

Aidan O'Donnell

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Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Equipment and logistics producer

Bradley University - Peoria, IL

February 2024 to Present

- Responsible for the set up and take down of all equipment during the three day exhibition event of FUSE
- Organized an effective layout inside the Peoria Riverfront Museum for 25 individual teams
- Stayed in constant communication with 25 teams with diverse needs to ensure production of their projects ran smoothly
- Practiced problem solving skills when equipment was limited compared to the needs of all the teams

Teacher

The Gardner School of Warrenville - Warrenville, IL

May 2023 to August 2023

I led classes of around 20 children on average. I remained flexible both in planning and accommodating for children's needs as we continued throughout planned daily activities.

Teacher Assistant

Bradley University - Peoria, IL

August 2021 to May 2023

Worked actively with both teachers and students while helping extensive coding assistance and critique to help the students at the university to learn Unity and C# and use it in their Projects to create games and basic algorithms.

Girl Scout Camp Counselor

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana - Naperville, IL

June 2021 to July 2022

Day to day I planned and executed plans and schedules for each of our campers making sure campers both remained safe and enjoyed their day at the camp. I was equipped to deal with crisis through out the day and continue with the planned schedule.

Education

Bachelors Degree in Game Design

Bradley University - 

August 2021 to Present

Skills

- Photoshop
- Video Editing
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Office
- Video Production
- C# (3 years)
- Unity (3 years)
- HTML5 (1 year)
- User Interface (UI)
- Communication skills
- Teaching
- Experience with children
- Childcare
- Experience working with students
- Conflict management
- Supervising experience
- Analysis skills
- Soldering
- Organizational skills
- Agile

Languages

- English - Native

Links



Certifications and Licenses

Driver's License

August 2019 to July 2024

Food Handler Certification

Maria Gracia “Grace” Tucker

Experienced wordsmith and communicator with over 20-plus years of experience in daily/weekly newspapers, website content, press releases, digital marketing. You could say I grew up in the communications industry.

Work history

Manager of Communications, Events and Member Services, Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

July 2018 – June 2023

A not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to promote and support the growth and development of the local business community.

Communications and Content:

Responsible for all the external communications, digital and print, published by the Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce. Managing various facets of external communications including: one annual and four biannual print products; daily social media posts across five channels (Facebook, Instagram, 2 LinkedIn accounts, and Twitter); daily eBlasts; press releases; event collateral, website, occasional You Tube videos and Facebook Live broadcasts.

Collaborations:

Facilitate and maintain external relationships between Chamber members, village leaders, community leaders, area residents and various nonprofit agencies with the intention of successfully executing each party's initiatives.

Marketing/Branding:

Maintain the BACC brand and those of its business developmental groups across all print and digital communications including event collateral. This also includes the planning and executing of on-brand events for those groups and the more than 600 chamber members.

Events:

Plan, design, market then execute Chamber event calendar. This includes six Signature Events: State of the Village; Best of Bolingbrook Business Gala; Golf Extravaganza; Taste of Bolingbrook; Spirits: An Evening of Whiskey, Wine & Scholarship and the Holiday Charity Challenge; a combination of community-wide and B2B events that cumulatively attract 20,000 annually. Calendar also includes monthly networking and developmental events.

Freelance Writer, Shaw Media, and others

2013 – present

Content: Writer and content creator for various print and online publication including Kane County Magazine, Suburban Life, the Herald-News, the Bolingbrook Chamber Community Directory and other Chamber directories.

Managing Editor, Bugle Newspapers, Voyager Media Group

November 2016 – July 2018 and 2009 - 2011 Will County

Eight weekly newspapers and website with print circulation of 80,000, covering 11 villages; titles include The Enterprise (Plainfield), The Shorewood Sentinel, Romeoville, Bolingbrook, Woodridge, Downers Grove, Westmont & Lisle, Joliet, Lockport & Crest Hill and Niles, Morton Grove & Park Ridge Bugles

Communications/Content:

Managed print, digital and social media presence of all newspapers while maintaining Voyager Media brand. Chose and wrote features and editorials, shot photos; recorded web features.

Manager:

Supervised editorial staff of reporters and freelancers; assigned stories and photos.

Collaborations:

“Face” of Voyager Media Group in various community relations. Crisis management to irate callers, angry readers, local politicians, community agencies and the general public.

Software and other skills

- Proficient in Associated Press Stylebook
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe’s Creative Suite (including InDesign and PhotoShop) in both Mac and PC platforms.
- Knowledgeable in ChamberMaster association software

Volunteer experience

- Bolingbrook Arts Council, 2014-2020, 2023-present
- Exchange Club of Bolingbrook, 2020 to 2024

References

Provided upon request

Education

Loyola University of Chicago, Bachelor of Arts, English

