### SHANDY R. JAMES

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#### **OBJECTIVE**

A counseling position to support an urban student population in attaining their academic and professional goals

#### **EDUCATION**

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) COLLEGE AT BUFFALO **Master of Science in Student Personnel Administration**, 5/XX, GPA: 3.9/4.0

Concentration: Counseling

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 12/XX, GPA: 3.7/4.0

#### INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER, Erie Community College, Buffalo, New York Counselor, 1/XX-present

- Counsel a diverse population of students around personal, mental health, and career issues
- Provide academic advisement and support to students to ensure satisfactory progress toward a degree
- Promote dual admissions programs with local colleges and review tracking guide sheets to assist students in making the transition from a 2-year to 4-year institution
- Facilitated weekly groups on time management, nutrition, and sleep hygiene

# FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, Medaille College, Amherst, New York **Advisor**, 9/XX-12/XX

- Assessed student eligibility for various financial aid awards using Banner
- Updated files for incoming and current students to assist in determining financial aid packages
- Ensured maximum rewards by following up with students to complete financial aid records
- Created a monthly financial aid newsletter for the institution

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE, SUNY College at Buffalo **Program Coordinator**, 1/XX-5/XX

- Coordinated the American Host Family and International Friendship programs by aggressively soliciting the involvement of American families, American students, and International students
- Developed and assessed American Host Family and International Friendship programs
- Co-advised meetings for International Student Advisory Council and reported progress and updates on the American Host Family and International Friendship programs
- Planned a major Tsunami Relief fundraiser program that raised over \$10,000
- Supported international students with their transition to American culture by handling inquiries and directing them to appropriate campus services

#### REALTED EXPERIENCE

#### GATEWAY LONGVIEW, Buffalo, New York

#### Residence Counselor, 10/XX-present

- Counsel and support at-risk female residents ages 13-17
- Provide crisis management at all times during weekly shifts in compliance with NYS guidelines
- Monitor resident progress in school and at worksites
- Encourage the development of independent living skills through activity and mentoring programs

#### JOAN A. MALEL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER, Buffalo, New York

### Respite Worker, 3/XX-12/XX

- Hired as full-time Respite Worker after one year of volunteering
- Counseled and supported families in crisis
- Planned and scheduled daily recreational activities for clients
- Facilitated process to help clients in attaining goals set by their families and caseworkers

#### Co-Leader - Coping Skills Group, 10/XX-3/XX

- Counseled recovering substance abuse clients on effective coping skills
- Educated clients on how to effectively develop and use life skills
- Implemented stress management activities

#### **COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

Niagara Movement Lectures Series, **Registration Committee Member**, 20XX-present Student Personnel Administration Peer Mentoring Program, **Coordinator**, 20XX-present SUNY College at Buffalo, Upward Bound Black College Tour, **Chaperon**, 20XX Graduate Association of Student Personnel Administration, **Fundraising Committee Member**, 20XX

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

American College Personnel Administration 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, 3/XX SUNY College at Buffalo 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Affairs Professional Conference, 11/XX & 11/XX Networking in Higher Education: Building Bridges for a Better Tomorrow, 6/XX Coalition Building and Diversity Training, 9/XX

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American College Personnel Association (ACPA), Member 1/XX-present College Student Personnel Administration (CPSA), Member 9/XX-present Graduate Association of Student Personnel Administration (GASPA), Member 9/XX-present

#### COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office: (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), WordPerfect, SPSS, Datatel, Banner, Feeds