

Professional Resume

Emerald M. Holman

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Objective

- I am a creative problem solver who is energized by challenges in a fast-paced environment.
- I have experience in delivering a vast range of information and services to diverse demographics.
- I have the ability to highlight talents in others and channel what I observe into inspiration.
- I have experience working with youth in education-based activities as a teacher, volunteer, summer counselor, and unit leader.

Education

B.F.A | 05/2017 | VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Major: Dance and Choreography

Minor: History

GPA- 3.6 (Magna Cum Laude Honors)

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA | 05/2013 | DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Concentration: Dance

Graduation Awards:

Most Improved for the Dept. of Dance Class of 2013.

Spirit of Ellington Award, \$5000 College Scholarship

GPA- 3.7

Skills & Abilities

COMMUNICATION

- Intermediate experience with using Microsoft Office and Google Office programs
- I am able to interact with a wide array of individuals in order to complete the task at hand.
- Extremely personable and friendly.
- I work well within a team and produce positive results.

LEADERSHIP

- Designed curriculum for DCPS Performing Art teachers centered around Stepping and Street Styles in an effort to provide more culturally appropriate content
- Authored a personal narrative in the 2021 edition of *PHILLIS: A Scholarly Journal* Published by DREF (Delta Research and Educational Foundation).
- Served as the Treasurer for both my high school and college senior projects. Organized fundraising via *Kickstarter* and a donation based benefit concert. I was responsible for providing funds efficiently to

choreographers for costume/prop expenses as well as clear record keeping of funds allocated via excel spreadsheet.

- Awarded the *Black History in the Making Award* from the Department of African American Studies at VCU, Nominated by VCU Dance Faculty in February of 2017.
- VCU Dance Ideas and Concerns Committee - Class of 2017 Representative
- Awarded a certificate of Outstanding Service demonstrated during the 2014-2015 school year by the immediate past Chair of the VCU Dance Department, Dr. Gaynell E. Sherrod
- Nominated and served as the Department Student Representative for VCU Dance Assistant Professor Search Committee in the Fall semester of 2015.
- Captain of the Alpha and Omega Step Team at Metropolitan Baptist Church from 2012-2013.

SERVICE

- Advocated for the Covid-19 vaccine in partnership with D.C. Health in an advertisement on metro buses, bus stops and metro rail cross the city.
- Graduated from the fifth cohort of the Claudia L. McKoin Public Leadership Academy
- Member of **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** and active with the Federal City Alumnae Chapter.
- Over 100 hours of community service at Food and Friends, a local food bank in Washington D.C.

Experience

Full-Time Upper/Middle School Dance teacher @ Bullis (Potomac, MD) | 8/2023- Present

- I have taught a variety of Dance Genres, including Ballet, Modern Hip-Hop, Stepping at.
- Responsible for producing and choreographing 2 evening length performances per school year.
- Inspiring and encouraging students to explore their own choreographic journey as young dancemakers.

Full-Time Performing Arts Teacher with DC Public Schools | 08/2021-8/2023

- I have taught a variety of Dance Genres, including Hip-Hop, Stepping at Kramer Middle School, Anacostia High School and Roosevelt High School.
- I have written two units for DCPS Arts Curricula, *Step It Up* and *Street Styles*
- I hold the Initial Teaching Credential as required by OSSE.
- Inspire youth by making dance education available in under-served communities.

Tastings and Consultings LLC | 04/2021-12/2022

- On premise events for both wine and spirits.
- Great customer interaction and product knowledge.

ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOW AT BATES DANCE FESTIVAL | 06/2022-08/2022

- Invited back to help lead the festival administrative duties including organizing class schedules and communicating with artists on behalf of the festival.
- An honor to be a part of the 40th Anniversary staff of the festival. I helped organize 40th Anniversary festival activities.
- Collaborated with the Box Office occasionally to assist with performance promotion and ticketing.

SUPERVISOR: Alexandra James

PERFORMING ARTIST WITH *STEP AFRIKA!* PROFESSIONAL DANCE COMPANY | 08/2019- 06/2021

- Toured Colleges and Universities across the United States.
- I have taught the tradition and history of stepping to K-12 through lecture demonstration performances.
- Able to garner an appreciation for the arts and specifically use dance as a healthy educational tool.

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN AT BATES DANCE FESTIVAL | 06/2019-08/2019

- Communicated with students and parents via email/ phone on behalf of Bates Dance Festival concerning payments and class scheduling for the summer sessions.
- Worked alongside the BDF Store Manager to make sure retail sales were accounted for and kept track of inventory.
- Collaborated with the Box Office occasionally to assist with performance promotion and ticketing.

SUPERVISOR: Alexandra James

OKAY TO CONTACT? Yes, ajames@bates.edu

PART TIME DANCE TEACHER @ HENRICO HIGH SCHOOL, CENTER FOR THE ARTS | 08/2018- 05/2019

- I taught five dance classes a week to the Level III dancers at the Center for the Arts.
- Class genres included Ballet, Modern, Jazz and Composition.

SUPERVISOR: Stephanie Poxon

OKAY TO CONTACT? Yes

PARTICIPANT SERVICES ASSOCIATE |ICMA-RC | 06/ 2017- 03/2019

- I assist employees working in the public sector with administration of their 401(a) (k) /457 retirement plans.
- Understanding of IRS tax rules and penalties concerning withdrawals from various retirement accounts
- Basic Understanding of the Securities Industry, Business Cycles, Fiscal & Monetary Policies and the effect on the US economy.

SUPERVISOR: Joyce Namasaka

OKAY TO CONTACT? Yes, Phone (240-205-1466)

References

Name of Reference: Stephanie Poxon (Supervisor)

Type of Reference: Professional

Years Known: 1

Contact Information: Email- slpoxon@henrico.k12.va.us

Name of Reference: Jill B Ware(Supervisor)

Type of Reference: Professional

Years Known: 4

Contact Information: Email- jbware@vcu.edu, Cell Number (804)-301-9854

Name of Reference: Courtney Harris (Professor/Interim Chair)

Type of Reference: Professional

Years Known: 3

Contact Information: Email- cbharris@vcu.edu

Name of Reference: Wilma Tilson (Mentor)

Type of Reference: Personal

Years Known: 15

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Education/ Training

2013-2017 Virginia Commonwealth University
Dance & Choreography BFA, History Minor. Magna Cum Laude Honors
Spring 2016 University of South Florida, *Dance in Paris Program* (Paris, France)
2009-2013 Duke Ellington School of the Arts
2008-2013 Jones-Haywood School of Dance

Summer Intensives

2022 Bates Dance Festival - Administrative Fellow
2019 Bates Dance Festival- Administrative Intern
2015 Doug Varone Summer Workshop
2012 Ailey School Summer Intensive (Professional Division)- Fellowship Scholarship Student
2011 Ailey School Summer Intensive(Junior Division)- Fellowship Scholarship Student
2010 l'Ecole Superieure de Danse de Cannes Rosella Hightower Summer Intensive
2010 Jones- Haywood Dance School Summer Intensive
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Performance Experience

The Millenium Stage at the Kennedy Center- [Percussive Soloist with Project ChArma](#) -
September 16,2022
Step Afrika! Company Member- August 2019- June 2021
Featured with *Step Afrika!* performing on Fox 5 News- January 2020 and [June 2021](#)
Apple Black History Performance featuring Step Afrika! @ the Apple Carnegie Library-
February 16, 2020
National Black History Tour- Multiple Performances of the *Step Afrika!* College Show-
February 3-22, 2020
Magical Musical Holiday Step Show -December 12-22, 2019
KARAR Dance Company Member- June 2018 – June 2019 (Project Based)
Work(s) by: Kara Robertson, *The In-between*
VCU Dance Now Spring 2017 in Richmond, Virginia
Work(s) by Scott Putman and Autumn Proctor-Waddell
VCU Dance Now Spring 2015 in Richmond, Virginia
Work(s) by: Guest Artist, Dawn Marie Bazemore, Former member of Philadanco
VCU Dance Student Concert Spring 2015 in Richmond, Virginia
Work(s) by: Aaron Salas
VCU Dance Spring 2014 Senior Project Concert in Richmond, Virginia
Work(s) by: Samantha Williams
24th Annual IABD Conference and Festival in Toronto, Canada
Canadian Showcase Presentation 2012
Work(s) by: Katherine Smith
Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive in New York, New York
Summer Sizzler Performances of 2011, 2012
Work(s) by: Cornelius Carter, Maguette Camara

Master Classes/ Teachers

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| Ballet | Bill Thomas, Chalres Augins, Arthur Mitchell, Robert W. Atwood, Cella Marino, Lisa Attles, Paola Cantalupo, Sandra Fortune-Green, Danae Carter, Courtney Harris, Kevin Quinaou, Jenny Sandler, Natalie Desch, Eric Rivera, Martha Tornay. |
| Modern/ Contemporary | E.Gaynell Sherrod, Jennifer Johnson, Kirven Boyd, Renee Robinson, Theo Jamison, Clifton Brown, Earl Mosley, Karen Arceneaux, Katherine Smith, Marianne Bachman Dello Joio, Richard A. Freeman Jr., Vernard J Gilmore, Christian Von Howard Autumn Proctor, Scott Putman, Melanie Richards, Dawn Marie Bazemore, Julien Desplantez, Clint Lutes, Wanjiru Kamuyu, Michael Foley, Fatou Traore, Nathalie Pubellier. Christina Robson, Ari Mayzick, Kimberly Bartosik, Brittany Engel- Adams, Sarah Surber, Bienvenue Benzie, Auguste Ouedraogo, Kevin Iega Jeff, Tristan Koepke, Doug Varone, Alex Springer, Xan Burley, Hollis Bartlett, Jake Bone, Maria Bauman- Morales, Alexandra James |
| Jazz/Tap/ Hip-Hop | Cornelius Carter, Wayne St. David, Yanis Marshall, Tiffanie Carson, Mary Ann Bradley, Jumatatu Poe, Jermone Donte Beachamn, Kimberly Ann LaRue (Tap), Shawn Byfield(Tap) , Maud Arnold (Tap), Elijah Motley(House), Nicole Klaymoon (Hip-Hop) E Moncell. Durden (Vernacular Jazz & Hip Hop) Duane Lee Holland Jr. (Hip Hop) |
| World Dance | Melvin Deal (African), Chuck Davis (African), Maguette Camara (African), Changhataza Chey (Cambodian traditional dance), Nathalie La Boucher (Kathakali Indian Dance) Melissa Alexis (Afro-Modern) |
| Choreographic Workshops | Christine Gerard, Nathalie Pubellier, Maurice Causey, Nadine Beaulieu, Myriam Gorfink, Herman Diephuis. |

Choreography

South Sound in Action- Commissioned by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts [Watch Here](#)

What's Life Without the Internet- Sponsored by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities- [Watch Here](#)

Roll (Burbank Funk)- Short Dance Film- [Watch Here](#)

Crown Culture by Emerald Holman. A cast of 7 dynamic African American female dancers who through movement explore the abstract graffiti style artistry of Jean Michel Basquiat.

Organizations and Awards

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| October 2023 | FY 2024 DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Fellowship Awardee |
| January 2023 | Creative Director of <i>Captivating with ConfiDANCE!</i> offering Workshops, Performances & Private Classes. |
| October 2020 | FY 2021 DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Fellowship Awardee |
| February 2017 | Awarded the <i>Black History in the Making Award</i> from the department of African American Studies at VCU, Nominated by VCU Dance Faculty |
| April 2015 | Awarded a certificate of Outstanding Service demonstrated during the 2014-2015 |

school year by the immediate past Chair of the VCU Dance Department, Dr. Gaynell E. Sherrod

April 2012 Awarded the Creativity Foundation Legacy Award by Laureate, Mark Morris

Teaching Experience

August 2023- Present Upper School/Middle School Dance Teacher at Bullis School in Potomac,MD

August 2021 - June 2023 Performing Arts Teacher with DC Public Schools

June 2021-August 2023 Kids on the Move Teacher at Dance Place in Washington, D.C.

March 2020-June 2021 Led National Arts Education Workshops with *Step Afrika!*

August 2018- May 2019 Dance Teacher at the Center for the Arts, Henrico High School

Various classes including Ballet, Modern, Jazz & Composition

Fall 2016 *Teaching Methods for Dancers* Course

Fall 2016 Student Teacher at Momentum Dance Center in Ashland, V.A.

Summer 2016 Unit Leader Camp Moss Hollow- Often Led Morning Warm Up before Hikes for the entire camp. Also served as rehearsal leader for the annual talent show.

Technical Theater Experience

November 2014 Sound Board Operator for Senior Project Concert *Friction*