ELENA R PARKS

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Innovative and results-driven Brand Marketing Director with over a decade of experience in omnichannel media, PR, and consumer marketing. Expertise in building brand awareness and brand equity, driving consumer acquisition, and fostering retention through data-driven strategies and compelling brand storytelling. Recognized for creating high-impact marketing programs, leading cross-functional teams, and delivering measurable business growth.

KEY SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- **Brand Marketing & Strategy**: Proven success in developing omnichannel marketing strategies that increase brand equity and awareness.
- Omnichannel Media & PR: Extensive experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets across digital, social, TV, print, and PR channels.
- **Influencer & Content Marketing**: Built and scaled influencer programs, driving engagement and expanding audience reach.
- Go-to-Market Strategy: Led high-impact product launches and digital innovation programs for global brands.
- **Leadership & Collaboration**: Strong leadership in managing cross-functional teams, agency partnerships, and business development.
- **Data-Driven Insights**: Skilled in media analysis, audience targeting, and leveraging data to optimize campaigns and drive ROI.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **1M+ Social Media Growth**: Increased Meta audience from 6,000 to over 1 million in 18 months through organic growth and strategic partnerships, supported by effective paid media strategies.
- \$35M Budget Management: Managed omnichannel marketing budgets exceeding \$35M, delivering high-impact campaigns across multiple channels, including digital, TV, print, and PR.
- **Product Storytelling Excellence**: Created compelling product stories for Humanscale's US and Canadian showrooms, supporting sales and enhancing brand perception
- **Operational Process Improvement**: Identified and implemented operational improvements at Marketsmith Inc., enhancing project management and media optimization processes.
- **Digital Innovation for Global Brands**: Spearheaded digital go-to-market innovation programs for Estee Lauder Companies' key brands in APAC and China travel retail markets.
- **High-Impact Consumer Marketing Campaigns**: Developed omnichannel marketing strategies and consumer-centric sampling programs that boosted customer engagement and retention.'

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brand Marketing + Media Consultant

December 2023-present

 Providing brand consulting services including go-to-market strategies, public relations, and digital media approach for small businesses and non-profit organizations.

Director, Digital Marketing Travel Retail Worldwide (consultant) The Estee Lauder Companies, New York

July 2023 – December 2023

- Led go-to-market digital innovation programs for Estee Lauder, Jo Malone London, Origins, and Bobbi Brown.
- Developed omnichannel strategies for the APAC/China travel retail market, collaborating with internal teams and external media partners.
- Created consumer-centric sampling and retail programs to support reserve and collect strategies.
- Implemented campaign briefing and KPI reporting standards to drive actionable insights.

Brand Director, North America Humanscale, New York NY

April 2022 – April 2023

- Directed brand strategy and campaigns for B2B and direct-to-consumer markets in the US, Canada, and Mexico.
- Managed media, PR, CRM, and affiliate agencies to align with brand standards and growth objectives.
- Led the digital influencer strategy, fostering long-term content partnerships.
- Supervised cross-functional teams, including product marketing, brand marketing, and communications.

Manager, Engagement Planning & Digital Media Production (consultant) Bristol Myers-Squibb, Lawrenceville, NJ

July 2021 - March 2022

- Developed direct-to-consumer communication and media strategies for hematology brands.
- Led production of websites, CRM emails, and field-facing communications for key brand launches.

Director, Agency Operations Marketsmith Inc., Cedar Knolls, NJ

April 2018 - May 2021

- Identified and implemented operational improvements, optimizing media and project management processes.
- Led media strategies for new business RFPs, securing \$6.5M in agency spend within eight months.
- Served as President of the Employee Action Committee, enhancing workplace culture.
- Received the "2019 People's Choice Employee of the Year Award."

Brand Marketing Manager

Eggland's Best, LLC, Cedar Knolls, NJ

December 2010 - December 2017

- Managed omnichannel brand marketing campaigns, significantly growing the brand's reach and engagement.
- Led content marketing and paid media strategies, expanding Facebook audience to over 1 million.
- Built CRM strategies, growing the email marketing database from 5,000 to over 180,000 subscribers.
- Developed branded video series and custom eCookbooks used for digital campaigns.
- Grew influencer program to over 1,500 bloggers/influencers, driving brand advocacy.

Java Social Networking, Jersey City, NJ Social Media & Digital Strategist

April 2010 – December 2010

- Executed social media marketing campaigns for clients in food, beauty, music, and consumer products.
- Managed WordPress development and provided monthly analytics reporting.

Prior professional experience available on request

EDUCATION

B.A. Journalism, English minor, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Awards: Penn State Schuylkill Campus Scholar

AFFILIATIONS + VOLUNTEER WORK

- Member, Brand Innovators 40 Under 40 Class of 2014, Best Brand Marketers, East
- Trustee, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, 2015-present