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Cape Girardeau, MO

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Al enthusiast at heart, strategist by profession. I fuse generative Al with business acumen to turn tech possibilities into real-world impacts. My journey spans startups to corporate, always pushing the boundaries of Al's ethical use. Now, I'm looking to take this passion to new horizons, ready to relocate and join a team where Al is not just a tool, but a transformative force.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vizient, Inc.

Cape Girardeau, MO

Sr. Al Strategist

July 2023 - Present

- Led a Generative AI strategy initiative, achieving a projected \$59.9M increase in productivity and reducing manual process hours by 739,108, demonstrating capability in executing large-scale, impactful projects.
- Spearheaded a comprehensive enterprise-wide AI adoption program, achieving over 50% daily usage among 4000 employees to date, significantly enhancing the user experience and operational efficiency.

Business Analyst, Generative AI / API Data Acquisition

May 2022 - July 2023

- Pioneered AI initiatives, including the development of a custom ChatGPT tool, with a primary focus on elevating the employee experience.
- Engineered AI prompts, automating routine tasks across various roles, resulting in a 15% boost in product delivery velocity and a substantial enhancement of the customer support process.
- Directed the development and pilot implementation of an API-driven data interoperability tool, resulting in an 80% reduction in manual data entry and a 15% increase in user satisfaction.

Codefi Cape Girardeau, MO

Director, Startup Programs

March 2021 - May 2022

- Spearheaded SaaS startup grant funding selections, generating over 200 jobs and driving economic growth in rural areas.
- Led SaaS founders in MVP development and customer discovery, achieving 85% product-market fit and additional seed investment upon program completion.

Director, Coworking July 2020 - March 2021

• Directed community of SaaS startup founders, elevating engagement, achieving a 40% growth, and implemented data-driven strategies to enhance operational efficiency by 25%.

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO

Instructor, Department of Marketing

November 2020 - May 2021

- Elevated marketing education, delivering dynamic lectures to over 90 students with a focus on experiential learning through startup collaborations.
- Coached student teams to top 3 finishes in international business competitions.

Cenet Cape Girardeau, MO

Project Manager

August 2019 - June 2020

- Managed a customer-focused program expansion, resulting in a 25% rise in J-1 visa applicants, and enhanced customer support leading to a 90% satisfaction rate among program participants.
- Grew the internship partner portfolio by 20% through active partner onboarding and engagement,, strengthening the Summer Work and Travel program's reach and impact.

BugWT Scripts Cape Girardeau, MO
Co-founder and CEO January 2011 - May 2019

- Developed and scaled innovative in-game automation software for a leading MMORPG, culminating in 5,000 active monthly subscriptions.
- Oversaw all aspects of business operations, including strategic planning, customer service, digital marketing, and product development, resulting in significant user engagement and business growth.

EDUCATION

Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences

Master of Arts (M.A.), International Economics

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Schmalkalden, Germany

Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A)

Southeast Missouri State University

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A), International Business

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SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Technical Skills: Generative AI, LLMs, ChatGPT, GPTs, Azure Open AI, Prompt Engineering, Retrieval-Augmented Generation, Vector Databases, Azure DevOps, MS Copilot, Microsoft 365 Suite, ERP Software, API Development, SDLC, Google Analytics, HTML, Knowledge Graphs.

Soft Skills: Advanced Communication, Strategic Leadership, Expert Problem Solving, Cross-functional Team Leadership, Agile Methodologies, Product Management, Product Roadmapping, Requirements Gathering, User Story Development, User Acceptance Testing, Stakeholder Management, Data Analysis, Teamwork.

Languages: Portuguese (Native/Bilingual), English (Native/Bilingual), Spanish (Professional Working).

Certifications: Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals, Microsoft, 2023; Certified Scrum Product Owner® (CSPO®), Scrum Alliance, 2022; Certified Lean Coach, LEANSTACK, 2020.

Awards: Next Generation Women Leaders, McKinsey & Company, 2019.