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PROFILE

From launching a charter school to building a college ministry, I have spent the last 8 years of my life building projects from the ground up. I am a visionary leader focused on taking innovative ideas and making them a reality. I love to lead teams through clear communication, goals, and metrics.

EXPERIENCE

College Director, The Austin Stone; Austin, TX 2015 2018

Built college ministry for connecting students, equipping them for leadership, and mobilizing them to action

- Recruited 76 leaders to facilitate 33 small groups where over 500 students were connected
- Collaborated with designers to build branding and marketing for ongoing events and web presence
- Gathered over 750 students at UT for an event featuring a panel and moderated Q&A with audience
- Mobilized over 300 college students on impactful short term trips to 8 strategic cities across 4 countries

Dean of Students, Uplift Heights Preparatory; Dallas, TX 2013 2014

Developed and executed a strategic plan to build a positive school culture for students, teachers, and parents

- Launched a digital reward system to help teachers monitor and reward student behavior in real time
- Enabled parents to identify behavior trends in their students through weekly detailed behavior reports
- Crafted action plans with students and parents to boost academic progress across 30 day periods
- Facilitated professional developments and weekly teacher check-ins to provide targeted feedback

Founding Teacher, Uplift Heights Preparatory; Dallas, TX 2010 2013

Opened a first year charter school as a Lead Teacher selected to coach my peers in planning, goal-setting, and assessments

- Analyzed data from first year teachers to identify struggling teachers in need of coaching and feedback
- Formulated district's middle school curriculum map and assessments to be administered at 9 campuses
- Secured funding for 80 students to receive a Kindle device testing its impact on reading performance
- Facilitated professional development environments for area teachers serving over 400 teachers

Operations Coordinator, Teach For America; Chicago, IL 2009

Created and refined communications systems to increase the functionality of Teach For America's Chicago Institute

- Studied email marketing metrics to increase effectiveness of internal team communications
- Conceptualized and launched an interactive web site for corps members for onboard training
- Built relationships with external vendors to provide weekly services to 750 people
- Negotiated large donations from partners to create engaging city experiences for 500 staff members

Campus Campaign Coordinator, Pepperdine University; Malibu, CA 2008

Developed and executed a strategic plan aimed at inspiring top Pepperdine students to become Teach For America applicants

- Planned the largest Teach For America recruiting event at Pepperdine with 15% of the student body
- Generated a 125% increase in total number of student applicants from the previous year
- Enabled Teach For America to become the university's top employer in 2009
- Solidified Pepperdine University on Teach For America's "Top Contributors List" for the first time

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University — Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications, May 2010

Southern Seminary — Master of Arts Theology (to be completed July 2019)

University of Texas — Coding Bootcamp Full Stack Certification (to be completed April 2019)