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HIGHLIGHTS

- Outstanding cross-cultural awareness developed through international and domestic work experience dealing almost exclusively with foreign citizens.
- Excellent presentation and speaking skills that have been used to serve as emcee, brief FBI personnel, and be a guest speaker at a university.
- Dependable employee as shown through ability to maintain a top secret security clearance.
- Proficient in Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, and Portuguese.

EXPERIENCE

ALASKA MOUNTAIN GUIDES/CHILKAT GUIDES, Haines, AK

Guide & Support Operations

- Guided multi-day sea kayaking and backpacking trips.
- Planned meals, cooked, addressed medical issues, and scouted for camp sites, water sources, and signs of bear and moose.
- Educated clients on local wildlife, plants, geography, weather, and culture.
- Supported rafting day trips by communicating with base and guides to monitor for potential issues including take-out changes due to fluctuating water levels.

CIGNA, Los Angeles, CA

Health Educator/Case Management Specialist

- Provided exceptional telephonic health coaching in English, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese to culturally diverse employees of Marriott.
- Ranked first on team and top 10% of all employees by exceeding performance objectives for 230 simultaneously managed cases.
- Selected by the manager to serve as interim Lead Clinician due to excellent management and coaching skills.
- Implemented a new customer service strategy that improved cost savings, account guarantees, time management, and individual and team metrics.

OSIMLAI CBO, Kajiado, Kenya

HIV/AIDS Prevention Volunteer

- Effectively increased awareness and positively promoted the modification of behaviors and beliefs of the Maasai tribe in regard to HIV/AIDS.
- Researched, organized, and presented information that was taught to the tribal community.

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U.S. NAVY, Oahu, HI

Cryptologic Technician Interpretive

- Collected, analyzed, and reported highly technical, time-critical information of strategic and tactical importance to national intelligence agencies and fleet commanders worldwide.
- Operated sophisticated, multi-million dollar computer and electronics systems for reception of foreign communications, to manage high-priority resources, and to track mission targets.
- Employed technical expertise and resourceful instructional techniques to train operators, which directly led to meeting mission manning requirements.
- Presented command briefs to FBI, CIA, and NCIS personnel.
- Implemented standardized procedures in response to critical situations.
- Promoted three times during enlistment.

CELEBRATION OF NATIONS (MN State University Moorhead), Moorhead, MN

Coordinator

- Directly involved in all aspects of organizing MSUM's annual cultural event.
- Created all promotions and advertising, which led to local television news coverage and the largest attendance in event history.
- Maintained close relations with participants, campus organizations, and faculty.
- Scheduled all live performances, including music and dancing.
- Served as emcee.

EDUCATION

Film Production MFA 2024

Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL

Wrote, directed, produced, and edited an original short film, which was submitted by department faculty to the BAFTA Student Awards. (See tonyjoel.com for electronic press kit via "Links" tab.)

Software: Avid Media Composer, DaVinci Resolve, Premiere Pro, Final Draft, Movie Magic Budgeting, Movie Magic Scheduling

Audio Arts Certificate 2023

Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL

Software: Logic Pro, Pro Tools Ultimate

Creative Writing Certificate 2021

Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT

Wilderness Medicine & Rescue Semester 2020

NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School), Lander, WY

Certifications - Emergency Medical Technician (active), Wilderness EMT

Training - Swiftwater Rescue, Rock Rescue, Leave No Trace - Master Educator

Activities - White Water Rafting, Canyoneering, Rock Climbing

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Wilderness First Responder 2025
National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Lander, WY

Mandarin Chinese, Basic & Advanced Course 2003
Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA
Naval Reserve Security Group Command Joint Language Training Center, Ogden, UT

Advertising and Public Relations (B.S.), Spanish Minor - Cum Laude 2000
Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN

PERFORMANCE

Improv 101, 201, 301, 401
Upright Citizens Brigade, Los Angeles, CA

Dramatic and Comedic Acting
Lesly Kahn & Co., Aaron Speiser Studio, Scott Colomby Workshop, Los Angeles, CA

Hosting
BecomeAHost, Los Angeles, CA

HONORS & VOLUNTEERISM

- One of the first two students in U.S. Naval history selected to attend an advanced Mandarin Chinese course after graduating from the basic course.
- Thesis short film chosen by Full Sail University faculty to be submitted to the BAFTA Student Awards.
- Good Conduct Award, U.S. Navy.
- Served as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, The Institute for Human Services, and The Marine Mammal Center.

MOMENTS OF NOTE

Bit by a piranha in the Brazilian Amazon.
Flew with a cow on a cargo plane in Colombia.
Offered marriage to Kenyan Maasai tribesman's daughter in exchange for water tank and cow.
Survived aggressive business practices of Ethiopian Mursi tribe in effort to purchase lip plates.
Contacted China's Antarctic research station in Mandarin to organize base tour for its citizens.