

RE: RE: LDS Job Fair

From: Michael Sorokine (michael@sorokine.com)

To: thedavidwblack@gmail.com

Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 11:30 PM MDT

Dave,

Got them. I will give those to Dave Thomson tomorrow.

Misha

From: David Black <thedavidwblack@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 9:48 AM

To: Michael Sorokine <michael@sorokine.com>

Subject: Re: RE: LDS Job Fair

Thanks again, Misha,

I really appreciate your willingness to help with all this. I also appreciate the insight about the hiring manager's visibility. I am attaching the cover letter in question as well as a résumé that I have tailored specifically to CaptionCall.

See you later,

Dave

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, 12:30:15 PM MDT, Michael Sorokine <michael@sorokine.com> wrote:

Dave,

Send the cover letter in electronic format to me. I will walk it to the hiring manager. I don't know how hidden the hiring manager wants to be from the outside world, so it may be better to work through Adam or me. Besides, that way, I will be able to remind the hiring manager about you one more time.

Thanks,

Misha

From: David Black <thedavidwblack@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 5:41 PM

To: Michael Sorokine <michael@sorokine.com>

Cc: Anastasia Black <anastasia.victoria.black@gmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: LDS Job Fair

MIsha,

I send the email I forwarded below and a more focused-to-CaptionCall off to Adam Magistri, then checked the rest of my email. I just saw your message. Thanks! I hadn't seen it before, because reception in the Vault can be spotty.

Thank you so much for your help! This could definitely lead to an answer to the prayer Anastasia and I are praying to have some sort of job during my M.S. CS studies that is related to the Machine Learning that I will be studying. Hopefully, I'll get the internship, and I could possibly work (with a flexible schedule) as a Captioning Agent after.

Do you think it would be appropriate now to send the same cover letter and résumé to the hiring manager? or do you think the digital résumé you sent will suffice?

Thanks again!

Dave BLACK

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From: **David Black** <thedavidwblack@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 6, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Subject: Re: LDS Job Fair

To: Adam Magistri <AMagistri@sorenson.com>

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Hello Mr. Magistri,

Thank you for contacting me. It was a pleasure to talk with the people from the CaptionCall team at the LDS Job Fair in Sandy, UT.

The position that interests me the most is the Speech Recognition and Machine Learning Intern (Speech Recognition and Machine-EG0119) for CaptionCall. I will introduce my career goals and my plans to reach them below. I am attaching my résumé.

I plan to begin work on an M.S. Computer Science at BYU in the fall of this year. I have already been in contact with a research advisor, and I have even done some research work with him. The research focus of my degree will be Machine Learning – specifically Computer Vision.

I would love having work before and during these studies that would have some relation to machine learning. I contacted CaptionCall at the LDS Job Fair because my friend, Michael Sorokine, let me know that the company gave just such an opportunity. Because of my discussion at the job fair, I'm considering working as a captioning agent, possibly after the internship in question.

I will now discuss two of the qualifications I possess which will allow me to be an immediate asset in the position.

1. During a year-long contract job with FamilySearch, I worked as a Data Curator and Analyst. Details of this work can be found on my résumé. The Advanced Research Team I supported works on the handwriting recognition problem using Kaldi as a framework. Because of this experience, I am familiar with concepts of machine learning and deep neural networks. More importantly for this internship, I am familiar with machine learning concepts that have specific application in speech recognition.

2. I have at least ten months of experience being in close contact with the hearing-impaired community. During my two-year volunteer experience as an LDS missionary, I taught myself French Sign Language so as to better help with the community-outreach program for the hearing-impaired. I participated there for three months. I continued on to take a Conversational ASL Course during my undergraduate studies, and I also used my knowledge to befriend a group of hearing-impaired people at a previous job and improve communication between them and the management.

I look forward to hearing back from you about the possibility to meet and discuss the possibility of working with CaptionCall and using machine-learning techniques to help the hearing-impaired community that I love.

Sincerely,
David Black

Attachment

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Processing) at the LDS Church History Dept.
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On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 11:03 AM, Adam Magistri <AMagistri@sorenson.com> wrote:

Thanks for connecting with us recently, please check out our careers pages below and send me your resume and let me know which roles you're interested in.

<https://captioncall.com/careers/>

and

<http://www.sorenson.com/jobs>

Thanks,



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From: Michael Sorokine <MSorokine@captioncall.com>

To: David Black (bballdave025@yahoo.com) <bballdave025@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018, 2:42:39 PM MDT

Subject: CaptionCall Machine Learning Intern Position

Dave,

I e-mailed Adam Magistri and did some heavy "name dropping." He said that he would forward my recommendation along with your résumé to the hiring manager.

The hiring manager for this position is David Thomson, VP of Speech Technology. I went into his office this morning and hand delivered your printed résumé. He actually reviewed it, as I was sitting in his office, and commented that you have some good experience. I repeated my pitch to him. He asked me to forward to him your résumé in electronic format, which I did.

Let me know if and when they contact you for an interview.

Misha