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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Creative and innovative professional with extensive experience in building online communities and increasing customer engagement metrics to build organization's social media presence and accelerate brand awareness.

- Passionate about creating innovative brand identities and producing brand-consistent, engaging, and original digital experiences.
- Capable of collaborating with Influencers, Content Creators, and Editorial & Community Management teams to support community efforts and build localized community plans.
- Skilled in planning and producing effective social campaigns across a broad range of social media channels.
- Adept at conducting research on latest market trends, brand audiences, competitors, and consumer journeys to drive engagements and conversions. Articulate communicator with strong creative thinking and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledgeable of community best practices, communication strategies, content creation, and PR.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Community & Social Management

Consumer Trends

■ E-Commerce

Audience Engagement

Content Creation

Influencer Management

■ People Management

Campaign Management

Communications Management

SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

Sprinklr

Netbase

Discord

Confluence

Monday

Sprout

Spiketrap Photoshop Wrike

Airtable

Hootsuite

JIRA

MS Office

Live Stream Production: OBS, Restream, Programming & ROS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KANAREY PRODUCTIONS, Los Angeles, CA

May 2024 - June 2024

Senior Community Manager (Contract)

- Build community and influencer strategy for the next DLC update of MEGATON MUSASHI W: WIRED.
- Research and discover influencers to sponsor and live-stream the game
- Lead communication, contract/price negotiation, and execution of influencer work for the game
- Recommend SOP and lead the creation of new structure within KANAREY working with Brand and Finance leads

Hinterland Studio, Vancouver, Canada

August 2023 - April 2024

Community Director (Layoff)

- Leading and managing all external communications via our social and community platforms.
- Building strategy, policy documents, standard operating procedures, and planning for future growth of the team.

Key Contributions:

- Streamlining priorities of our social and community efforts.
- Executing all external comms to social and community platforms.

Bad Robot Games, Los Angeles, CA

June 2022 - March 2023

Senior Social & Community Manager (Project Cancellation/Layoff)

- Devised and implemented social media and communication campaigns to align with marketing strategies.
- Provided comprehensive support to game developers with managing closed playtest sessions.

Key Contributions:

- Created engaging, high-quality, and original social media content for studio social presence.
- Trained, mentored, and guided one direct report focusing on accelerating learning curve.
- Planned and developed robust community plans for upcoming unannounced game titles.
- Collaborated with the development team to gain in-depth understanding of games in development, generate new ideas, and leverage better and more unique ways to build and grow community.

Skybound Entertainment, Los Angeles, CA

Senior Manager, Social & Community (Recruited to Bad Robot)

Oversaw all aspects of brand's online community, serving as lead point of contact within social media community to engage and provide support to all community members.

Key Contributions:

- Led cross-functional team of four members to support video game, tabletop, editorial, and movie trivia branches of Skybound.
- Served as publisher for Striking Distance Studio's "The Callisto Protocol" focused on building community of followers and increasing engagement.

Bandai Namco Entertainment America, Santa Clara, CA

March 2019 - May 2021

June 2021 - May 2022

Social Marketing & Community Lead (Company Relocated – Voluntary Layoff)

- Adopted new interview techniques, developed strong onboarding process, and created learning and growth opportunities for junior and mid-level professionals.
- Produced live stream programming and content creator programs aimed at boosting community engagement.

Key Contributions:

 Built and directed top-performing team of seven community managers from ground up, in charge of 40+ social channels and their communities.

Blizzard Entertainment, Irvine, CA

July 2017 - February 2019

Community Development Manager, LATAM Publishing (Layoff)

• Interacted with community members and customers in a professional, personable, and timely manner to grow and keep community alive.

Key Contributions:

- Provided strategic direction and leadership to LATAM community team.
- Propelled brand's image through consistent PR and Social Media strategy, as Communication Manager.

Kingston Tech/HyperX, Fountain Valley, CA

December 2010 - Mar 2017

Social Community & Influencer Manager (Recruited to Blizzard)

- Performed end-to-end management of Kingston and HyperX Latin America social media channels and community.
- Utilized various social listening tools to identify and build understanding of clients' target audiences and trends.
 Key Contributions:
- Augmented brand outreach and grew fanbase by producing engaging content and videos, as well as hiring sponsored esports teams and content creators to promote products.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

SMITH & NOBLE, INC. | Web Designer
BECKMAN COULTER | Web Project Manager

December 2008 – December 2010 October 2006 – May 2008

EDUCATION

Irvine Community College, Irvine, CA

Associate of Arts, Media Arts

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Spanish (Fluent)

Brazil Portuguese (Conversational) Japanese (Basics)