

CHRISTA CHAMPION

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EDUCATION

Brown University, *Magna cum laude*, Biomedical Engineering (3.8 GPA) 1986
Smith College, Master of Science, Exercise and Sport Studies (4.0 GPA) 1990

CAREER SUMMARY

Twenty years of experience leading people and organizing events in a fast-paced, success-oriented, and deadline-driven environment. Strengths include the ability to clearly communicate concepts, to teach techniques, and to identify and build relationships with prospects through letters, phone calls and visits. Extensive background in goal-setting and evaluation, conducting workshops, community outreach, public speaking, special events, fundraising, budget management, database management, and writing.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

Strategic Research Inc., Oberlin, Ohio 2008
Coordinator, Events and Community Outreach

PLAN & ORGANIZE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Design invitations (in compliance with State of Ohio's financial and ethics laws and norms)
- Target donors; create and manage database and records (in compliance with financial and ethics laws); conduct follow-up research
- Organize venue and food service details; manage set-up, staffing, and breakdown of events

COORDINATE COMMUNITY OUTREACH & VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

- Create and Maintain data bases
- Create training events; design and staff volunteer training sessions

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio 2002-2008
Head Women's Basketball Coach, Instructor of Physical Education

PLANNING, ORGANIZING, & EVENT MANAGEMENT

- Scheduled all training and competition; coordinated team travel and hotels
- Organized and staffed VIP Football Tailgate Receptions and other game-day meals and events
- Pioneered Faculty "Guest Coach" Program; instituted an annual Alumnae Game

FUNDRAISING & BUDGET MANAGEMENT

- Consistently under budget for six years in a row
- Launched annual Women's Basketball Booster Golf Outing
- Developed sponsor relationships in local business community
- Sold advertising space and solicited in-kind donations
- Raised \$12,000 for travel enhancement fund in 2006-07

LEADERSHIP TRAINING & TEAM-BUILDING

- Taught a yearly Leadership course to aspiring student leaders
- Conducted regular "Goal-Setting" and "Goal-Getting" meetings, both individual and group
- Guided an on-going series of workshops to enhance Team Communication & Cohesion

MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

- Coached multiracial teams with rosters dominated by students of color
- Provided diversity & sensitivity workshops
- Served as a Faculty Liaison to Oberlin Lambda Alumni

WRITING, MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Wrote & proofread copy for news releases, media guides, recruiting letters & brochures
- Participated in regular post-game radio interviews
- Presented at events in local public schools and at College special events

- Oberlin Li'l Dribblers Youth Basketball Outreach**, Oberlin, Ohio 2004-2008
- Created & staffed youth programming for weekend, holiday and after-school activities
 - Planned, publicized, and directed annual MLK Day Free Youth Basketball Clinic
 - Solicited sponsorships for annual youth basketball give-away during Oberlin's Big Parade
- Trainer, Diversity Workshops**, Oberlin, Ohio 2006-2007
- Helped to plan and facilitate a yearlong series of workshops on Sexuality, Gender & Race
 - Assisted Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in earning Welcoming Congregation status
- BACKBONE (the band)**, Oberlin, Ohio 2005-2008
- Play rhythm guitar and share lead vocals in a four-person band playing original music
 - Negotiate and book gigs at bars, coffeehouses, radio shows, community events, and festivals
 - Collaborate on band marketing, promotion, merchandise design, and web-site maintenance
- Math and Chemistry Tutor, University High School**, San Francisco, California 2000-2002
- Tutored incoming and current high school students in algebra and physical chemistry
- Research Assistant, Smith College Human Performance Lab**, Northampton, Massachusetts 1988-1990
- Collected data for a stroke accuracy study funded by the International Tennis Association
 - Analyzed preliminary motion/time data to assist in designing second phase of the study
- Health & Wellness Instructor, Columbus Squash Club**, Dublin, Ireland 1986-1988

ADDITIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

- University High School**, San Francisco, California 2001-2002
Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach
- French American / International High School**, San Francisco, California 2000-2001
Varsity Boys' Tennis, Varsity Girls' Tennis, & Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Worcester, Massachusetts 1994-2000
Head Women's Basketball & Head Women's Tennis Coach
- University of New Haven**, West Haven, Connecticut 1990-1993
Head Women's Basketball & Head Women's Tennis Coach
- Smith College**, Northampton, Massachusetts 1988-1990
Assistant Varsity Basketball & Head Junior Varsity Softball Coach
- Bank of Ireland Basketball Club**, Dublin, Ireland 1987-1988
Head Women's Basketball Coach

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Honors and Awards: Division I First Team *Academic All-American*, 1984, 1985, 1986
NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Recipient, 1986
1988 United States Olympic Team, Alternate, Team Handball
NEW-8 Coach of the Year, 1996
WBCA District I Coach of the Year, 1996
Brown University Athletic Hall of Fame, 1995
Newburyport High School Athletic Wall of Fame, 2005
- Computer Competencies: MS Word, Excel, FileMaker Pro, etc.
Programming: BASIC, Pascal, and Fortran