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EDUCATION

Clemson University, Clemson, SC- 2001
Master of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
Emphasis: Campus Recreation

Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC - 1998
Bachelor of Science in Physical Education
Emphasis: Recreation and Leisure Services Management

EXPERIENCE

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LA -2013 to present
Director of Recreational Sports

- Responsible for all aspects of student recreation programming and facilities including budgeting, risk management, marketing, and evaluation.
- Boosted attendance from several hundred student visits per day to an average of over 1,500 visits per day.
- Hire, train and manage a fulltime staff of 5 team members, 5 Graduate Assistants and 120+ student workers.
- Planned and designed Intramural Field Complex addition as well as multiple renovation projects to existing spaces in an effort to grow offerings for the students.

University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA - 2008 to 2013
Associate Director of Recreational Sports

- Train and manage a staff of over 100 student workers, 2 Graduate Assistants and 2 Professional Staff.
- Represented the Rec Sports Department as Project Manager for the 20,000 sq. ft. fitness center addition. Wrote purchasing specifications for equipment valued at more than 1 million dollars.
- Departmental Safety Coordinator for the Recreational Sports Department. Responsible for all high and low risk employee safety meetings and training.
- Direct all aspects of Student Aquatic Center (responsibilities as listed under Aquatics Director).
- Developed, implemented and assessed the Strategic Plan for the Rec Sports Department 2008-2013.

University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA - 2001 to 2008
Aquatics Coordinator

- Manage all aspects of staff of 20 Lifeguards and Head Lifeguards.
- Developed all policies and procedures for aquatic facility.

- Responsible for the development of all programs and operations for Student Aquatic Center, including the development of the University American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program.
- Worked in conjunction with Facilities Management, University Police and Student Health Services to bring lifesaving AED's (automated external defibrillators) to campus.

US Attorney's Office, Lafayette, LA - 2008

Professional Aquatics Consultant

- Served as an expert for US Attorney's Office: Lafayette, LA (Luana M. Maravi, as natural tutrix of her minor child, Aaron B. Smith v. United States of America Civil Action No: 05-1917)
- Examined depositions taken in the case and conducted a facility site visit.
- Prepared an expert report on the events surrounding the case pertaining to aquatic safety.
- Testified in Federal Court as an Expert Witness in Aquatics Safety.

University of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA - 2001 to Present

Adjunct Faculty- Professor for Recreation 330 Organization and Administration of Intramural Sports.

- Plan and organize class lectures and assignments.
- Created UL Lafayette Triathlon in 2002 as a class project for hands on learning.
- Assist in the planning and fundraising for the Natural High 5K (since 2002) which supports the Department of Counseling and Testing's SLIDDE organization. Funds raised by the class make up nearly the entire operating budget for this program.

Clemson University- 1999 to 2001

Graduate Assistant- Recreation Facilities and Aquatics

- Managed operations of Fike Recreation Center, including NCAA Swimming Natatorium and all indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.
- Hired, trained, and supervised staff of 60, including 2 full-time interns and 8 building supervisors.
- Collaborated with architects and university officials on all planning phases of \$24 million facility renovation.
- Developed and drafted two-year management plan for all campus recreation facilities and programs during the renovation.
- Planned and guided student trips for CORE (Campus Outdoor Recreation and Education).
- Taught leisure skills classes and lifeguarding for the university.

Dunes Golf and Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, SC 1999 to 2000

Recreation and Aquatics Director

- Responsible for all pool area and beach front operations, staff, and recreational activities.
- Conducted day camps, swimming lessons, swim team and special events for private country club.
- Created and conducted in-service training sessions for lifeguards and staff.

Push America/Journey of Hope, Charlotte, NC - 1998

Project Manager for Cross Country Bicycle Trip

- Served internship with National Outreach Program of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.
- Organized logistics for 30 cyclists and 5 crew members for 63-day cross-country bicycle trip to raise awareness for people with disabilities.
- Directed all daily operations, including cycling routes, lodging, meals, public appearances, and media relations.
- Solicited in-kind gifts with combined values exceeding \$45,000 for the Journey of Hope team.
- Coordinated 73 events in 27 cities reaching an audience of 101,400 people.

- Collaborated with a volunteer network of 300 individuals nationwide prior to and during the event.

Coastal Carolina University- 1996-1998

Facility Supervisor- Recreation Facilities and Aquatics

- Operated the campus recreation facility, including swimming pools, weight and aerobics rooms, and basketball courts.
- Managed and trained weight room, pool and front desk staff.
- Planned and implemented soccer and volleyball intramural leagues and supervised intramural staff.

Scuba Syndrome Dive Center- 1995-1997

Dive Master

- Planned and led dive excursions off the coast of South Carolina and Florida.
- Assisted with scuba instruction in the classroom, pool, and open water settings.
- Responsible for the safety and well being for divers and customers during deepwater offshore scuba diving trips.

American Health and Racquet Club, Myrtle Beach, SC - 1993-1994

Personal Trainer

- Maintained all aspects of member services including personal fitness program development, equipment usage instruction and membership sales.
- Supervised private fitness club, including weight and fitness area, aerobics room, racquetball courts and swimming pool.

Wild Water Waterpark, Surfside Beach, SC - 1991-1993

Lifeguard/ Head Lifeguard

- Directed operations of water park, including scheduling and managing a staff of over 70.
- Responsible for patron safety, guest relations, and customer satisfaction for over 1,000 visitors daily.

CERTIFICATIONS

American Red Cross Instructor and Instructor Trainer:

- Lifeguarding and First Aid
- CPR for the Professional Rescuer
- Automated External Defibrillation
- Water Safety Instructor

National Recreation and Park Association:

- Certified Aquatic Facility Operator
- National Aquatic Management School: Level 1

State of South Carolina Environmental Certification Board

- Certified Swimming Pool / Spa Operator

PADI - Professional Association of Diving Instructors (Scuba)

- Open Water
- Advanced Open Water

- Rescue Diver
- Divemaster

Certified Ellis and Associates National Pool and Water Park Lifeguard

- 2 years, 1991-1993

EXTRACURRICULAR

- Founder and Race Director for University of Louisiana Triathlon 2002-2015.
- United Way Representative for the University of Louisiana 2004-2005 campaign.
- Coordinator for Water Rescue and Lifeguards for local open water triathlon series 2002-Present.
- UL Men's Soccer Club Faculty Advisor 2012-Present.
- Louisiana Youth Soccer Association- Soccer Coach (Level E License) 2009-Present.
- Faculty Advisor for University Program Council at University of Louisiana 2004-2006.
- SLIDDE - School Leaders Involved in Drinking and Drug Education Committee Member 2003-2010.
- LCIRSA Board Member (Louisiana Collegiate Intramural and Recreational Sports Association) 2003-2007.
- Founder and Faculty Advisor of University of Louisiana Ducks Unlimited Student Chapter 2005-Present.
- 2 time Ironman Triathlon Finisher.
- Red's Health Club- Member of Master's Swimming Club.
- National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association South Carolina Student Representative 2001.
- President and founder of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at Coastal Carolina University.
- Member of 1997 Journey of Hope Team (bicycled 4,000 miles and personally raised \$4,000 to benefit people with disabilities).
- Founder of Coastal Underwater Diving Adventures (CUDA) scuba club at Coastal Carolina University.
- Organized Coastal Carolina University Triathlon.
- Lifeguard of the Year – Wild Water Waterpark 1992.