

Colton Schmitz

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- Professional with over ten years of experience in accounting and finance. Dedicated, goal-orientated, and passionate about continuous learning and development. I am seeking to contribute my skills and experience as a Program Planning & Control Analyst.
- Financial management and accounting, senior budget analyst, customer service, customer support, and decision support, procurement, contracts, vendors, accounts payable, accounts receivable and Project/Quality management, audit planning and preparation, cash flow forecasting, process improvement, financial statement analysis and presentation.
- I possess proficiency in utilizing a diverse range of software, including but not limited to CS Professional Suite, Microsoft 365, Microsoft Dynamics GP, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Management Reporter, Peoplesoft and Peoplesoft HR, Teradata SQL Assistant, Sikuli Python Automation, Cognos Analytics, Smartsheets, Birst, NetSuite, POS Systems (Aloha and Par), Profit Keeper, Salesforce, Shopify, Stata, Costpoint, SAP and SAP Webi, as well as Qlik and FloQast.

Professional Experience:

Accountant 3

Cole Engineering Services Inc., a By Light Company, Orlando, FL
September 2021-Present

- As a supervisor on our general ledger accounting team, I am responsible for the completion of journal entries, reconciliations, fixed asset accounting, and allocation of service department costs. Additional responsibilities include payroll processing, planning for service department costs, employee maintenance and other ad-hoc reports.
- Development of employee(s) as a supervisor in areas of journal entries and reconciliations, payroll processing, timesheet maintenance and employee maintenance.
- Work alongside Human Resources to implement validation tables for seamless integration of data from Costpoint to ADP.
- Assisted management in successful DCAA System Audit (unqualified opinion).
- Implementation of new Accounting Standard Codification for lease accounting (ASC 842).

Consultant

Verizon Communications, Lake Mary, FL
August 2020-September 2021

- As a Consultant in Business Revenue Accounting, I was focused on Global Enterprise and Public Sector Professional Services where I performed account reconciliations, prepared journal entries, performed product fluxes, conducted product analyses, and prepared ad-hoc reports.
- Cleared aged projects within the Professional Services module which have required reviewing of contracts, sharing findings, and making recommendations to ensure compliance with GAAP and Verizon policies.
- Hosted meetings without leadership to share technical guidance, discussed implications of changes, navigated misuse of RA Keys (Travel & Materials), and regrouped to ensure alignment.
- Gone the extra mile to share key details behind Professional Service accruals when FP&A partners were seeking to strengthen their revenue forecasts.
- Member of a special project team designed to implement and ensure compliance with ASC 606 standards.

Senior Analyst

Verizon Communications, Lake Mary, FL
January 2018-August 2020

- As a member of the Benefits Accounting Team, I was responsible for the preparation of journal entries, reconciliations of the balance sheet account, fluctuation analysis, and ad-hoc reporting in the specific areas of workers' compensation, long-term disability, severance, and stock compensation. I have held previous accounting and finance responsibilities on the Benefits Accounting Team including, pension, other post-employment benefits, executive deferral plan, and retention bonus.
- Work alongside supervisor to certify Verizon's quarterly and yearly financial reports (10-Q) and (10-K) specific to the employee benefit obligation footnote and corresponding items.
- Member of 1Close Core Team's scrum project created to test consolidated ERP for errors.
- Provided ad-hoc analysis specific to Verizon's Voluntary Separation Program (VSP).
- Volunteered for Finance Campus Recruiting Events, including FICPA presenter and recruiter.

Staff Accountant

Sonny's BBQ/Sonny's Franchise Company, Winter Park, FL
September 2014-December 2017

- Responsible for preparing journal entries, reconciling accounts, and preparation of financial statements. Assisted in audit planning and preparation. Actively participated in the budgeting process as well as the development of financial models and analysis.
- Guided market research and implementation of Sonny's BBQ retail gift card program into several retailers including Walmart, Sam's Club, BJ's Wholesale Club, and Mitchell Grocery totaling more than \$2M in activations.
- Application of ProfitKeeper software, allowing for monthly reporting of financial information through the franchise system including the development of standardized KPIs, for example, guest count, check average, net sales, and sales growth percentages.
- Ad-hoc analysis to the management team including gift card breakage, system sales versus sales promotion versus industry, inventory disputes versus retail sauce profitability, inventory turnover, and marketing effectiveness.
- Improved financial planning and analysis alongside CFO by establishing continuous planning and forecasting, investments in technology optimization, business process reengineering, and translating detailed analysis into high-level executive information including expense/revenue allocations, performance measurements, multi-dimensional reporting, and profitability analysis.

Accounts Receivable Specialist

XOS Digital/XOS Technologies, Orlando, FL
September 2012-September 2014

- Managed responsibilities in accounts receivable including billing, collections, dispute, reconciliation, payments, and adjustment applications. Performed journal entries, managed inventory, fixed assets, daily cash analysis, and ad-hoc reporting.
- Implementation of new Accounting Standard Codification for revenue from contracts with customers (ASC 606).
- Maintained company and individual objectives regarding cash and DSO targets.
- Promoted from Accounting Assistant to Accounts Receivable Specialist.
- Improved fixed asset accounting and depreciation schedules with implementation of Fixed Assets CS.

Education:

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2020

Accounting (B.S.B.A.)

The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2012