

Résumé for Diane E. Benson
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OBJECTIVE: To work with an organization that can benefit from my organizational, community relations, and communication skills. I enjoy interacting with diverse groups, and making a mission shine.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Developed presentation, communication and analysis skills through,
 - Facilitating/Presenting – for National Judicial College (Reno), US Attorney's Office – District of Wyoming, Evergreen Community College (Olympia), Justice for Victims of Crime Conferences (Palm Springs), Ft. Richardson Army Base, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Out North Contemporary Art House, Two Feathers (CA), University of Alaska, Red Eagle Soaring (Seattle), University of Surrey (England), Maori Creative Writers Wananga, (Hamilton, NZ), First Alaskans Institute and many others.
 - Editing – of an anthology for Making Waves [Press] (Isle of Wight, England), and assisting on a textbook by Tribal Law & Policy Institute/Altamira Press.
 - Published works - with Johns Hopkins University Press, University of Arizona Press, Altamira Press, Raven's Word Press, *Phati'tude Literary Magazine*, Alaska Quarterly Review, The Greenfield Review Press, American Indian Quarterly, Earthpulse Press, Anchorage Daily News, Alaska Press, Village Voices, Tundra Times, and Gale Encyclopedia of Multi-cultural America.
 - Legal Representation & Research - Paralegal, Alaska Legal Services Corporation. Represented clients in Public Entitlement and Social Security cases in State Administrative Hearings. Produced briefs, legal research, and client field and office intake for staff attorneys.
- Increased management, leadership and community relations skills through,
 - Business Ownership of Northern Stars Talent Agency – Negotiated for and provided talent and other production support services nationally, internationally and statewide – for Satellite Films (New Zealand), Ken Chung Productions (LA), Propaganda Films, Kingfisher Productions (Asian market), Aaron Jones Film (national), Discovery Channel, Walt Disney Productions, Westmark Corporation, as well as many Alaskan companies. Through my company I was able to expand Alaska's participation in the industry and help set standards and improve expectations for Alaska's talent.
 - Campaigning – Candidate in two major statewide campaigns; extensive public speaking and dealing with the media, management of team efforts, fundraising,

and directing planning and operations. Produced surprising results on ethics modeled budget.

- Project Management – Coordinator on staff for 1996 Arctic Winter Games. Hired for and supervised all cultural activities and Cultural Committees, trained volunteers, delegated tasks, established and controlled time-lines, determined needs and structure to execute 12 major events with local, national and international guests and performers. Coordinated with security, protocols, sports and other committees as well as with the Host Committee Board and Chef de Missions. Produced all 12 events on time and under budget, receiving recognition and awards for the achievements.
- Expanded skills in team building, cooperation and oral presentation through,
- Producing and consulting – for Blueberry Productions, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, Kohanic Broadcasting and Anchorage School District. Besides film and video production work, directed and produced many staged productions for local, national and international companies in diverse environments.
 - Narration/Talent – for (radio, video/film); Blueberry Productions, Disney, Kohanic Broadcasting (KNBA Radio), National Public Radio, FilmFair Communications, FAA, PBS, Leap Off Productions, Eye Que Productions, Bradley Advertising, Sealaska Heritage Foundation (Institute), Calista, Raven Radio, and others. Received a “Goldie Award” for radio work. FilmFair Communications earned seven awards for our animated film “Sacajawea.”

EDUCATION

- Masters in Public Policy, (partial completion), New England College.
- MFA, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, University of Alaska, 2002.
- Kohanic Broadcasting Corporation, Phase 1 Graduate. Anchorage 1999.
- Scriptwriting & Acting Studies at American Film Institute, Los Angeles 1989.
- Bachelor of Arts, Theatre. Minor, Justice, University of Alaska, 1985.

HONORS AND AWARDS (Most recent)

Trailblazer Award for Outstanding Community Service, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a Public Service Sorority, Alaska Alumnae Chapter, January 27th, 2007.

Award in Recognition of Outstanding Service and Contribution to the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission. 30th Anniversary Celebration, November 9, 2006.

Goldie Award for Radio, Uniquely Alaskan Program, Division 1, KNBA, Alaska Broadcasters Association, 2005.

Nominated for a United States Artists Fellowship, May 2006.

Completion Certificates/Courses

Certificate of Completion, "Treatment Approaches in Combat Stress" TriWest Healthcare Alliance, University of North Texas, Hilton, Anchorage, Alaska, April 25, 2006.

Completed training in, "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder," TriWest Healthcare Alliance, University of North Texas, Hilton, Anchorage, Alaska, November 10, 2005.

Certification of Completion, Healing Racism in Anchorage Nine-Week Discussion Group, received June 26, 2003.

Certificate of Completion, Alaska Tribal Court Development Faculty Development Workshop and training. Reno, Nevada. August 2000.

MEMBERSHIPS

Member - Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Military Committee, 2007 – present.

Member – VFW Ladies Auxiliary, 2008 – present.

Board Member - Alaska Veterans Foundation, Member 2006 – present.

Member - Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce. 1994 – Present.

Member, National Organization of Women, Mat-Su Chapter, 2007 - .present.

Member – Alaska Women's Political Caucus, 2008 – present.

President – Alaska Native Sisterhood, Camp 87, 2005 – 2007.

Member – since 2001. Previous member of Camp 4, Sitka.

Board Member - Healing Racism in Anchorage Steering Committee, 2003-Present.

Member - Alaska Press Women – 1994-2005.

Member - Alaska Film Group – 1992-1996.

Life-time Member - National Congress of American Indians.

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