

GP MCLEER

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT / GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Elected Mayor of Fountain Inn, South Carolina in November of 2019 for a four-year term.

EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present

SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS ALLIANCE

Executive Director

- Led the state-wide advocacy organization in protecting and securing increases of over \$1 million in state funding for the arts and arts education, and \$12 million federally.
- Developed SC Arts Advocacy Week and the SC Arts Summit, including a legislative action day at the Statehouse.
- Managed all operational and governance aspects of the organization including grants, accounting, board management, staff policy, communications, and event planning.
- Formed partnerships and relationships with nonprofits, agencies, businesses, and elected officials to better position the arts industry in South Carolina and the nation.
- Expanded organization's resources for arts supporters through digital content such as a new website, podcasts, legislative tracking, and online advocacy tools.

2013 - 2016

CITY OF MAULDIN, SC

Administrator, Office of Cultural Affairs

- Worked with city officials to create the new Office within city government, including crafting all policies and strategic plans.
- Managed the Mauldin Cultural Center, a 1937 school building repurposed for the arts which hosted over 30,000 people annually.
- Developed new programs including the Mauldin Public Art Trail, Railroad Concert Series, and Mauldin BBQ Cook-Off.
- Advised on city policy and economic development projects while managing all city marketing.

2010 - 2013

MAULDIN CULTURAL CENTER

Executive Director

- Collaborated with city government to utilize arts center as an anchor for economic development.
- Worked with over 50 artists annually to produce performances and classes.
- Managed all aspects of organization including finance, grants, marketing, board management, and programs.

EDUCATION

B.A. ARTS MANAGEMENT

College of Charleston

Awards: 250th Anniversary Young Alumni Award, School of the Arts Young Alumni Award, School of the Arts Hall of Fame

PROFILE

Hard working team player who cheers on forward progress through consistent advocacy, problem solving, and planning.

A curious leader with a passion for policy and process, and a focus on long-term positioning.

SKILLS

Advocacy
Government Relations
Board Management
Communications
Strategic Planning
Digital Content Creation
Public Speaking
Microsoft Office Suite
Adobe Illustrator / InDesign

CURRENT & PAST BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- GPATS Policy Committee*
 - Arts in Basic Curriculum Project*
 - Palmetto State Arts Education*
 - State Arts Action Network, Vice Chair*
 - School of the Arts Council, CofC*
 - St. Joseph's Catholic School
 - Fountain Inn Chamber of Commerce
 - Fountain Inn Chorale
- * Current

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request