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OBJECTIVE

Governmental Resource Management / Leadership Development / Performance Enhancement

Leadership management position in which my demonstrated strengths in organizational development, motivational teaching and speaking, strategic planning, writing and twenty years of experience will profitably contribute to the creation of dynamic and efficient public services through responsible and proactive government and business solutions.

ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Senator of the United States Virgin Islands.
- Member of the National Association of Black Accountants.
- Member and Vice-president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.
- Senior Warden for Wiseman Lodge #311.
- Elected nine times for Teacher of the Year.
- Received "Service Above Self" award.
- Two-time nominee for "Who's Who Among American Teachers."
- Sixth degree Black Belt Instructor in Tae Kwon Do.
- Featured on the Cover of the March 2019 DOPE Magazine Issue.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Commissioner **Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture** **01/2019-Present**

- Directs and oversees the U. S. Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture's 48 employees
- Responsible for protecting, maintaining and enhancing the local food and fiber supply in the USVI
- Approve budgets, oversee spending and hire employees
- Regulate and promote the local agriculture industry
- Work with the local legislature to promote the enactment of legislation beneficial to the local agriculture industry

Senator **Government of the Virgin Islands** **01/2005-01/2019**

- Oversee fiscal responsibility of government funds.
- Create legislation to improve, protect and preserve the quality of life for Virgin Islanders.
- Chairman for committee on Labor and Agriculture.
- Liaison to the United States Department of Interior.
- Vice-chairman for the committee on Finance.
- Vice-chairman for the committee for Ethical Conduct.
- Member on numerous committees inclusive of Rules and Judiciary, Education, Culture and Youth, and Government Operations and Consumer Protection.
- Represent the Virgin Islands Government at political functions and other events in and out of the territory.
- Sponsor, support and organize youth-based programs and activities.

President **Our Virgin Islands Labor Union** **05/1999-12/2004**

- Distributed information, petitions, and other organizational materials.
- Held interest meetings to solicit future membership.
- Corresponded with the National Labor Relations Board and Public Employees Relations Board to file petitions or complaints on behalf of the members.
- Negotiated and administered labor contracts.
- Collaborated on educational integration projects.
- Counseled and advised members on dispute resolution.

- Established and maintained effective communication with members.
- Acted as spokesperson for members at public hearings, conferences, and during press releases.
- Managed the day to day operations of Our Virgin Islands Labor Union.

Founder/Chairman Positive Works Incorporated 10/1995-Present

- Provide resources and opportunities for the total development of children.
- Conduct after school enrichment programs.
- Utilize media outlets for youth related issues and expressions.
- Disseminate information on proper parenting skills.
- Monitor and assess student achievement.
- Increase computer literacy and technical skills.
- Established a climate of creativity and excitement.
- Encourage entrepreneurship among young children.
- Provide counseling, mentoring and other forms of guidance for teenagers and young adults.

Business Educator St. Croix Vocational High School 08/1995-01/2005

- Planned and developed lessons, learning aids and resources.
- Monitored and assessed student achievement.
- Counseled and referred students with academic and personal needs.
- Planned, developed, and coordinated educational programming.
- Developed and implemented team-building skills for students.
- Created and implemented motivational tactics to stimulate students' interest in learning.
- Developed and maintained open and regular communication with parents.
- Encouraged and fostered an environment to build and maintain positive attitudes and self-esteem.
- Maintained accurate records of students' data and academic records.

Master Instructor King Cobra Tae Kwon Do 08/1995-present

- Provide and ensure a safe environment conducive to positive mental, emotional and physical development of all martial arts participants.
- Design self-defense activities to measure progressive increase of confidence and concentration.
- Sponsor numerous Tae Kwon Do competitions with neighboring martial arts schools.
- Develop a host of youth oriented calendar events.
- Encourage participants to train both mind and body through tae kwon do and be courageous opponents.
- Promote friendly relationships among all people.

Processing Assistant IV NC Department of Cultural Resources 11/1990-08/1995

- Stored and maintained active and inactive records for all state agencies in North Carolina.
- Used computer-based system for printouts and schedules to locate and identify records.
- Ensured proper destruction of records as authorized.
- Accompanied and monitored all visitors in stack areas.
- Corresponded with agency representatives about status of requested information and records transfer procedures.
- Managed office operations for the North Carolina State Record Center.

Relevant Experience

- **National Cannabis Advocate.**
Attended numerous conferences, workshops and lectures.
Extensive research on Cannabinoid oils.
Knowledge of the endocannabinoid system.
Numerous radios, newspaper and magazine interviews
- **Sponsored Medical Cannabis Patient Care Act (MCPCA) to legalize the Medical Cannabis in the U. S. Virgin Islands**