# A GUIDE TO RESUME WRITING





# EVERYTHING ABOUT A RESUME

A resume is an executive summary of your qualifications to perform a responsible role in the workplace. A resume is one page in length and contains your education, training, work, and life experience in relationship to your potential value to an employer or opportunity.

### A resume is:

- A professional handshake
- An introduction to employers and evaluators. Be sure to check your grammar and spelling with many reviews
- An advertisement of your employability and career potential. Make your resume is attractive, easy to read, and market-savvy
- A document of achievement. Never misrepresent your qualifications, and always show learning, pursuit, and contributions
- A road map of your career growth and direction. Make it easy for employers to see chronology and patterns of development
- An interview prompt for recruiters. Highlight the achievements you want to talk about in an interview, and be prepared to discuss the achievements you highlight. For example, if you report that you are a member of the Finance Association, what will you say if the interviewer asks you to describe the association's benefits and activities?

# BEGIN WITH YOUR TARGET LIST

As your job search becomes more immediate and competitive, you will need to focus carefully on what employers are looking for and organize your resume around the keywords in the target job description. Make it easy for the employer to find your qualifications by using the buzzwords and keywords that the employer uses in the position posting. Evaluate your current resume to see whether it mirrors the job description. If not, you will want to reorganize, re-emphasize, and reconfigure your resume material. It is important to tailor your resume to authentically align with the job description.



Tip: A good idea is to circle keywords in the target job listing that describe required and desired education, skills and experience.



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#### First and Last Name

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### **EDUCATION**

### California State University, Fullerton

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Concentration in Management

### RELATED COURSEWORK

- Advanced Business Communication
- Principles of Marketing
- Team Leadership Skills

- Organizational Behavior

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

spcaLA

Los Angeles, CA

### Development Assistant

February 2016 - Present

- Coordinate with donors, vendors, celebrities and the community to increase the reputation of the organization
- Generate monthly reports by analyzing significant data for effortless comprehension
- Manage and create newsletters through Convio with the use of basic HTML5 to market upcoming company
- Serve as a liaison between management of various departments and sites to ensure fluid communication

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

### The Fake Organization

Buena Park, CA

### **Event Planning Intern**

June 2015 - January 2016

- Supported a firm in the creation and execution of a large fundraising gala, resulting in raising over \$20,000
- Coordinated with organization and third parties to ensure all requirements and requests were satisfied
- Designed and created materials used at event including, but not limited to: invitations, nametags and checkin forms.
- Performed research to ensure all event goods, materials and services were purchased below budget

### **SKILLS**

- Proficient in Microsoft Office, including but not limited to: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook
- Confident in Internet Research and usage of Adobe Contribute
- Knowledge of Convio and Constant Contact
- Basic understanding of HTML and CSS
- Bilingual in American Sign Language

- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology for Managers

### **Expected May 2018**

Institution, degree and major/concentration, graduation date, and GPA if above 3.0

Header Name, address, phone

number, professional email,

See page 5 for more details

Education

and LinkedIn

See page 6 for more details

### Relevant Coursework

3-6 courses, names only \*Also consider "Course Projects" as a header

See page 6 for more details

### Experience

Relevant work history. Can also include internships, volunteering, and leadership roles.

> \*Listed in reversechronological order

See page 7 for more details

### Skills

Include technical skills: Computer software/ programs, languages, etc.

See page 6 for more details

Note for Accounting Majors: Include both your Cumulative GPA and Accounting GPA under the education section of your resume.



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# KNOW YOUR INDUSTRY AND FIELD

Writing a competitive resume requires you to know about current issues and trends in your chosen profession. You will want to have a knowledge in the following:

- Company profiles and cultures
- Prevailing theories, methodologies, and tools of the trade
- Industry leader and competitors
- Challenges, structural shifts, and other trends creating change
- Industry terminology, verbiage and lingo

### KNOW YOURSELF

### Identify and Market Transferable Skills

Transferable skills are competencies that have value in more than one type of employment setting. For example, if you have learned to read financial statements, you can offer this skill to many kinds of employers – you can integrate this skill in your professional profile for a great range of opportunities.

# Skills Employers are Looking For

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) the following are attributes employers seek on a candidate's resume (NACE Job Outlook 2016).

Leadership*	Communication skills (written)*	Communication skills (verbal)*	Ability to work in a team*	Problem solving skills*	Interpersonal skills	Detail oriented
Initiative	Flexibility	Organizational ability	Analytical/ quantitative skills	Technical skills	Computer skills	Strong work ethic
Outgoing personality	Strategic planning skills	Entrepreneurial skills	Tactfulness	Creativity	Risk taker	Adaptability

<sup>\*</sup>The skills with stars next to them are the ones employers ranked the highest (NACE Job Outlook 2016).

Not only think about the skills you have learned, but also the experiences you have had in college that have contributed to your success. According to NACE, the list below are some of the top attributes employers consider when screening applicants (NACE Job Outlook 2016).

Major	Involved in extracurricular activities	School attended	Fluent in a foreign language
Has held a leadership	High GPA (3.0 or above)	Has done volunteer work	Has studied abroad



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Resumes are built in logical categories that make it easy for a reader to scan and evaluate, identify, and contact the person presented. It is best to use standard categories and order them in a way that put your most compelling qualifications on the top half of your resume. Following are some strategies to consider in each category.

### The Format:

The key to formatting is to make adjustments according to how much information you have in order to make sure you are limiting the document to one page. Here a few general guidelines:

- Font should be simple and easy to read—Times New Roman, Arial, and Garamond.
- Font standard size is 11 or 12 point.
- Margins can range from 1/2 an inch to 1 inch.

### The Header:

The header usually includes – name, address, e-mail address, and phone (where messages can be left) at the top of your resume. How the information is presented is your preference!

Present your name and contact information with some pride and style. Your name is the most important item on your resume, and should be the biggest thing on the page while still remaining a reasonable sixe (between 12 and 14 font). Selection of the font, layout, and style for your name and contact information permits you to individualize your resume in a style expressive of your professional taste and consistency within professional standards in your field.

Marketing, entrepreneurship, and entertainment and tourism management majors have greater creative latitude in resume layout. Their resume is a demonstration of their skills customized to the reader.

# Objective/Summary:

Objectives are slowly becoming a thing of the past. We suggest removing an objective and focus on your relevant experience or your transferable skills. However, if you are to include an objective, we recommend spending time crafting it and creating a summary statement. A summary statement is similar to an objective but more detailed and specific. Your summary should demonstrate to an employer that you are a match for the position.

Consider the questions below to help you brainstorm and solidify your objective:

- Is this a full-time, part-time, or internship opportunity?
- Doing what kind of work? Applying what skills and abilities? Working at what level of experience or responsibility?
- Leading to what career advancement, in what industry?

Look at page 14 for an example of how this can be done.



Tip: One context where an objective/summary could be helpful is a career fair.



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### Education

Generally, your education should be listed first on your resume (unless you have extensive experience in your desired field). Start with your most recent program of study, including your major/degree and institution. Consider including your GPA if it is 3.0 or above.

Previous colleges or educational programs should follow in reverse chronological order (newest to oldest). It is only necessary to list college(s) that will or have awarded you a degree or certificate. If you earned credits that transferred into your current degree program, it is generally better to omit other colleges attended.

### Relevant Coursework

Why add relevant coursework to your resume? Sometimes you find that you could use some more relevant pieces or have some extra space on your resume. This is when you can add relevant coursework, particularly class projects.

Discussing coursework on your resume gives potential employers an idea of the relevant knowledge and proficiency you have acquired and any knowledge you are working towards in your current studies. You should only include coursework on your resume that applies to the position you are applying for, as this will show the hiring manager that you understand the position and have the necessary skill to do the job successfully.



Tips on Making Coursework Stand Out:

- Focus on what you learned within the project—research, teamwork, communication skills
- Any leadership roles you took on—organized communication, delegated tasks, created goals
- Any software you may have used—Excel, Quickbooks, Adobe Photoshop

(WikiHow to Mention Relevant Coursework in a Resume)

# Honors/Awards

An honors and awards section can be added for a variety of reasons. Below are some tips to keep in mind

- Make sure your awards section is formatted consistently with the rest of your resume
- If necessary give some background information with each award
- Do not go too deep into your past pick only the most relevant awards or honors
- Do not use too much technical industry jargon in your awards section

(3 Dos & Don'ts for Your Awards Section in Your Resume, 2016)

# Memberships

Refer to organizations by their full name, followed by an acronym in parenthesis. Be sure to also include the years that you were a member, and any positions you have held. You can also briefly describe your accomplishments of the positions you have had. By expanding on your role within the organization, you can showcase your leadership, teamwork or management skills.

(Simple Resume Writing Instructions, 2016)



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# Experience

Experience can take many forms and can fall under a variety of headings: Volunteer Experience, Internship Experience, Relevant Experience, Additional Experience, Leadership Experience, and On-Campus Involvement.

You want to present your most relevant experiences first. If your most relevant experience is not your most recent experience, you can create a category – such as "Related Experience." This allows you to highlight a past job that you feel will help you qualify for the position you are applying for.

Drop down unrelated experience to a second category called "Additional Experience." Make your descriptions of related experience detailed and minimize your descriptions of other unrelated experience.

\*\*REMEMBER: Quantify whenever possible. Use facts, numbers, and figures to show amounts and details in your work.

# Accomplishment Statements—AKA Bullets

Think of your work experience as a series of achievements rather than duties or responsibilities. You can do this by providing concrete details, expressing actions in terms of outcomes, providing quantities, and giving a sense of the work place.

A good strategy is to think of your accomplishments in terms of:

### ACTION/HOW + PURPOSE/WHAT + RESULT/WHY

Action/How – start each bullet point with an action verb (i.e. developed, created, produced, executed)

Purpose/What – what was the purpose of your action, your responsibility, your assignment, project, etc.?

Result/Why – what was the result of your action, what did you accomplish?

### Examples:

- Developed (action/how) an after school program for elementary school children focused on reading comprehension skills (purpose/what) which resulted in the participation of 20 students (results/why)
- Created and compiled investment portfolio worth \$50 \$2M dollars for clients and senior financial advisors
- Scheduled, advertised, and hosted professional development workshops for approximately 200 students to
  prepare them to interview for various internship opportunities
- Assessed customer needs to match with appropriate products and services
- Serviced customers with product recovery techniques to satisfy customer needs
- Developed a "new member" packet for 30 newly recruited members
- Facilitated a focus group of six student leaders to plan strategies goals for the upcoming academic semester
- Managed advertising and client relations programs for 12 client accounts



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### Skills

There are only two items to include in a skills section: **technology** and **language**. Be sure to include your proficiency level to demonstrate to an employer how well you know a particular skill. Other skills such as communication or teamwork are stronger if they are included under a position or experience that gives the employer or recruiter context.

# **Technologies:**

Coding and Programming C#; C++; SQL/MySQL; SAS; Python; HTML; CSS; Java

Languages:

Software: Microsoft Office Suite; ASP.net;

**Analytical Programs:** Google Analytics; AdWords, SEO;

Operation Systems: Windows Vista; XP; 7; OS

Excel Knowledge: Pivot Tables; vLookup; Indirect; Index; Data Queries like: Data sorting and

filtering; Regression Analysis;

Social Media: Facebook; Instagram; Twitter; Snapchat; Hootsuite

Design Tools: Photoshop; InDesign; Contribute; Dreamweaver

Consumer Relationship Constant Contact; Convio; Blackbaud The Raiser's Edge

Management:

### Languages:

Chinese Farsi French German Japanese Mandarin Portuguese Spanish

# **Descriptors:**





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### List of Action Verbs for Resumes & Professional Profiles

Management/ Leadership Skills

administered analyzed appointed approved assigned attained authorized chaired considered consolidated contracted controlled converted coordinated decided delegated developed directed eliminated emphasized enforced enhanced established executed generated handled headed hired hosted improved incorporated increased initiated inspected instituted

led

managed

motivated

organized

originated

overhauled

oversaw

planned

presided

prioritized

produced

replaced

restored

reviewed

strengthened

recommended

reorganized

merged

supervised terminated

Communication/
People Skills
addressed
advertised
arbitrated
arranged
articulated
authored
clarified

collaborated communicated communicated composed condensed conferred consulted contacted conveyed convinced corresponded debated defined described developed directed

directed discussed drafted edited elicited enlisted explained expressed formulated furnished incorporated influenced interacted interpreted interviewed involved ioined

judged

lectured

listened

marketed

mediated

moderated

negotiated observed outlined participated persuaded presented promoted proposed publicized reconciled recruited referred reinforced reported resolved responded solicited specified spoke suggested summarized synthesized

Research Skills

analyzed clarified

translated

wrote

collected compared

conducted
critiqued
detected
determined
diagnosed
evaluated
examined
experimented
explored
extracted
formulated
gathered
identified
inspected

interviewed invented investigated located measured organized researched searched solved summarized surveyed systematized tested

interpreted

Technical Skills adapted

adapted assembled built calculated

computed conserved constructed converted debugged designed determined developed engineered fabricated fortified installed maintained operated overhauled printed programmed rectified regulated remodeled repaired replaced restored solved

**Teaching Skills** 

specialized

studied

utilized

upgraded

standardized

adapted advised clarified coached communicated conducted coordinated critiqued developed enabled encouraged evaluated explained facilitated focused guided individualized informed instilled instructed motivated persuaded



scheduled streamlined

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set goals

simulated

stimulated

### List of Action Verbs for Resumes & Professional Profiles

taught tested trained transmitted tutored

Financial/ Data Skills administered adjusted allocated analyzed appraised assessed audited balanced calculated computed conserved corrected determ ined developed estimated forecasted managed marketed measured planned programmed projected reconciled reduced

creative skills acted adapted began combined conceptualized condensed created customized designed

researched

retrieved

developed directed displayed drew entertained established fashioned formulated founded illustrated initiated instituted integrated introduced invented modeled modified originated performed photographed planned revised revitalized shaped

Helping skills

solved

adapted advocated aided answered arranged assessed assisted cared for clarified coached collaborated contributed cooperated counseled demonstrated diagnosed educated encouraged

ensured expedited facilitated familiarize furthered guided helped insured intervened motivated provided referred rehabilitated presented resolved simplified supplied supported volunteered

Organization/ **Detail Skills** 

approved arranged cataloged categorized charted classified coded collected compiled corresponded distributed executed filed generated implemented incorporated inspected logged maintained monitored obtained

operated

ordered

organized prepared processed provided purchased recorded registered reserved responded reviewed routed scheduled screened set up submitted supplied standardized systematized updated validated verified

More verbs for Accomplishments

achieved completed expanded exceeded improved pioneered reduced (losses) resolved (issues) restored spearheaded succeeded surpassed transformed won



# **COMMON MISTAKES** IN RESUME WRITING

### 1. Font is too small

Make sure that your document is legible. A recommended font size is 11 or 12.

### 2. Spelling mistakes

Use the spell-check tool, but remember that the best proofreading is another set of eyes. Be sure that there are no spelling errors, poor word choice, A cover letter should be sent out with every resume. or misuse of language. These mistakes are not acceptable as it might appear that you are negligent augment your resume. with your work.

### 3. Repetitive words

Do not use the same verb to describe your experiences. Use a variety of action verbs to showcase your transferable and diverse skills. Utilizing different action verbs can highlight the wide range of skills and knowledge that you posses.

### 4. Leaving out dates

Include dates on your resume. Leaving them out might seem like you are trying to hide certain information.

### 5. Inconsistent layout of your resume

Present your resume in a consistent layout. Set your margins evenly. Have an even amount of space between each heading. Be consistent with your verbiage. For example, if you are describing current jobs, use all verbs in present tense.

### 6. Using someone else's words

It can be obvious that what is written is not in your own words when you do not speak like you write. It is important to prepare your resume in your own words.

### 7. Just having one version

Resumes need to be "fluid." The critical part is to tailor your resume content to the job for which you are applying. You may have several different versions depending on the jobs you are targeting.

### 8. No cover letter

The cover letter is your sales document. It will

### 9. Unprofessional e-mail address

Use an e-mail address that is professional. Your professionalism has to come through in your resume.

### 10. Cluttered information

Filter out information that might seem irrelevant to the position. Be wise in choosing certain facts to be included on your final resume.

### 11. Including personal information

Personal information, such as age, gender, and head shot should not be included on your resume—unless you are applying abroad. If you are applying aboard, check out Going Global (through CSUF Career Center) for tips and samples.

### 12. Using abbreviations or contractions

Remember your resume is a formal document, be sure to omit abbreviations or contractions in your text.



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# **For Graduate Students**

**Things to Consider** 

# THE CAREER SUMMARY

What is it? A section at the top of your resume that conveys a summary of your skills and experience as they relate to the position you are applying for.

When to use it? As objectives become less necessary in the digital age, the career summary serves as a replacement section that allows you to include key words from the job description and provide the reader with a summary of your resume, saving the employer time while giving them a snapshot of your skills and experience.

**Length?** A professional summary section should be at least two lines long and no longer than 4 lines on your resume. Any longer and there is less of a chance of it being read.

### Composing the Summary Statement:

<u>Step 1:</u> Before composing your summary, you need to think about how to position your resume for the future. Where are you going, and how do you intend to use your skills and experiences to leverage you in your pursuits?

Step 2: Keeping this mind, analyze and summarize your past positions, education, and community activities.

<u>Step 3:</u> Next, conduct a careful analysis of your strengths, interests, experience, and personal characteristics.

Not sure where to start? Consider brainstorming around some of the words below.

### **Values Words:**

Teamwork	Integrity	Productivity
Security	Results	Achievement
Structure	Innovation	Diversity
Efficiency	Cooperation	Creativity
Communication	Variety	Growth

# Personal Adjectives Words:

Dedicated	Driven	Intuitive	
Conscientious	Industrious	Detailed	
Vivacious	Energetic	Efficient	
Innovative	Dynamic	Analytical	
Creative	Organized	Attentive	

### **Orientation/Motivation Words:**

Creating an impact	Social justice	Positive organizational
Results-oriented	Sustainability	Future-oriented



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# THE CAREER SUMMARY

**Step 4:** Now, write as many activity and accomplishment statements as you can, and summarize what they say about your strengths. Then cluster these statements into the categories below.

**Experience:** How long? What types? What kind of environments? What kind of industries? *Examples:* 

- A results-oriented manager and administrator of commercial real estate with extensive corporate, trust and full-service management experience.
- Account manager with 6+ years of experience in customer service, sales and accounting in two major corporations.

**Strengths:** Greatest skills and strengths – which are most frequently found in your accomplishment statements? Clusters of technical skills?

### Examples:

- Proficient in both engineering and management, with particular skill in quality improvement, cost control and staff development.
- Experienced in plant start-ups, shut-downs and mergers.
- Significant expertise in developing the potentials of organizations/staffs and improving cost effectiveness of business processes.

**Character/Motivation/Uniqueness:** Traits and drive that set you apart and make you a desirable candidate to the employer. What is different about you and how can you sell this quality to the employer? Examples:

- A creative, dynamic self-starter who values excellence, has high standards and effectively meets tight production deadliness.
- Committed to excellent customer service and to creating and leading effective teams.

<u>Step 5:</u> Compose your statement by picking and choosing the best skills and experience to emphasize when applying to a specific job. Consider the qualities and skills the company is looking for in a candidate. If you are changing industries, consider focusing on transferable skills acquired in your previous positions.

### Example:

• Strategic leader with demonstrated ability to motivate others in both academic and professional business settings.

Motivated to create a positive and lasting impact in the realm of business processes. Adaptive and dynamic with a passion for technology.



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### **OBJECTIVE:**

A bookkeeper opportunity where I can contribute my internship experience, leadership, communication and leadership skills to Nike

### **EDUCATION:**

### California State University, Fullerton

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Accounting Concentration Overall GPA: 3.4, Accounting GPA 3.5 CPA Eligibility: May 2017

Expected May 2017

### **INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

**KPMG**, Irvine, CA Auditing Intern June 2015 - August 2015

- Worked collaboratively with managers and two service teams to identify accounting and auditing issues
- Performed analytical review of audit documents using KPMG's methodology and tools
- Prepared accurate financial reports and documentation supporting audit opinions
- Assisted in assessing operational risk factors for clients and responding with a process focused approach

### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Wells Fargo Bank, Placentia, CA

November 2014 - Present

Customer Service Representative/Teller

- Process 25+ banking transactions per hour in compliance with bank guidelines and procedures
- Coordinate sales referrals to appropriate personnel and cross-sell bank services and products
- Respond to customer problems or issues and resolve them in a timely manner
- Utilize auditing skills to identify fraudulent activities resulting in reduced losses and exposures

### Admissions and Records, CSUF, Fullerton, CA

February 2013 - September 2014

Administrative Student Assistant

- · Provided technical assistance and information to students and the public in a courteous manner
- Reviewed 100+ confidential applications and forms for accuracy and completeness on a weekly basis
- Assisted with implementation of a document tracking system which improved office efficiency

### **AFFILIATIONS:**

Beta Alpha Psi, Membership Chair, CSUF Accounting Society, Member, CSUF August 2015 - May 2016 September 2014 - May 2015

### **HONORS & AWARDS:**

Dean's List, CSUF
Tax Executives Institute Scholarship, CSUF

December 2015 May 2014

#### SKILLS:

Technology: Proficient in Microsoft Suite, Advanced in Excel and Intuit QuickBooks

Language: Intermediate in Korean



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### **EDUCATION**

California State University, Fullerton

May 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
Concentration: Marketing Minor: Spanish

### **Class Projects**

Analysis of PacSun Marketing Patterns

Spring 2015

**Retail Marketing Strategies** 

- Led team of 4 students which evaluated the effectiveness of PacSun's marketing patterns
- Delegated individual assignments and set deadlines for completion of research and data coding of various company marketing materials
- Collaborated on drafting of 50 page business plan for class presentation and client consultation

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Advanstar Communications Inc., Santa Ana, CA

September 2014-Present

#### **Promotions Coordinator**

- Oversee implementation of social media campaigns to increase acquisition of new customers
- Build and maintain long term relationships with customers which foster successful contract negotiations
- Partner with five local radio stations to advertise company trade shows and expand reach of services
- · Develop training activities to improve effectiveness of staff based on performance and opportunities

Enterprise, Anaheim, CA

June 2013-August 2014

### Intern

- Assisted with inventory and deployment of a fleet of 200+ vehicles to retail and commercial customers
- · Delivered excellent customer service which contributed to a consistently high ESQI score for the branch
- Marketed services to local businesses through cold calling and client visits to create new business
- Cultivated fact finding procedures to ensure the best solutions that meet customer requirements

Disneyland Anaheim Resorts, Anaheim, CA

October 2012-May 2013

### Server

- Provided a high level of service utilizing the "Disney Way" for hundreds of guests on a daily basis
- Addressed guest concerns and resolved conflicts according to Disney's policies and practices
- · Trained over 20 servers and cashiers in basic service operations set by company protocol manuals

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Marketing Association, Member Finance Association, Treasurer

September 2013-May 2016 January 2013-May 2013

#### **SKILLS**

Technology: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Adobe Systems Photoshop

Language: Fluent in Spanish both written and oral



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### John F. Smith

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### **EDUCATION**

EDUCATION	
California State University, Fullerton - Mihaylo College of Business and Economics	2016
Master of Business Administration	
University of California, Irvine	2010
Bachelors in Science - Management Science, International Relations	
London Business School - London	2009
International Studies	

#### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

Microsoft Office Suite	Consumer Relations Management	Project Management
Consumer Behavior	Interpersonal Relationships	Qualitative Research
Market Intelligence	Data Mining	

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Strategic Management Analysis - Confidential Client (Electronic Manufacturing Services)

Analyzed company's business strategy with emphasis on marketing and presented comprehensive strategic analysis and

recommendations to the company's executive team

Business Intelligence Solution - Confidential Client (Private Health Services)

2016

2015

Identified and evaluated the company's BI needs and custom-designed an ERM/CRM solution and implementation package
Ben & Jerry's - Marketing Plan
2015

Conducted quantitative market research for Ben & Jerry's Snack-Size Ice Cream line; assessed current product portfolio to identify unmet consumer needs to optimize current positioning; resented marketing plan and consumer behavior projections

The Walt Disney Company

Performed in-depth financial and governance analysis to determine Disney's intrinsic value and market landscape; presented executive-level equity increasing suggestions

### University of California, Irvine

2011 - Present

Executive Assistant to Dean

- Report directly to the Dean and a team of five Central Administration employees; serve as liaison between the five branches of Med Ed and Central Administration
- Manage the Dean's day-to-day personal schedule and infectious disease clinic
- · Plan, execute, and host Division meetings, conferences, seminars for CME credits for MDs and PhDs, and campus events
- Train new employees; welcome and host foreign academic dignitaries; manage purchasing/receiving and maintain inventory records; supervise the NIH Grant programs
- Implement the department's Account Reconciliation by incorporating the budget, invoices, and projections in coordination with the Finance Department

### Office of Dentistry, Jonathan F. Smith, D.D.S., Inc.

2007 - 2011

Dental Assistant/Office Manager

- Effectively coordinated duties of six co-workers and three dentists
- Generated and maintained financial reports, patient and insurance billing records and account reconciliation
- Modernized the office through updating processes and protocols in addition to managing logistics for efficient daily operations
- Eliminated staff turnover rates by promptly addressing HR problems and increasing office training in effective communication, teamwork and cultural sensitivity

### **AFFLIATIONS**

**2000-Present** Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County

Public Relations, Events Coordinator, Events Promoter, Newsletter Editor, Photographer, Social Media Specialist **2014-2016** *MBA Association* 

Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasure, Commemorative Events Chairman

### **AWARDS**

2014-2016 Graduate Business Scholarships: Anna B. Sprangler Memorial, Dr. Alma Adams

2005-2010 Business Management Scholarship: CWIT, Franklin G. Adams, American Management Society (AMS), Future Business



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#### EDUCATION

La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts Expected May 20XX

Major: Communication; Concentration: Public Relations

GPA: 3.74 (Major); 3.65 (Overall)

Awards: Founder's Scholarship, Dean's List Fall 20XX – Spring 20XX

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Media Company, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Public Relations Intern

Sept. 20XX - May 20XX

- Assisted in event preparation, registration and 'day-of' logistics for four signature events, each drawing close to 2,000 attendees
- Updated company Twitter handle (5-10 tweets per week), using Google Analytics to monitor performance
- Increased Twitter followers by 40% in 1 year

### La Salle University Students' Government Association, Philadelphia, PA

Vice President of Publicity

Sept. 20XX - Sept. 20XX

- · Increased membership of SGA by 25% through new media and recruitment campaign
- Created and publicized first ever Student Appreciation Day for student body of 7,000

### WORK EXPERIENCE

### La Salle University Office of Financial Aid, Philadelphia, PA

Office Assistant

Sept. 20XX - Present

- Organize office documents; process checks into Banner Software System
- Provide a high level of confidentiality due to services offered in Financial Aid

### LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Student Volunteer Association, Membership Chair

Fall 20XX - Present

- Promote involvement and manage communication between students by creating flyers, portal announcements, and sending out emails to members
- · Increased membership by 20% in 1 year

African American Student Alliance, President (Spring 20XX-Present), Member

Fall 20XX - Present

- Preside over meetings and liaise with the La Salle community in order to promote diversity and unity among peers
- Coordinate annual MLK Day Event with an approximate attendance of 150+ patrons, which includes securing lecturers, hiring vendors, and overseeing event set-up and break-down

Christmas Wrapping for Kids, Volunteer

Winter 20XX & 20XX (Seasonal)

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Volunteer

Fall & Spring 20XX

### SKILLS

Computer: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher), Google Analytics, Google AdWords

Language: Bilingual in English and Spanish

(La Salle University, 2015)



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