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Summary:

A proud graduate of Florida A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering Technology. A leader with over a decade of history in Engineering, Sports Entertainment and Spirits, which allows me to drive a robust business model that has been the catalyst for growth and success in my engineering and entrepreneurial ventures.

Education:

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Bachelor of Science: Construction Engineering Technology
Graduation: April 2011

Tallahassee, FL

Professional Experience:

Savannah Ghost Pirates – Partner

Savannah, GA

2023- present

- The Savannah Ghost Pirates are a professional minor league ice hockey team in the ECHL based in Savannah, Georgia. The Ghost Pirates compete in the ECHL's South Division, which is comprised of the Jacksonville Icemen, Atlanta Gladiators, Greenville Swamp Rabbits, Florida Everblades, Orlando Solar Bears and South Carolina Stingrays.

DuBlasé Whiskey – Founder and CEO

Jacksonville, FL

2020- present

- DuBlasé is a privately held American alcoholic beverage brand of Golden Age Innovations, headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. DuBlasé is an award-winning, hand crafted premium whiskey made from the finest ingredients, bringing together complex notes for a balanced and flavorful pour. Enjoy Responsibly! Visit us at: www.DuBlase.com

Nassau Pride – Co-Owner

Jacksonville, FL

2018- present

- The Nassau Pride is a professional basketball team based in Nassau County, Florida. The Pride competes in the ABA as a member of the league's Southeast Region.

Founded by Darrin Eakins and Dr. Jeremy Coleman, the mission of the Nassau Pride is to provide a new level of sports and entertainment to Nassau County and surrounding Florida communities. The Nassau Pride focuses on strong community involvement through enrichment and development programs. We represent more than 5 of Florida's northernmost cities, bringing together a diverse group of sports fans from around the community, as we are the county's first professional sports team.

Golden Age Innovations – CEO

Jacksonville, FL

2014- present

- Golden Age Innovations is a holding corporation and conglomerate specializing in consumer goods & services, headquartered in Jacksonville Florida. Golden Age Innovations controls a number of independently managed subsidiaries which are focused entirely on premium brands and products under the branches of Wine & Spirits, Sports Entertainment and Technology.

Alstom – Project Safety Assurance Manager

Jacksonville, FL

2021 - present

- Coordinate all the Safety Assurance activities on the project / system / product as per Safety process defined in Signaling Safety Instruction.
- Perform Safety analysis, manage Hazard Log, review RAM, Cyber, V&V, T&C activities from a Safety perspective.
- Define safety plan and manage safety workload and associated planning.
- Support tenders and/or RC teams to integrate product/system in projects.
- Build the Safety Reports and/or the Safety Cases.

- Apply the safety assurance methodologies (risk acceptance criteria, safety analysis, verification and validation) defined for the project / system / product.
- Perform as Safety Leader for a Safety Issue, manage 8D steps as per process.
- Manage Safety Assurance Engineers involved on the project / system / product (Internal or external resources)

Alstom – Safety Assurance Engineer

Jacksonville, FL

2017 - 2021

- Responsible for the development of system hazard analyses, application software verification and safety cases for integrated system-of-system applications, interlocking and onboard signaling equipment.
- Develops fault tree analyses, failure mode effects & criticality analyses, application engineering risk analyses specific to application and product safety cases.
- Performs design review, RAM, V&V, manufacturing and installation activities.
- Defines safety assurance methodologies and risk acceptance criteria defined for projects, solutions and products.
- Understands current network performance and key impacts on performance assets.
- Identifies the Safety & Performance impact across interfaces.
- Develops and captures objective evidence of hazards through systematic and structured design activities.
- Identifies the limits of the operating system and how the system intends to work.

Xorail - Signal Engineer II

Jacksonville, FL

2014 - 2017

- Develops application software for ElectrologIXS, VHLC, EC5, EC4 and Mircrolok, wayside control units.
- Responsible for factory acceptance testing, equipment failure testing, simulation testing and rack testing in accordance to FRA rules and circuit designs.
- Responsible for the administration and technical direction of projects, including planning, organizing, controlling, managing, and distributing engineering projects.
- Administers and develops design sketches, circuit designs, aspect charts, and control & indication reports.
- Maintain and control revision changes including obtaining appropriate approvals when changes affect the cost, schedule, or performance of a project.
- Ensures all program software complies with Code of Federal Regulations Title 49

Xorail - Signal Engineer I

Jacksonville, FL

2011- 2014

- Responsible for the development of schematics, configuration and designs for Positive Train Control, PTC system implementation in accordance with the mandated Rail Safety Act of 2008.
- Conducts project review to cover the scope, schedule, estimate, and site specific requirements.
- Plans and organizes quality control checks for PTC programming projects.
- Inspects and validates PTC projects for accuracy.
- Ensures projects meet FRA requirements and client specifications.
- Reviews project for completion and approves final checked project.
- Prepares project packet for client distribution.

Expertise:

- **Business:** Leadership, Economic Development, Business Strategy, Brand Development, Product Development, Market Analysis, Budget and Finance.
- **Engineering:** Engineering Management, Safety Engineering, Application Logic Development, Application Logic Verification & Validation, and Electromechanical/Signaling Testing.

Achievements:

- 2023: FAMU 40 Under 40 Award - Florida A&M University.
- 2022: 4x Award-Winning Spirit Brand - SIP Awards, San Francisco World Spirits Competition, New York International Spirits Competition, International Craft Competition Awards.
- 2022: 5 Years of Service Award - Alstom, Inc.
- 2021: Top 20 Under 40 Award - Florida Black Expo.
- 2021: Top 40 Under 40 Nominee - Jacksonville Business Journal
- 2021: Young Business Leader of the Year Nominee - Nassau County Chamber of Commerce.
- 2016: 5 Years of Loyal Service Award - Xorail, Inc.

Community Involvement:

- Board of Directors: Level the Playing Field Leadership Academy; 2023 – present.
- Commencement Speaker: Jean Ribault High School; 2023
- Chairman: DuBlasé Foundation; 2022 – present.
- Inspirational Speaker: Florida A&M National Alumni Association, JRE Lee Chapter; 2022
- Advisory Board: Florida Black Expo; 2022 – present.
- Founding Member President's Circle: Johnson Family YMCA; 2021 – present.
- Junior Varsity Head Coach: Impact Christian Academy; 2016 – 2018.
- Varsity Associate Head Basketball Coach: St. Johns Country Day School; 2015 – 2016.

Membership:

- 2023 Member: Forbes BLK
- 2023 Member: Hightower Emerging Leaders Fellowship % 2023
- 2023 Member: Leadership Jacksonville % 2023
- 2022 Member: US Black Chamber of Commerce
- 2021 Member: Jacksonville River Club, Gate Hospitality
- 2021 Member: Famu National Alumni Association - JRE Lee Chapter, Jacksonville
- 2021 Trustee: Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Council
- 2019 Member: Nassau County Chamber of Commerce
- 2019 Charter Member: Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc. - Sigma Pi Lambda Chapter.
- 2010 Member: AGC Association of General Contractors.
- 2008 Initiate: Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Inc. - Beta Nu Chapter.