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CAREER SUMMARY

Talented professional with over seven years of proven success in website design and management. Top performer in managing key projects and meeting aggressive deadlines in a fast-paced environment. Unique skill set with visual and technical expertise, with degrees in Computer Information Systems and Photojournalism.

WEB DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT 2002-CURRENT

Web Design Team Lead (2009-Current)

Triad Media, *Parkville, MO*

Lead team of designers and a developer in creating Word Press (as a content management system) websites for many clients.

New Media Product Specialist (2007-2009)

GCSAA Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, *Lawrence, KS*

Leading association serving 20,000+ golf industry professionals worldwide, with an enterprise level website. Content management and Web design of www.gcsaa.org and www.eifg.org; RSS feed development, HTML editing, CSS editing development, and design and support of e-newsletters and listserves. Played a key role in the complete conversion of the organization's website.

Website Design and Management (2002-Current)

www.valsgallery.com

Develop all creative ideas, design layout, and content management for photographs, multi-media art and blog.

RELATED EXPERIENCE 1997 - 2007

Director of Composites (2004-2007)

University Photography *Lawrence, KS*

Manage all areas of the composite board building process, including supervise composite coordinators and design of boards. Also retouched photos and did event photography as needed.

Assistant Manager and Courier (2001-2004)

Kinko's, Inc. *Lawrence, KS*

Supervised operations and staff in fast-paced environment

Provided excellent customer support by taking orders and delivering finished product

Staff Photographer, Photo Editor (1997-2001)

The Olathe Daily News

The Newton Kansan

EDUCATION

Bachelor's of Science in Computer Information Systems

Friends University *Topeka, Kansas*

Bachelor's of Science Journalism/Photojournalism

University of Kansas *Lawrence, Kansas*

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts (emphasis in Art)

Hesston College *Hesston, Kansas*

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Computer Markup languages:

HTML, CSS, some

Javascript.

Computer programs: Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver, QuarkXPress, MS Office Suite, Corel Draw, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, and Adobe Acrobat.

RELATED SKILLS:

Photography, digital photography, darkroom, design, layout, prepress, fine arts, management/ leadership, and project management.

MEMBERSHIPS

WOW member

from 2008 - 2009.

NAPP member

from 2005 - 2007.

HONORS

1999 Kansas Press Association Awards for 1st and 3rd place in the Photo Spread category

1994 National Press Photographers Association award for 3rd place Feature photography

1988 Kansas Art Education Association Scholastic Scholarship for creative problem solving