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EDUCATION:

Certificate in Higher Education, American College of Education, 2019, 4.0 GPA

Graduate Courses Completed: Adult Learning; Student Affairs; Evaluating Instructional Programs; Law, Compliance and Governance in Higher Education; Issues in Higher Education; and Budgeting and Resource Management in Higher Education

Brenau University, Fall 2010, 4.0 GPA

Graduate Courses Completed: Leadership, Human Resource Management, and Marketing

Master of Accountancy, University of South Carolina – Moore School of Business, 1997, 3.75 GPA

Studied under a John C Muse Fellowship

B.S., Business Administration, University of South Carolina – Aiken, 1995, 3.9 GPA

Studied under a University of South Carolina Alumni Scholarship and the Eddie Hatcher Funeral Home Scholarship

APPOINTMENTS:

Instructor, University of South Carolina, 2020 - Present

Program Director and Instructor, Technical College of the Lowcountry, 2015 – 2020

Adjunct Instructor, Aiken Technical College, 2000 – 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor, University of South Carolina

- Accounting Principles I
- Accounting Principles II

Instructor, Technical College of the Lowcountry

- Accounting Principles I
- Accounting Principles II
- Individual Income Tax
- Advanced Income Tax
- Payroll Accounting
- Cost Accounting
- Computerized Accounting
- Personal Finance
- Business Math
- Business Ethics

Adjunct Instructor, Aiken Technical College

- Accounting Principles I
- Accounting Principles II
- Intermediate Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting II
- Cost Accounting I
- Cost Accounting II
- Federal Income Tax
- Payroll Accounting
- Computerized Accounting
- Not-For-Profit Accounting
- Wage and Salary Administration
- Principles of Finance
- Computers and Finance
- Social, Ethical and Legal Aspects of Business

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Kristy Paradise Ellison, CPA, LLC, 1999 – Present, *President*, Own and operate a small CPA firm

Carter Insulation Services, LLC, 2012 – 2015 – *Controller*, Duties included overseeing the management of a regional construction company, including Human Resources, Accounting, Benefits, Procurement, IT troubleshooting, and Workers Compensation. Computerized all files from paper-based system to a Google drive system, which could be accessed from the cloud.

Carter Insulation Services, Inc., 2011 – 2014, *Controller/CFO*, Duties included working closely with the CEO to oversee the financial management of the company.

The ME Group, Inc.—Pets Plus, 2005 – 2009, *President*, Owned and managed a local pet store. Duties included day-to-day management, ordering, pricing, and merchandising. Partnered with local high school to teach job skills to students with special needs.

Paradise Tanning and Fitness, Inc., 2005 – 2008, *President*, Owned and operated a tanning and fitness center. Duties included day-to-day management, staff training, pricing, marketing, and fitness instructor.

Concept HR, 2004 – 2005, *Comptroller and Financial Analyst*, Regional payroll/human resource company. Duties included accounting, payroll, job costing, and integrating an old and new payroll system.

Charles R Fliflet, CPA, PA, 1994 – 1999, Local CPA firm.

Senior Accountant – Preparation of financial statements, income tax returns and payroll tax returns, write-up and training and supervision of office staff

Accountant – Preparation of financial statements, income tax returns, payroll tax returns, write-up and training office staff

Office Manager/Administrative Assistant – Preparation of financial statements, payroll taxes and tax returns, accounts receivable, account payable, and ordering

COLLEGE SERVICE:

University of South Carolina

- Budget Committee
- Social Committee
- Student Leadership and Experience Committee
- Hiring Committees – Accounting Instructor and Retail Instructor

Technical College of the Lowcountry

- Program Director, Business Administration and Accounting
- President, Faculty Senate
- TCL Foundation Board, Faculty Representative
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- VITA Site Coordinator
- ACBSP, Chair and Co-Chair
- Academic Advisor
- Advisory Board
- Latino Open House
- QEP Committee
- Multiple Measures Committee
- Open Education Resource Committee
- Affordable Textbook Pilot

Aiken Technical College

- Academic Advisor
- Advisory Board Member
- ACBSP Accreditation
- Course Development and Creation

LICENSE:

Certified Public Accountant – SC # 5552

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

South Carolina Association of Accounting Educators

- President, 2020-2022
- Secretary, 2022-2023
- Treasurer, 2023-Present

HONORS:

Harry E and Carmen S Varney - Distinguished Teacher of the Year Finalist, Department of Retailing, 2022

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

SC Association of Accounting Educators