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SUMMARY

Beverage Industry Professional Leader with over eight years of experience developing beverage programs resulting in the effective and efficient management of resources and people.

EXPERIENCE

Cambria Detroit- Cibo Detroit

Beverage Manger/GM (Oct 2023 - April 2024 · 7 mos)

Service based leader, focused on strategic development, financial oversight, menu development, regulatory compliance, and operations.

The Highlands Detroit, Detroit, MI *(Nov 2019 - Feb 2023 · 3 yrs 4 mos)*

Beverage Director

Managed all aspects of the bar program while delivering profit goals and increased visibility by coordinating events and parting with brand suppliers. Responsible for the overall strategy including inventory control, pricing, distributor relationship management.

BARTER, Hamtramck, MI (Jan 2019 - Jul 2019 · 7 mos)

Bar Manager/Event Management/Event coordinator/Event Booking

Managed all aspects of the bar program while delivering profit goals and increased visibility by coordinating events and parting with brand suppliers. Responsible for the overall strategy including inventory control, pricing, distributor relationship management, event design, and marketing budgets.

Interim Consultant- McClain Camarota Hospitality , West Palm Beach, Florida (Dec 2020 - Jan 2021 · 2 mos)

Taskforce AGM/ Beverage Director

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Whiskey parlor, Detroit, MI (Jul 2017 - Apr 2019 · 1 yr 10 mos)

Whiskey slinger/Principal bartender

Managed all aspects of the bar program while delivering profit goals and increased visibility by coordinating events and parting with brand suppliers. Responsible for the overall strategy including inventory control, pricing, distributor relationship management.

Wright and company , Detroit, MI Jul 2014 - Mar 2017 · (2 yrs 9 mos)

Food runner, busser, barback, waiter, host

Followed all SOPs between different Roles, I got work with and be trained by group of industry powerhouses.

(Will Lee, Chris Van, KT, Chef Marc Etc)

EDUCATION :*MARYGROVE COLLEGE BFA (2016)*

| Freelance beverage Journalist|2020 TOTC Spirited awards judge|2021-2024 TOTC midwest regional Committee|2022 50 Best bars north America and International|2022-2023 Liquor Award Judge|Advisory Council Another round Another rally|

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Bar smart(2017),*
 - *TOTC Spirit award judge(2020-2023)*
 - *Woodford Manhattan semifinalist (2020),*
 - *(Youngest)Bacardi Legacy semifinalist (2016)*
 - *Grey goose education assist(2018)*
 - *Portland cocktail week(2019),*
 - *Agave bar lab Diageo(2017),*
 - *Radical Xchange (2019)*
 - *Behind the barrel(2019), Epsilon cocktail fights 2019(judge)*
 - *Bar fight Chicago 2019(judge)*
 - *Woodford USBG education(2016)*
 - *Bar institute(2016)*
 - *USBG(2017-2023)*
 - *Toronto cocktail conference.(2018)*
 - *Guild Somm (2020-ongoing)*
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Shawn McClain(Restaurateur): 773-255-8049

Katrell Thomas (Detroit bar Wizard): 313- 434- 9152

Richard Camarota(Operations Director): 312-802-2036

Alexandria Dupuis(Restaurateur): 706 -504- 7308

Chris McClendon (Chef): 313-485-0275

Shannon Schoenberg (Event Director): 313-522-8007

Kat Hawkins (Somm) : 313-962-7711

Christopher Van(Director F and B): 586-491-6542