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ABOUT ME

Creative leader that loves to bring data to life with visualizations that drive action. Leveraging five years of exploring datasets and working with diverse teams to collaborate and impact change.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data Analysis, SQL, Python, Excel (Advanced), Power BI, Tableau, Microsoft Office Suite, Kanban, Agile

EDUCATION

Nashville Software School Data Analytics Bootcamp
Graduation – Jan 2021
Full-time program using statistical reasoning through hands-on training in Excel, Python, SQL, Tableau, and Power BI with a focus on data storytelling, building reports, and creating dashboards.

Texas A&M University
B.S. Applied Mathematics, Emphasis in Economics
GPA 3.9

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Space Inch (ConnectYourCare) | *January 2020 - Present*

Custom Software Project Manager

- Manage time, budget, and scope of 5 concurrent projects with 25 developers
- Continually refine Agile processes for rapid software delivery resulting in a 45% improvement of hitting project deadlines
- Restructure development teams using strength-based model resulting in a cost reduction of $75,000 annually
- Work closely with product management and technical stakeholders to define schedule, status, and details of each project
- Appropriately escalate and resolve potential obstacles on projects to ensure on-time completion of tasks

Mercer | *June 2019 – January 2020*

Actuarial Account Executive

- Analyzed $400M of employee benefits spend in Excel to negotiate customized contracts and implement plan design changes based on employee utilization
- Created ad-hoc actuarial assessments for clients to determine cost impact for mergers, acquisitions, and changes in legislation
- Used predictive analysis to forecast and create accrual rates to determine optimal employee benefit packages
- Served as main point of contact for clients' comprehensive benefit needs
- Negotiated a 23% reduction in overall benefit cost for client during the RFP process
- Trained and developed team of 6 in financial modeling, data analytics, and Excel

Willis Towers Watson | *June 2015 – May 2019*

Senior Actuarial Analyst | *July 2018 – May 2019*

- Consulted on $600M of employee benefits to optimize benefit offerings for 60 clients
- Created financial performance dashboards in Excel (multiple database extractions, data manipulation/compilation)
- Presented custom data insights to clients with long-term and short-term recommendations to reduce benefit spend
- Led weekly meetings to delegate client deliverables across Analytics team
- Owned content creation and facilitation of financial training for 30 consultants

Actuarial Analyst – Health | *July 2017 – July 2018*

- Coordinated efforts and established deadlines for multi-office client teams
- Created monthly financial reporting and serviced ad hoc requests for clients
- Developed curriculum for Excel training and led group/individual learning sessions

Actuarial Analyst – Pension | *February 2016 – June 2017*

- Analyzed data using Excel for clients with over 50,000 retirement records
- Forecasted total liability for pension valuations with proprietary valuation software
- Led recruiting and onboarding efforts for two candidate classes at four universities

Actuarial Intern – Pension | *June 2015 – August 2015*

- Performed market research on prospective clients to build out RFPs
- Analyzed asset statements and determine investment portfolio ROI