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## Objective

After having the chance to spend time in 36 countries around the world, I've developed a passion for seeing The Bahamas develop into the potential it has. Through my last role as Project Manager, serving as a volunteer on board the Logos Hope, a ship involved in bringing education and help to coastal countries, I've seen that the vision of your work is the target that will propel you to success and accomplishment. I want to be a part of the development that will take place in The Bahamas.

## Education

### HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA | JUNE 2013 | QUEEN'S COLLEGE

- Graduated with a GPA of 3.93

## Skills & Abilities

### LANGUAGES

- Certified in Spanish - spent time in Costa Rica, the Canary Islands, and lived in Mexico
  - SIELE Global: Reading B2, Listening C1, Writing B1, Speaking B2
- Basic Chinese - spent time in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and a Chinese speaking community in Malaysia

### CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE

- Communicating and working in a community of 400 people from 60 different countries
- Travelled to 36 different countries, worked in 26 of them, and partnered with the locals, integrating into their culture and system
- Participated in two seminars on CQ, Cultural Intelligence

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Performed in roles that require addressing large groups of people to promote the organization in English and Spanish
- Planned and hosted press conferences in different cultural and language settings
- Have been interviewed on live television and radio, as well as for newspapers

## Experience

### OWNER | BB'S | 2010-2013

- Brownie catering business that supplied products to gas stations, schools, churches, and individuals
- Sole operator responsible for production, distributing, and marketing

### AB SEAFARER | LOGOS HOPE | FEB – OCT 2014 & JAN - DEC 2015

- Responsible for training crew in firefighting, planning weekly fire safety drills, and the maintenance of all firefighting and fire related equipment.
- Member of team responsible for outdoor maintenance, including the use of power tools
- Member of team responsible for running the navigational operations during voyages

## **SOCIAL WORKER | AIDS HOPE, SOUTH AFRICA | OCT 2014 – JAN 2015**

AIDS HOPE, aka Meetse a Bophelo, is a community development centre located in the township of Mamelodi of Pretoria, South Africa.

Their main initiatives include:

- daily afterschool education and care of approx. 32 'at risk' children whose lives or caregiver's lives are affected by HIV/AIDS
- an outreach that helps drug addicts to fight their addictions and connects them to a drug rehabilitation centre
- a feeding program that supplies approximately 30 township families

### **Responsibilities:**

- Assisted with food distribution
- Went to centre of drug trade community and worked with addicts
- Teacher of 3 'at risk' students, teaching daily educational lessons, provided homework assistance and counselling

## **PROJECT COORDINATOR | LOGOS HOPE | JAN 2016 – APRIL 2017**

The Logos Hope is known as the world's largest floating book fair. With a crew of 400 volunteers from 65 different countries, we sail the world sharing knowledge, help, and hope.

### **Responsibilities:**

- **Marketing, advertisement, and public relations:** presenting at different organizations and churches to promote the ship's visit. Work closely with local media such as social radio stations, tv stations, and newspaper companies. Manage the Logos Hope Facebook page and utilize other social media, including the promotion of events. Host press conferences.
- **Event planning:** connect with local organizations to coordinate the movement and activity of the ship's crew to collaborate with them. Assess the local population and plan which events will happen on board the ship.
- **Networking:** build strong, positive and long-term partner relations with local churches, Operation Mobilisation fields, other non-profit organizations and community leaders.
- **Recruitment:** managed the process of searching, interviewing, and recruiting local volunteers to work on board the Logos Hope.

**Project Locations:** Durban, South Africa Dec 2015 – Mar 2016; Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana July – Oct 2016; Scarborough, Trinidad & Tobago Dec 2016 – Feb 2017

## **PROJECT MANAGER | LOGOS HOPE | APRIL 2017 – MAY 2018**

Team leader responsible for overall advance preparation coordination and planning for upcoming ports.

### **Responsibilities:**

- **Permissions and Clearances:** liaise with local government agencies such as customs, immigration, external affairs, finance and inland revenue to acquire permissions needed to operate the ship.
- **Port Relations:** work closely with the shipping agent and port authorities to coordinate the logistics appertaining to a ship being in a port.
- **Team Leadership:** oversee the work and operations of the advance preparation team members during the project preparation phase; and oversee the undergoing activities during the project execution phase.
- **Cultural and Operational Orientation:** Advise the ship community in the cultural, political, and social environment of the port ministry. Advise the ship leadership and community of the features of the port events, procedures, and parameters of operation.
- **Financial Management:** budget team expenditure and report on use of funds.
- **Fundraising:** Connecting with various companies to offer marketing opportunities in exchange for financial contribution.

**Project Locations:** Nassau, Bahamas April–July 2017; Castries & Vieux Fort, Saint Lucia August – Oct 2017, Veracruz, Mexico Jan – May 2018.

## **Additional Certificates, Training and Courses**

### **GBA Ships Marine Training Centre/Transport Malta, Merchant Shipping Directorate**

- Certificate of Training in Fire prevention & Fire Fighting
- Steering Certificate
- Certificate of Proficiency for Designated Security Duties
- Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats
- Navigational Watch Rating Special Training and Certificate
- Certificate of Proficiency in Basic Safety Training
- Crowd Management and Passenger Safety
- Rating as Able Seafarer Deck Certificate

**Customer Care Training:** April 2015

**Master of Ceremonies Workshop:** June 2015

**Basic Leadership Training:** July 2015

**Mental Health Workshop:** Oct 2015

**Advance Preparation Team Training Conference:** April 2016, March 2017, May 2018

**Cultural Intelligence (CQ) Seminar:** Hosted by the Cultural Intelligence Center, LLC April 2016, April 2018