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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Ed.D., Educational Leadership Pending Defense, Winter 2012

Executive Position Paper: "Improving access to higher education for rural Latino students in Sussex County, Delaware"

Advisor: Dr. Gail Rys, Assistant Director, School of Education, University of Delaware

M.A., Liberal Studies

Fall 2002

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

B.A., Political Science

Spring 1998

Study Abroad: School for International Training, Quito Ecuador, Fall 1996

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Summer 2006 – Present

Extension Specialist II, Delaware 4-H State Volunteer Coordinator

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE ADMISSIONS

Associate Director, Coordinator for Multicultural Recruitment, Winter 2003 – Summer 2006

Admissions Officer,
Winter 2000 – Winter 2003

Admissions Counselor,
Winter 1999 – Winter 2000

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

2010 4-H North-East Regional Volunteer Leader Forum

Managed event from cradle to grave including program coordination, budget management, and event fundraising. Program hosted at the Atlantic Sands Resort in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Three year planning process assisted by advisory committee that met monthly. Forum was successful both financially and programmatically. Was attended by 300 regional volunteers. Facilitated professional development workshop entitled, "Dealing with Difficult People" which resulted in positive evaluations.

Delaware 4-H State Leader Forum (2007 - Present)

Coordinate annual statewide training and recognition event, which is rotationally held in all three counties.

Previous events have been attended by Attorney General, Beau Biden; U.S. Senator, Tom Carper; and former Congressman, Michael Castle. Facilitate workshop entitled, "Dealing with Difficult People".

4-H North-East Regional Volunteer Leader Forum (2007 & 2008)

Coordinated travel arrangements and registrations for delegation of Delaware leaders and teens to attend forum held in Manchester, New Hampshire and Portland, Maine. Traveled and participated with Delaware delegation.

4-H County Leader Meetings (2006 – Present)

Regular attendance and participation at county leader meetings held in each of Delaware's three counties.

Screening and Background Check Program, Risk Management Leader (2007 – Present)

Led and implemented the background check program for all Delaware 4-H volunteers. Continue to provide leadership to various risk management situations throughout the state 4-H program by coordinating with agencies including the Delaware State Police and UD Public Safety.

TEEN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Delaware 4-H State Teen Conference (2007-2011)

Two-day annual conference for over 80 youth held on the University of Delaware campus in Newark. Coordinate, plan and staff event along with State Teen Council Officers. Set budget, book venues, arrange lodging, travel, and meals. Develop program content and provide overall leadership for event.

Delaware 4-H State Camp, Camp Barnes (2007-2011)

Serve as Assistant Coordinator. Provide leadership annually, along with Camp Coordinator. Strive to provide a safe and educational camping experience for 200 youth over a two-week period. Work closely with hired counseling staff to maintain an atmosphere focused on a quality experience for each child. Handle risk management and disciplinary situations.

Delaware 4-H State Teen Council (2006-Present)

Serve as Council Advisor. Provide leadership, counsel, and guidance to approximately 30 teens and an officer corps of five. Schedule bi-monthly meetings for council and monthly officer meetings. Partner with Cooperative Extension staff members and community stakeholders to provide educational and service based outreach opportunities for youth on council. Council has become a more visible force throughout the state, attending events and promoting 4-H, Cooperative Extension and the University of Delaware. New and special opportunities include; gubernatorial visits in 2009 and 2010; hosting the Governor and Lt. Governor for Legislative Day in 2009 and 2010; and participation in various community outreach events to make State 4-H Teen Council more visible with staff and stakeholders, events include Ag Day, Day on the Farm, Farmer and Chef, Grange socials, and Annual Ag Industry Dinner.

4-H National Conference, Chevy Chase, Maryland (2007 - 2011)

Serve as coordinator and chaperone for annual week-long conference. Provide leadership to select teen delegates attending the event. Work in cooperation with the Delaware State University delegation. Schedule Congressional appointments and coordinate overall travel and conference activities for participants.

Nemours Garden Project (Fall 2009-Ongoing)

Co-manage with a Cooperative Extension colleague in Horticulture. Created a children's garden on the grounds of the Nemours Mansion and Gardens in Wilmington. Project combines 4-H youth and volunteers with outside funding and volunteer resources. Has resulted in two successful plantings and harvests. Crops have been donated to Food Bank of Delaware.

ADMISSIONS AND MULTICULTURAL RECRUITMENT

Application Review (Winter 1999-Spring 2006)

Member of twelve person selection committee reviewing over 22,000 new student and transfer applications annually. Participated in over eight open house programs per year and advised prospective and current students on curriculum and scheduling of coursework. Supervised reading process of all Delaware applicants for four years.

Multicultural Recruitment (Winter 2001-Spring 2006)

Managed all recruitment and outreach for students of color applying for admission. Increased the number of Latino students enrolling at UD during tenure. Assisted the Vice Provost in developing partnership programs with community and non-profit organizations. Coordinated three overnight programs per year for admitted students. Managed seven student workers.

Delaworld, New Student Orientation (2001, 2002)

Assisted Director of New Student Orientation for two consecutive summer sessions.

Regional Recruitment (Spring 1999-Spring -2006)

Hosted receptions for regional guidance counseling associations. Expanded travel to areas such as Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, in addition to recruitment in New York City and other northeastern states. Conducted 10-20 interviews weekly

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

2010 National 4-H Science Academy, Washington, D.C.

2008 NAE4H-A National Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

2007 National 4-H Council Art of Leadership Training, Tucson, Arizona and Burlington, Vermont

2006 NAE4H-A National Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

Chair, Search Committee, New Castle 4-H Educator Position (Fall 2010)

Member, Promotion Peer Committee, Carrie Murphy, New Castle County Horticulture Agent (Fall 2010)

Chair, Promotion Peer Committee, Lindsay Hughes, Extension Agent (Spring 2010)

Member, Search Committee, Camp Barnes Director, One Voice Position (Fall 2010)

Member, Search Committee, Kent and Sussex Traffic Safety Coordinator Position (Spring 2008)

Member, Search Committee, Assistant Dean Position. College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Spring 2008)

Member, Search Committee, New Castle County 4-H Educator Position (Fall 2007)

Member, Search Committee, Academic Coordinator Position. College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Fall 2007)

Member, Promotion Peer Committee, Doug Crouse, Kent County 4-H Educator (Fall 2007)

Member, Search Committee, Kent County 4-H Educator Position (Spring 2007)

Member, Search Committee, Communications Specialist Position in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Spring 2007)

Member, Selection Committee, Emalea Pusey Warner Award and Alexander J. Taylor Sr. Award for Outstanding Woman and Outstanding Man of senior class (Spring 2003)

Member, Distinguished Scholar Selection Committee (Spring 1999)

Advisor, "HOLA" student organization (Spring 1999- 2004)

**ADDITIONAL
SERVICE**

Board Member and First Vice President, Sussex County Health Promotion Coalition, Sussex County, DE (2009-Present)

Board Member, First Steps Primeros Pasos, Georgetown, DE (2009-2011)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Spanish

**HONORS AND
MEDIA**

NAE4-HA 2011 Regional Award Winner, Diversity Award

NAE4-HA 2010 Regional Award Winner, Diversity Award

NAE4-HA 2008 National Award Winner, Communicator Award

Gettysburg College Outstanding Young Alumni Award for Professional Development (Spring 2008)

92.7 FM Interview with Kevin Andrade. Live Spanish language broadcast to advertise car seat safety demonstrations being done for EYSC grant (Spring 2010)

Wilmington News Journal, Delaware Voice column on importance of non-profits leveraging resources (Fall 2008)

Wilmington News Journal, Delaware Life Edition story written by Victor Gretto about the transition from Undergraduate Admissions to 4-H and Cooperative Extension (Spring 2007)

Comcast Newsmakers Interview focused on 4-H Youth Development and plans for implementation of criminal background checks in 4-H (Fall 2006)

WBOC News Interview by reporter Jimmy Hoppa focused on the implementation of background checks in 4-H (Fall 2007)