

MICHAEL A. HARRINGTON

PROFILE

Dynamic, intuitive and creative visionary with the ability to problem solve in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.

EDUCATION

- May 2005 **Master of Arts and Liberal Studies: Administration and Leadership** - State University of New York at Plattsburgh
- May 2003 **Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communications; Minor: Broadcast Management** - State University of New York at Plattsburgh

EMPLOYMENT

Director of New Training and Strategic Initiatives - New Directions Consulting - N. Bennington, VT - Jan 2009 thru Present

Provide consulting and management support to different clients in the form of training, survey facilitation and project management. Direct and develop new training plans for the firm and provide strategic insight into the guidance for effective company growth.

Associations:

- ASTD
- SQO
- Albany Chamber of Commerce
- Bennington Chamber of Commerce

Chief Student Affairs Officer - Paul Smith's College - Paul Smiths, NY - March 2006 thru Present

Oversee day to day operations of the Office of Student Affairs by organizing the efforts of the Residence Life Office, judicial affairs, student housing, and Student Activities Office. Coordinate intra-office efforts with Campus Safety, Student Development, Campus Facilities, Food Service, Retention/Orientation office and other administration departments. Represent the college with the local community and the town of Brighton. College point person for emergency services and first response, while helping to develop the college's disaster preparedness plan. Directly supervise a staff of 13 individuals, which includes a Coordinators of Student Activities, Coordinator of Residence Life, three Assistant Area Coordinators, an Office Manager and seven shuttle drivers. Administer an operating budget of approximately half a million dollars.

Programs

- Manager of campus A.L.E.R.T. (Accessing Local Emergency Response Technology) system used to aid in the emergency preparedness of the campus community
- Instructor for one of the College's humanities courses
- Co-coordinator of campus shuttle program
- Designed and facilitated the Residence Life RA training program for new and returning resident assistants
- Student judicial program coordinator and college judicial officer
- Academic Recovery Program – mentor and advocate to probationary students need to redirect their academic efforts to optimize success

Committees

- Health and Safety Committee (Co-chair)
- Website redesign advisory committee
- Affirmative Action Committee
- SafetyNet – High risk student identification committee
- Summer Conference Committee
- Staff Advisory Council (Staff Matters Subcommittee co-chair)
- Franklin County Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force
- Campus Wellness Committee
- Facilities and maintenance council
- Multiple search committees

Associations

- American College Professionals Association - Member
- Association of Student Judicial Affairs

Research Assistant - Russell Reynolds Associates - Washington, DC - September 2005 thru January 2006

Support staff for research and special projects incorporating such programs as Word, Excel, Power Point, and other Internet search tools for one of the top five executive search firms in the world. Clients of Russell Reynolds included Sally Mae Foundation, The ONE Campaign, Lockheed Martin and the American Red Cross.

Executive Assistant - Aegis Group Ltd - Washington, DC - July 2005 thru March 2006

Provided administrative support to a fast paced, bi-partisan lobbying firm and its president. Assisted in the execution of firm's lobbying strategies and client events on Capitol Hill and other venues. Facilitated firm's Internet needs and participated in business development strategies utilizing various software programs, i.e., Word, Excel, Word Perfect, Adobe, and Power Point.

Summer Staff Director - SUNY Plattsburgh - Summer 2005

Coordinated and supervised student staff of 17 in order to successfully facilitate the execution of professional association conferences renting university facilities.

Residence Hall Director - SUNY Plattsburgh - August 2003 thru May 2005

Trained and supervised eight resident assistants while overseeing day-to-day housing operations for approximately 250 students. Facilitated team training, hall programming, and policy enforcement.

EXPERIENCE

Assistant to the Mayor - City of Plattsburgh, New York - August 2002 thru July 2003

Assisted Mayor of Plattsburgh with media representation and public relations across Northeastern New York. Dealt with economic development, constituent relations, scheduling, transportation, and briefings. Represented the student body on The Downtown Partnership Committee.

Student Body President - SUNY Plattsburgh - January 2004 thru December 2005

Elected officer of student body (6,000 plus). Managed the budgetary (\$850,000 plus) and political operations of subordinate student officers. Represented students on the *College Council* and acted as student advisor to the president of the university. Served as vice president of the Board of Directors of the *College Auxiliary Service* and as member of the *Alumni Affairs* Board of Directors.

General Manager - WARP Student Radio

Appointed by university professor to coordinate and lead the efforts of media traffic, news, production and programming for a student radio station broadcasting to the greater Plattsburgh community.

Reporter/On-Air Talent - WBTN Radio - Summer 2001

Correspondent for radio station reporting on multi-theme issues from the southern Vermont broadcast area (approximately 40 square miles) and provided sales presentations to client base while maintaining a daily radio program.

HONORS/ ACTIVITIES

- Rotary International
 - Omicron Delta Kappa - National Honor Society
 - National Broadcasters Society (SUNY Plattsburgh) - Member/Presenter/Vice President
 - Lambda Pi Eta - Communications Honor Society
 - Student Ambassador - Representative of SUNY Plattsburgh
 - Committee on Group Review (college judicial process – SUNY Plattsburgh)
 - Volunteer Firefighter
 - Audio technician at High Peaks Church
 - Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
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