LEAH SKEETE WALKER

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Marketing professional skilled in driving and implementing marketing activities in line with strategy. Experienced generalist with skill sets in creative development, content creation, disseminating information, and internal/ external communication planning. Self-motivated with the capability to provide creative, innovative, and forward-thinking project management in a team environment while remaining focused on establishing, building and nurturing relationships to meet goals. Excellent communication, time management, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Adobe Photoshop	Project Management	Bilingual (English & Spanish – Advanced)
Adobe InDesign	Social Media Management	Critical Thinker
Adobe Illustrator	Event Planning	Problem Solver
Microsoft Office Suite	Web Design & Management	Detail-Oriented

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Business Services Specialist, Carolina Community Actions, Inc. - Head Start, Rock Hill, SC (March 2010 - Present)

- Serve as member of Marketing Committee to assist in establishing and implementing agency marketing and communications plan
- Managed Marketing projects from beginning to end for agency's 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Develop outreach and recruitment plans and strategies to market program and increase awareness, engagement, and enrollment
- Foster and maintain relationships with community partners and health service providers, and serve as health services point of contact for over 200 families each year
- Developed key partnerships with health service providers saving the program over \$20,000 annually
- Provide support for the development and design of the agency annual report
- Craft easy-to-understand materials (messaging points, emails/ letters to staff and parents, reports) from complex information
- Coordinate events related to programs and services
- Take photographs and create videos highlighting agency history and current programs
- Arrange for completion of all recommended immunizations and physicals for Head Start Children and implemented new processes to increase completion rate from 51% to 100%
- Developed and maintain a monthly tracking form for data and referral reporting

Marketing Assistant (PT Contract), Giti Tire, Richburg, SC (November 2017 – August 2019)

- Assisted in developing and executing marketing plans for employee appreciation events, job fairs, health fairs, and other
 events as needed
- Provided support for the development of the monthly plant newsletter and write newsletter articles
- Assisted in developing and executing the internal communications strategy and plan to engage team members, as well as monthly social content calendar
- Managed social media, including crafting day-to-day posts and responding to followers, as well as the development of a long-term social media strategy
- Managed and purchased social media ads on various platforms
- Designed and developed content for traditional print and digital communications
- Responsible for researching, tracking, analyzing, and summarizing data and trends and provided recommendations on company branding in community
- Suggested new ways to attract followers on current platforms and recommend new platforms for consideration

Marketing Assistant, York Technical College, Rock Hill, SC (February 2016 – June 2017)

- Collaborated with the Marketing department to design and develop content for digital and traditional print communications for recruiting purposes
- Crafted easy-to-understand materials (messaging points, handbooks, speeches, presentations) from complex information
- Provide support as needed during meetings, trainings, workshops, seminars, functions and other events

- Work daily with other members of the Marketing department to coordinate messaging and identify proactive opportunities to share the story of the College and its students
- Created Marketing and Recruitment Plan with strategies and metrics to increase dual enrollment by at least 10%
- Provided strategic consultation and recommendations related to Dual Enrollment marketing, brand management, and potential new markets/ opportunities to internal program staff and VP of College Advancement

Investor/ Public Relations Intern, 3D Systems, Inc., Rock Hill, SC (March 2009 - June 2009)

- Developed and created content for social media platforms and increased social media followers by 400%
- Successfully presented Facebook Marketing Plan to CEO, which included growth projections and marketing goals and objectives
- Assisted in writing and distributing media pitches, news releases, press releases, media kits, and annual reports
- · Maintained current database of media outlets for news releases and fulfilled requests for media kits
- Researched and evaluated possible marketing avenues and created subsequent marketing plans
- Supported IT department in performing website updates and maintenance and provided customer service support as needed

Special Events Intern, City of Rock Hill, Department of Economic & Urban Development, Rock Hill, SC (May 2007 - December 2007)

- With guidance from Downtown Marketing & Events Coordinator, planned and coordinated event logistics, local media coverage, and advertising and promotions for 20 large scale, City-sponsored events
- Secured and coordinated resources for events including security, food trucks and other vendors, parking, entertainment, emergency services, sanitation, volunteers, facility setup & breakdown, signage and other logistics.
- Accomplishments: SC Event of the Year & Best Mass Media Production TV or Radio for ChristmasVille

Freelancer, Masquerade Marketing & Designs, Charlotte, NC (December 2007 - Present)

- Collaborate with clients to translate needs and vision into design
- Design and implement digital marketing strategies for clients across diverse fields to increase online visibility and conversion through digital channels
- Guide digital media strategies focused on personal branding, engagement, and community building
- Create content and manage social media monthly calendars
- Service a variety of businesses with various graphic designs from business cards to menus
- Utilize Adobe Creative Suite and Apple Macintosh hardware to deliver high quality work on tight schedules

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (April 2005 – Present)

- Develop artwork and layout for print and digital signage, banners, posters, publications and flyers
- Direct the creative production of printed publications
- · Adhere to brand specific language and guidelines to complete projects under strict deadlines
- Create and maintain website to promote Sorority and chapter programs and activities
- Solicit proposals, works with vendors, and manage budgets, billing and contracts for goods, merchandise and services

EDUCATION

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

Master, Business Administration, May 2010
Bachelor of Science, Business Administration/ Marketing, December 2007
Bachelor of Arts, Modern Languages – Spanish, December 2007
Certification, Non-Profit Management, May 2014