Grata Bar and Lounge/Boombox Social/Grata Catering Kitchen. Lincoln, NE.

February 2020 – Present

- Supervise, hire, and train a staff of 25+ cooks, caterers, and retail packaging personnel.
- Manage all catering operations with a monthly revenue of \$125,000 across four locations.
- Plan and execute 120+ catering events annually.
- Develop retail branding, menus and ad copy.
- Create training materials including build guides and look books.

Culinary Team Leader, Whole Foods Market. Lincoln, NE.

July 2018 – February 2020

- Manage two store departments with annual sales of \$1.5 million
- Hire, train, and develop 40 chefs, bakers, buyers, supervisors, and front facing salesclerks.
- Develop and execute merchandising and sales plans.

Assistant General Manager, Famous Dave's. Lincoln, NE.

November 2015 – July 2018

- Oversee front and back of house operations for a staff of 50.
- Manage guest relations and resolve customer complaints.
- Responsible for scheduling staff and actively managing ordering, inventory, and product to meet profit and loss goals.

General Manager, Brewsky's South. Lincoln, NE.

May 2013 – November 2015

- Oversee all front and back-of-house operations for a restaurant with annual revenue of \$1.2 million dollars.

- Hire, train, and manage a team of 25-30 people.
- Manage inventory, labor, and product to meet cost goals.

Assistant General Manager, Brewsky's South. Lincoln, NE
August 2012 – May 2013.

- Manage front and back of house operations, including supervision of all staff.
- Supervise inventory and ordering processes.

Instructor, Northeast Family Center. Lincoln, NE.
August 2005 – August 2012

- Created and managed the Academy of Rock program, an after-school program to teach music skills to neighborhood youth.
- Grew program from 15 students at Lefler Middle School to 150 students across 10 middle and high school locations.
- Developed and wrote all curriculum and lesson plans.
- Secured a \$25,000 grant to build a functioning recording studio at the Northeast Family Center.

Copywriter & Photojournalist, NewsLink. Lincoln, NE
June 2001 – August 2003.

- Develop and write stories in AP Style for industry newsletters and official publications.
- Interview business officers including executive management to gather story content.
- Traveled regularly for on-site photoshoots and interviews.

Manager, Producer, and Musician, The J.V. All*stars LLC. Lincoln, NE
March 1999 – Present

- Perform original music for audiences up to 1200
- Manage events including national and international tours with revenues of \$5000.
- Oversee budgets, branding, production, and promotion to support ten studio albums and related tours.

Community Involvement

Give and Let Live, Lincoln, NE.

Created and launched a seed-starter fundraiser benefitting local bars, restaurants, and small businesses during and after the pandemic.

Local Time Live! Lincoln, NE.

Created a traveling music festival across dozens of sites around Lincoln to benefit local music venues. Recruited and booked local musicians, secured event sponsors, and worked with community partners to execute the event.

Professional Skills

Proficient in Microsoft Office, Google, and Apple software suites. Extensive experience with budgeting for nonprofits small companies and foodservice; AP style, team management and training.