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Objective

To strengthen a team of professionals with my experience, insight, wit and creativity, in an organisation where I can grow my talk radio career over the long-term.

Summary

As a well-spoken, articulate radio talk show host, with a clear voice, excellent communication skills, wit, sense of humour and great sense of timing. I have a way of putting guests at ease and making listeners feel like they are sitting in on a conversation. I stay calm under pressure, work to strict deadlines and am experienced at interacting with my listeners across various social media platforms. I am a quick learner.

Areas of Expertise

I am a dynamic, energetic, analytic and solution-oriented professional who has experience hosting talk radio in various formats. I am an excellent interviewer with wide and varied interests, who can think on her feet and make reference to, and connections with numerous, interesting current and historical events. My skills include:

- Strong Vocals
- Voiceover Experience
- Outstanding Customer Service
- Research and Analysis Expertise
- Proficient Planning and Organising
- Live Outside Broadcasting Experience
- Event Planning and Execution
- Script Writing & Editing
- Quick Adaptation to Various On-Air Formats
- Audio Production & Editing
- Humorous Banter
- Talk Show Experience
- Innovative Problem Solving and Quick Thinking
- Ability to Ad-lib
- Excellent Presentation and Communication Talent
- Improvisational Skills

Experience

Host

Positive Vibez 2014 - present (6 years)

Recruited by Caribriddims radio to host the *Positive Vibez* talk show. Formulated show concept and name. Live talk radio with music. Focus is on positive people, events and experiences in and around the Caribbean and the Caribbean diaspora. Select and play Caribbean music related to that day's topic/theme. Identify, schedule and interview guests. Record and edit interviews. Live outside broadcasts.

Co-Host

Growing Consciousness 2012 - 2016 (4 years)

Conceptualised the *Growing Consciousness* talk show theme and format. Recruited co-host. Live talk radio. Interviewed guests live from across the globe. Fielded calls and conversed live, on-air with listeners who called during the show. Promoted show and interacted with listeners through various social media platforms. Voiced and produced opening and closing show montages.

Lead Lecturer

Caribbean School of Media and Communication (CARIMAC), University of the West Indies 2018 - present (2 years)

Lead lecturer for the *Disasters, Media and Communication* course in the Master of Arts graduate degree programme in Communication for Social and Behaviour Change.

Awards / Recognitions

Narrated the documentary "*Sanctuary*" which won "Best Documentary" at the 2014 Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute's CINEFISH Film Festival.

Education

PhD. University of the West Indies - Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica.

MS. Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, Illinois, USA.

BS. Grambling State University, Louisiana, USA.

Activities / Interests

One Health Leader, One Health Caribbean, European Union-funded, multidisciplinary, regional project.