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EDUCATION

Clarion University- Clarion, PA

Bachelor of Science (BS) Geography

Bachelor of Arts (BA) History

West Virginia University- Morgantown, WV

Master of Arts (MA) Geography

Florida State University- Tallahassee, FL

Master of Science (MS) Higher Education with Counseling minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 2017- Present

University of Alaska Anchorage- Student Affairs

Dean of Students

- Supervise the operation of the Dean of Students Office, Student Health and Counseling Center, Student Disability Services, Department of Residence Life, Office of Student Conduct, Multicultural Center (2017-2020), Native Student Services (2017-2021), and Career Services (2020-2021).
- Ensure the effective cultivation of a campus culture focused on civility and safety placing an emphasis on the promotion of student perspectives to ensure a responsive student-centered environment on campus
- Collaborate with community agencies to ensure student co-curricular success, engagement, and inclusion.
- Provide leadership across campus to ensure physical health, mental health, and wellness are at the forefront of the university's priorities and a focus of all student success and retention initiatives
- Develop institutional policies and procedures to ensure alignment with university mission and values
- Oversee multiple budgets which encompass general fund, auxiliary funded, and student fee funded units
- Administer student emergency assistance fund in support students in crisis
- Establish and maintain partnerships and collaboration efforts across campus including academic affairs, Athletics, student government, student groups, and faculty governance organizations
- Oversee and document university compliance with federal mandates including FERPA, Drug Free Schools Act, HIPAA, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Clery Campus Safety Act
- Serve on Student Affairs Executive Team and regularly serve as acting Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

January 2015- March 2017

Saint Louis University- Division of Student Development

Associate Dean of Students

- Supervised University Counseling Center, Office of Student Conduct, and Wellness Promotion units
- Managed operations of the SLU Behavioral Concerns Committee (BIT)
- Provided emergency outreach and case management services for students in crisis
- Served as member of Bias Incident Response Team and Sexual Misconduct Advisory Board
- Advised Student Veteran Association and chaired SLU Veteran Task Force
- Acted as liaison with academic units to provide support and training for faculty on behavioral intervention, classroom management, academic integrity process
- Coordinated ongoing partnerships with offices outside the Division of Student Affairs including: Public Safety, Title IX Office, Legal Counsel, Provosts Office, Financial Services, Institutional Equity, and Athletics.
- Served as member of Sexual Misconduct Policy Review Committee, Community Alcohol Coalition, Suicide Prevention Task Force, and University Sustainability Council

*August 2011- January 2015***University of Memphis- Division of Student Affairs****Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Conduct**

- Supervised Office of Student Conduct staff and managed unit budgets
- Served as Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Division of Student Affairs
- Managed University of Memphis emergency support protocols for students in distress
- Provided oversight of services provided to students referred to Behavioral Intervention Team
- Initiated and led major revision of university policies including Student Code of Conduct, Academic Integrity Policy, Annual Security and Safety Report, Biennial Review, and Title IX adjudication process
- Maintained compliance with state and federal mandates related to records associated with Title IX, Clery Act, Drug Free Schools Act, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations, and Tennessee Board of Regents
- Managed University oversight of Interim Suspension, No Contact, and No Trespass processes
- Coordinated Division of Student Affairs support of athletic events and liaison with Department of Athletics
- Served as Chair of the Clery Compliance Committee and student affairs divisional representative to the University Crisis Management Team
- Advised Student Government Election Commission
- Performed functions/responsibilities of the Dean of Students in their absence from campus

*July 2005- August 2011***University of Illinois- Student Affairs Division****Assistant Dean of Students**

- Adjudicated violations of the University student code of conduct
- Coordinated University of Illinois Mediation and Restorative Justice Program
- Investigated hazing and other disciplinary issues within the University's Greek organization community
- Selected, trained and advised University Judicial Board
- Conducted mediation and alternative conflict resolution meetings with students
- Served as Academic Advisor for Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity
- Facilitated Illinois Leadership Center programs
- Acted as backup member of the Behavioral Intervention Team and Threat Assessment Team
- Maintained judicial database (PAVE & Symplicity-Advocate) and student disciplinary records
- Served as after-hours Emergency Dean providing resources to students in emergency/crisis situations
- Acted as liaison for local police agencies and hospitals caring for university students

*July 2001- July 2005***University of Illinois- University Housing Division****Residence Hall Director**

- Responsible for the daily operation of the Illinois Street Residence Hall
- Selected, trained, and supervised building resident advisors
- Administered Hall Council and building administrative budgets
- Advised residential Black Student Union, Latinx Student Union and Asian American Association
- Developed and presented ongoing educational, multi-cultural and social programs for residents
- Instructed the University of Illinois- First Year Impact program
- Served as a member of the University Multicultural Celebrations Committee, Critical Incident Planning Committee, Alcohol Action Team, and University Safety Advisory Board