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RAKEEM JONES

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly motivated professional with excellent written and verbal communication skills driven to affect change and provide support to the local and international community and passionate in bringing individuals together to make our communities a better place for all.

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

High School Diploma

- Overhills High School, Spring Lake, North Carolina

College-Level Core Courses towards General Education

- Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Basic School Age Certification

- Certified to care for, teach, and supervise school age children

CPR / First Aid Certified

- Certified to provide urgent treatment of life-threatening emergencies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WIDU RADIO

Air Radio Personality (2020 – present)

Monthly join the Fayetteville Observer Radio Show to discuss articles written and share viewpoints on current events. Host own radio show, known as 'The Ville's Voice' with City Councilman. Guests have included State Senator, Police Chief, and Mayor.

ONE FAYETTEVILLE

Founder (2021 - present)

Started organization with an opposing protestor to bring together opposite sides of the political aisles. Hosted community events in the form of community clean ups, community feedings and food distribution, being a resource for the community to bridge the gap and provide help for the community in the way of food distribution and diaper drives. Conducted community clean ups.

THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER (USA TODAY NETWORK)

Columnist/Photojournalist (2020 - present)

Responsible for writing newspaper column in which community happenings are covered. Construct photo journalism pieces, syndicated by USA Today Network.

KEEM JONES CONTENT COLLECTION

Founder/Curator/Lead Content Creator (2020 - present)

Involved in shooting personal documentaries and shooting documentaries at community events and community festivals. Provided coverage of The Dreamville Festival, held in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 1 -2, 2023 where 100,000 people attended from 50 states, 23 countries.

CORA'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Co-Founder/Executive Director (2021 - present)

Grass roots organization, named in honor and memory of Rakeem's mother who was an inspiration in how she lived her life helping others. This foundation is based on four pillars: community, direct action, economic empowerment, and education. Involved in panel discussions to raise community awareness, such as the Tyre Nichols' murder. Event was at full capacity and included city council members, federal, state, and local officials, and television news outlets, such as CNN. Hosted community events such as book bag giveaways, Thanksgiving meal distributions, Back to School supplies giveaways. Work in a community after-school program which provides an alternative in the event of a school suspension.

DAYCARE

After School Teacher and Bus Driver (2017 - 2019)

Responsible for after-school care and transporting school aged children.

AWARDS

2017 - Community Leadership Award (The Awakening Movement)

2020 - Certificate of Appreciation (Fayetteville-Cumberland Ministerial Council)

2020 - #3 on The Fayetteville Observer's Opinion Top 10 List

2021 - Certificate of Appreciation (Kiwanis Club of Cape Fear)

2021 - #1 on The Fayetteville Observer's Opinion Top 10 List

2022 - #1 on The Fayetteville Observer's Opinion Top 10 List

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Highly proficient in strong communication skills both written and verbal, great interpersonal sensitivity; team player, website developer, highly proficient in Google Drive, Microsoft Office Suite, able to edit own photos through Adobe, known for community engagement and able to bring unlikely people together and able to bring out commonalities in order to facilitate cohesiveness, very resourceful, and believe in maintaining relationships.

References Available Upon Request