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Professional Experience:

Education & Community, 2015-Current

- Councilman District 23- for 2019-2023 Metro Nashville Council: Committee's include Chair of the Human Services Committee, Education Committee, Budget Finance, Homeless Oversight Chair, Chair Mayor's Task Force on Youth Career Exploration.
- Director of Hospitality & Tourism- Nashville State Community College, August 2022 to current.
- Tennessee State University: Adjunct Professor, Chair of the Advisory Board for the Hospitality & Tourism Program and on the College of Business Advisory Board, Led the development of the TSU Hospitality Program as a concentration for a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. 2015-2022

Hotel Industry, 1974-2021

- General Manager for 18 years (2002-2021): Holiday Inn Vanderbilt (InterContinental Hotels Group), responsible for staffing, budgets, financial projections, marketing, sales and capital improvement plans.
- Director of Operations for 2 years (1999-2002): Staybridge Suites (InterContinental Hotels Group): Initial Operations Director, managed and developed a national portfolio of 24 hotels.
- VP of Operations for HomeGate (Prime Hospitality): Initial Operations VP for 2 years (1997-1999): Developed and managed a national portfolio of 42 hotels from start up. Responsible for all operations aspects, oversight of development and branding.
- Regional VP of Residence Inn by Marriott, Southeast (Marriott Hotels) for 18 years (1979-1997): Responsible for management of 32 hotels & General Managers and support of franchise hotel operations. Worked my way up

within Marriott hotels from entry management positions. Hotel experiences include the Downtown Chicago Marriott, Marina del Rey Marriott, Anaheim Marriott, Irvine Marriott.

- Desk Manager & Food & Beverage Cost Controller for 2 years (1977-1979) Westin St. Francis, San Francisco. Selected as a Management Trainee out of college. Worked through the training and into Front Desk Manager and Food & Beverage Cost Controller.

Education:

- B.S.- Business Administration and Hotel Management, Florida State University, 1977
- M.B.A.- Finance, California State Long Beach, 1991
- Ed.D. Higher Education Candidate- MTSU, Current
- United States Professional Tennis Registry- Professional Rating

Local Leadership Positions:

- MNPS Academies: Involved for 14 years with responsibilities that include, Former Chair of the Hospitality Academy Partnership Council, Former Chair Hillwood High School Hospitality Partnership Council, Alignment Nashville-High School Committee.
- Executive Committee and Board of Directors of NAZA (Nashville After-School Zone Alliance)
- Greater Nashville Hospitality Association- Board of Directors since 2004, Founding Chair of the Education Committee, former President.
- Catholic Business League- Former Board of Directors
- The Arc of Davidson County-Former Treasurer and Board of Directors- 10 years
- Nashville Tennis Association-Founding President, Board of Directors, Former Board of Director for State.
- Metro Tourism and Convention Commission
- Nashville Event Marketing Fund Committee, former member
- Mayor's Advisory Board on Exceptional Education, former member

Personal Community Awards:

- Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce- Spirit of the Chamber for Engagement
- Pencil Foundation- Volunteer of the Year
- Metro Nashville Public Schools, Academies of Nashville- CEO Champions Award
- Golden Apple Award-Atlanta, Top volunteer for Public Schools in Atlanta for leadership and involvement with Atlanta School System
- Catholic Professional of the Year, Nashville
- Ralph Brunson Award, Kiwanis Downtown- Spiritual Aims Award
- Holiday Inn, Hospitality Academy Partner of the Year
- American Hotel Association- Tennessee Volunteer of the Year
- Greater Nashville Hospitality Association- General Manager of the Year
- United States Tennis Association-Tennis Family of the Year for Tennessee

Hotel Recognition

- Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association- “Good Earth Keeping of the Year for Tennessee” and “Community Service Hotel of the Year for Tennessee”.
- Goodwill and Arc Tennessee -Inclusive Employer of the Year.

Affiliations:

- Kiwanis Club of Nashville- Former Board Member and Spiritual Aims Committee,
- USPTR- United States Professional Tennis Registry- Professional Rating
- SKAL- Hospitality Organization
- Special Olympic Tennis Coach
- Former Father Ryan Tennis Coach

Volunteer and Support:

- Fannie Battle Day Home
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Big Brothers of Nashville
- Ladies of Charity
- American Heart Association
- United States Tennis Association- Junior Team Coach
- United States Tennis Association, Tennessee- Junior Competitive Committee
- United States Tennis Association, Sothern Section- Community Development Committee
- Children International
- Maryknoll Missionary's