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SUMMARY

Extensive operational and civic experience spanning regulatory environments, constituent communication, legislative research, and campaign work. Seeking opportunities in public service, nonprofit advocacy, or campaign operations where analytical thinking and operational discipline translate directly into community impact for Kentucky and its people.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science | University of Louisville, Louisville, KY — Conferred May 2026

Coursework: Public Administration, Public Policy Analysis, Research Methods & Data Analysis, Organizational Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Back of House Operations Manager | Southern Hospitality / Iroquois Amphitheater

Louisville, KY | September 2019 – Present

- Coordinated event logistics from setup through breakdown for hundreds of outdoor events, ensuring site readiness, staff preparedness, and smooth on-site execution.
- Managed vendor and staff communication under tight timelines across major regional festivals including Bourbon and Beyond and Louder Than Life.
- Troubleshoot operational issues in real time, maintaining event continuity and guest experience in high-attendance, fast-paced environments.
- Sustained cross-functional coordination between production, hospitality, and vendor teams with consistent follow-through.

Ramp Agent | United Parcel Service

Louisville, KY | October 2019 – January 2026

- Executed time-sensitive operations under strict federal safety and compliance standards across six years of third-shift service.
- Maintained consistent performance and personal accountability while completing a full-time undergraduate degree concurrently.

Manager | Rock Creek Resort

Red Lodge, MT | April 2019 – September 2019

- Managed daily operations including staff scheduling, reservation coordination, and guest correspondence.
- Identified service gaps through guest feedback and implemented improvements that increased consistency of outcomes.

Wellsite Geological Consultant | Geo-Link

Red Lodge, MT | February 2017 – April 2018

- Maintained compliance reporting logs and communicated technical findings to engineering teams under time-sensitive field conditions.

Lead Brewer | Red Lodge Ales Brewing Company

Red Lodge, MT | June 2009 – February 2017

- Managed production scheduling, inventory tracking, and quality control processes across sustained daily operations.
- Contributed to 12 national industry awards through rigorous attention to detail and consistent process discipline.

LEGISLATIVE & CIVIC EXPERIENCE

Legislative Research Volunteer | Office of Kentucky State Representative Tom Burch

Louisville, KY | 2006

- Tracked active legislation and monitored bill progress through the Kentucky General Assembly.
- Researched constituent issues and identified relevant policy resources to support office response.

Campaign Volunteer | Brandon Coan for Louisville Metro Council

Poll Worker | Jefferson County Board of Elections

HOA Board Member

- Community governance, neighbor communication, and organizational decision-making.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Event Logistics & Coordination • Vendor & Stakeholder Communication • On-Site Event Operations • Site Readiness & Setup • Community Engagement • Google Workspace • Microsoft Office Suite • Scheduling & Calendar Management • Volunteer Coordination • Organizational Record Keeping