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Profile

I built a career as a small business owner and employee focusing on serving those around me, to achieve their best. This has required emotional intelligence, teamwork, excellent communication skills, drive, confidence, hard work, long hours, and personal growth. This has taught me a lot about professionalism, accountability, and the flexibility needed to run a business with high standards.

OWNER, COMMUNEQUEST LLC, OAKLEY UT – 2006-PRESENT

I have trained horses to top levels in the industry. I have been managing over 100 clients and their horses for over 17 years, delivering a high quality safe experience to all abilities.

My students include individuals who have achieved national competitive success, equestrian industry careers, including working for Olympic level competitors. Many of my clients simply enjoy recreating with horses. I have also been instructing successful clinics consisting of up to 16 horses and riders at once, throughout the nation.

My marketing skills and professional presence often places me as the high seller or within the top five, at select horse auctions.

My skills have required self motivation, critical thinking, articulate communication, reliability and dedication.

Administrative work has included website development, social media marketing, managing human resources, scheduling, accounting, operating and maintaining heavy equipment, and extensive animal skills.

HORSE WRANGLER AND ANIMAL TRAINER, APPLE STUDIOS LOUISIANA LLC, NEW ORLEANS, LA –2021

I was responsible for the horses on and off set, and took personal responsibility and care of Ben Fosters (actor) horse in the movie "Emancipation" starring Will Smith, directed by Antoine Fuqua.

Responsibilities included transportation, preparation, acquiring props, simulated scenes on camera to support director and cinematographer creative process, training the horses and other livestock, and riding instruction for actors. Survey scenes within the bayou for hazardous conditions to assure animal safety.

Demonstrating strong work ethic and commitment to production which included long hours in a variety of weather conditions. Many days were 14 hours long and required acute awareness and focus as I was often in scenes or within feet of the camera.

INTERN, AL DUNNING TRAINING STABLES, SCOTTSDALE, AZ – 2021

Assist in training horses for performance horse shows in cutting and cowhorse. All aspects of horse care associated with training, horse shows, and maintenance. Al is among the legends in the horse industry, with multiple honors and Hall of Fame recognition. He is an EquiStat Elite Million Dollar Winner and an NCHA Million Dollar Rider. Al and his students have garnered 48 World and Reserve World titles in NCHA, AQHA, NRCHA, and NRHA.

HORSE TRAINER, SLEIGH DRIVER, PRODUCTION ACTOR, ROCKY MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS, MIDWAY, UT – 2013-2022

Trained horses to appeal to a wide range of buyers. By starring in videos and attending horse sales throughout the country, I have overcome the pressures of performing in-front of the camera and large crowds. Reputable horses were sold to buyers all across the United States and Canada.

Sleigh driver for 100s of people a night; while maintaining safe procedures and standards with numerous other sleigh drivers, and their participants.

EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING FACILITATOR, NATIONAL ABILITY CENTER, PARK CITY, UT – 2017-2018

Manage volunteers and horses while facilitating a practicum of 12 participants at a time, for one of nations most respected Adaptive programs. This included participants of varying abilities and exposure to the program. Also briefed volunteers, recorded and filed each session.

SECURITY GUARD, YELLOWSTONE CLUB, BIG SKY, MT –2011-2012

Duties included a strict adherence to procedure maintaining confidentiality; and protocol for admission of 864 members, 650 employees, and large numbers of private contractors throughout the 100,000 acre property. This required me to work within a team in multiple locations on the premiss. I was also on call and attended to alarms and disturbances within the 500 households.

RANCH HAND, COLBY PACE, MARTIN BLACK, HUBBARDS RANCH, TURK STOVALL, SEAHOLM RANCH, DELANEY CATTLE CO. DEEP CREEK RANCH, N BAR RANCH – 2000-2015

Worked on numerous ranches with a large diversity of management practices. I participated in all aspects of beef production. This required me to adjust to different techniques and follow instructions, working as a team and upholding my position was integral to managing 1000 to 3,000 head of beef at a time. This required long hours in expansive territory and often challenging conditions.

ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER, HIGH MOWING ORGANIC SEED CO., WOLCOTT, VT – 2004-2007

Organically produced seed for one of the largest organic seed distributors in the country. Skills included team work, timely seed processing knowledge, lab testing, research, facility improvements, operations management, and packaging. I was one of the first two employees who participated in the growth of the company to over twenty employees, before moving on to start my own business.

SKI PATROL & FIRST RESPONDER, CRAFTSBURY OUTDOOR CENTER, CRAFTSBURY VT – 2004-2007

First responder for medical and emergency evacuations. I was responsible for patrolling the facilities and ticketing offenders. At times I would assist in the ski shop with customers.

CUSTOMER COORDINATOR, PARELLI INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTER, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO –2004

I managed the main desk at the Parelli equestrian study center. I supported the needs of over 50 clientele attending the center. I managed office duties and facilitated educational tours acting as host.

Education

Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT - B.A. 2003

University of Findlay, Findlay OH - Deans list, 2002

Parelli International Study Center, Pagosa Springs, CO - Level 3 Graduate

Tilling the soil of Opportunity Business Planning Course, University of VT Extension 2006

Growing Places, Pre-Business Planning, Woman's Ag. Network, University of VT Extension, 2005

Certified Horsemanship Association, Lexington, KY - English and western L2, 2014

Eagala Certified, Elgin, IL - 2015

Skills

- Equestrian:
 - Train horses from foals to finished working cow horses. Other riding skills range from ranch roping, western pleasure, hunter jumper, eventing, polo, horse packing for several hundred mile long trips, driving teams of horses for work, pleasure and commercial. Instructing large groups for Pony Club, 4-H and corporate events. All aspects of horse care including farrier and veterinary care.

- Organic farming. Seed saving, food preservation, root storage, canning, and freezing.

- Large scale cattle management and beef production. Sheep, goat, and poultry production.

- Heavy equipment operation of trucks, trailers and tractors.

- Forestry management including tree felling with chainsaws, axes, cross cut saws.

- Sales experience, including door to door.

- Wilderness First Responder, and CPR.

- Level two Avalanche Forecasting certification. High altitude mountaineering. Extended backpacking winter and summer months.

- Canoeing, flat and white water.

- Rock, and ice climbing.

- Downhill, Backcountry, cross-country and skate skiing.

- Published photographer and writer.