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WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Charleston, SC

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?

About 15 Years

TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?

I am a young professional with half a decade of software development experience. I currently work as an Android Engineer at Target. Previously, I worked at Ally Financial working on both the Ally Bank and Auto Financing applications. Before coming to Ally, I was the sole Android engineer responsible for creating and launching a real estate agent referral application. I received my bachelor's in computer science from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2015 and I am also a certified professional scrum master.

I have volunteered with the Hornets' Nest Council of the Girl Scouts and Apparo. With Apparo, I worked with nonprofit organizations to better understand the app development process. I also served as the Academic Excellence Chapter Advisory Board member for the Alpha Omicron - Queens University chapter of Kappa Delta.

I currently live in Matthews with my husband, 2-year-old son, and 11-year-old pug/chihuahua mix. We are currently expecting our second child in early December.

DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

During my time as the Academic Excellence Chapter Advisory Board member for Kappa Delta at Queens University, I was proud to watch the hard work and dedication of all the women to raise their combined GPA from below their standards to the point in which they were nationally recognized by national Kappa Delta for their excellent grades in our sorority magazine, the Angelos. The women worked together to uplift each other and encourage their academic achievements.

Around the same time, when a member of my chapter of Kappa Delta tragically passed after a car accident, the other alumnae and I banded together to form a scholarship in her memory. We spent months organizing and planning events and raised enough money to create the scholarship which is awarded to a current member of the chapter.

These and many other moments serve as a reminder to me that when you work together and support one another as a community of people, great results can be accomplished. Teamwork and dedication are pillars in the foundation of incredible things.

IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.

At the heart of it, I am a unique problem solver. My perspective of being a mother, a travel agent, and a software engineer helps me to solve problems from a unique viewpoint in my community service. I am passionate about helping to empower other women and girls in STEM, other female business owners, and mothers. My leadership experience during my time at Ally as a part of the Early Talent program is a great example of how I love to empower others in my field. By helping bring the next

class of Early Talent members into their roles at Ally, I helped usher in the next generation of leaders at that organization. As a volunteer with Apparo, I demystified the development process to help non-profit organizations better understand the complexities and undertakings of building a mobile application. When working with the Girl Scouts, I served as a role model for girls to show them what it can mean to be a woman in STEM. Growing up, I was discouraged from going into computer science. Now that I'm working as an Android Engineer, I see fewer women developers in the field and that needs to change. I'm a strong believer in lifting up women and helping them succeed in this heavily male-dominated field.

PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

I am a Google Certified Android Engineer as well as a Scrum Master.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?

I truly love using my free time to plan trips for my family and clients which is why I created Dreamline Departures in the first place. Outside of that, I love spending time with my son and making and eating baked goods. My husband and I enjoy doing escape rooms as well as trying new places to eat in Charlotte.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?

"Minimum effort, maximum results"

Which to me means, being effective and efficient in what you do and don't overcomplicate things.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?

In the next 5 and 10 years, I want to have a positive impact on the lives of my children and other women in STEM. As a mother, I hope that my children grow and develop and have good memories of our time together that have a lasting impact on their lives.

CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Reach all 7 continents

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?

A few weeks ago for a familiarization trip to learn about some of the updates to cruising since the restart of the cruise industry. It also doubled as our family's last trip as a family of 3 before the arrival of our newest child.

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?

I am an experienced Karaoke artist that started at a young age with karaoke sung at every family gathering. It has become a fun part of my life and family gatherings.

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

My mom. Aside from her journey to America and the amazing life she has made for herself throughout the years, she has been a constant source of support for me and my children.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

"The Little Blue Truck" as requested by my son for bedtime

WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?

Thor: Love and Thunder

WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?

Walk the Moon

HOW DID THE COVID PANDEMIC AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

I gave birth 2 months before the shutdown and had to learn to navigate motherhood alongside all the changes and challenges that the pandemic brought. When I re-entered the workforce after my maternity leave, I was able to spend a larger amount of time with my son because of my new work-from-home status. This has allowed me to be more involved with his life than I could have ever imagined. Professionally, it pushed me to form Dreamline Departures as a way to help others to plan and navigate the never-ending stream of changes in the travel industry. It also allowed me to work at Target without moving away from my life in the Carolinas.

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