Karl Helser

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EDUCATION

Normal, Illinois Illinois State University

Bachelors of Science in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management Bachelors of Science in Marketing, Professional Sales

Recipient of the Professional Sales Alumni Scholarship

April 2014

December 2014

WORK & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

JSA Design Resource Group

Greater Chicago Area

Business Development Manager

November 2021 – May 2022

- Managed 22 existing office furniture dealer relationships and provided project support and training on the 10 manufacturers we
- Developed relationships with end-users, Architects, General Contractors, and Hospitality design firms to increase market share
- Attended IFMA and IIDA networking events in the Chicagoland area
- Maintained CRM information and activity tracking in HubSpot

MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc.

Greater Chicago Area

Business Development Manager

September 2020 – October 2021

- Managed 12 existing kitchen and bath dealerships as their main point of contact for MasterBrand and training on new products
- Developed new partnerships with several kitchen and bath dealers in the Chicago area to gain MasterBrand market share
- Built and maintained a network of Architecture & Design firms and General Contractors to increase involvement in project opportunities
- Maintained CRM information and activity tracking in HubSpot
- Grew my assigned territory by over 162%

The HON Company **Greater Chicago Area**

Sales Resource Associate

March 2018 – June 2020

- Facilitated a brand-new office furniture dealer direct program for target accounts through TriMega Purchasing Association
- Presented and demonstrated product to dealerships and end users to highlight their attributes and competitive capabilities
- Maintained CRM information and activity tracking in Salesforce
- Re-launched the HON dealer direct program to the new ISG Buying Group in 2020
- Generated \$748,043 net in new volume through the ISG program I facilitated and over \$1.5 million in separate project business

The HON Company Muscatine, Iowa

Solutions Account Associate

April 2015 - March 2018

- Promoted the HON Company's products/programs to assigned accounts via a predominately remote delivery model with territory travel every 6 weeks
- Partnered with HON Business Development Members and HON Strategic Account Members to meet quarterly sales goals for key accounts according to dealer performance level and selling model alignment/strategy
- Provided training to dealer sales representatives and other core contacts to understand HON and the tools available
- Solutions Account Associate of the year 2017

The HON Company Muscatine, Iowa

Sales & Marketing Specialist

January 2015 – April 2015

- Completed a 10-week training program to gain understanding of contract interiors and how The HON Company operates
- Assisted SAAs with projects and day-to-day tasks to develop an understanding of how our different channels work
- Developed presentation skills and product knowledge

Central Illinois Trucks Group, Inc.

Normal, Illinois

Sales Intern

January 2014 – December 2014

- Performed used truck appraisals
- Managed a \$2 Million dollar trade package
- Took sales calls and assisted customers with their purchases

Skate ILSTU - Registered Student Organization

Normal, Illinois

Vice President

August 2013 - December 2014

- Promoted events through social media
- Led a group of RSO members to successfully run a skate competition
- Hosted and conducted team meetings and new member orientations
- Worked with peers and local businesses to help promote growth in the skateboarding community

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office, Salesforce, HubSpot, Google Analytics, 2020 Spaces Activities: Volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, Eagle Scout