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**Kim Sapp Dinwiddie, MEd, Counseling – UCB for 18.5 years**

- **Currently, the Training Manager in Talent Management & Workforce Planning at University Development & Alumni Relations ~ 5.5 years**
- **Was formerly a Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant and Staff Career Development Trainer in Central Human Resources ~ 8.5 years**
- **Developed and facilitated campus recruitment and hiring training curricula for campus managers and supervisors ~ 5 years**
- **Was previously a Program Director at Extension ~ 4.5 years**

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## Zoom Presentation Protocol:

- Please ask questions via Zoom Chat during allotted times.
- Moderator, Tara, will read your questions aloud.
- For follow-up questions, raise your hand (via Zoom).
- Tara will ask you to clarify your next question verbally.
- Mute yourself when you're not speaking.
- Please do not ask about personal job application stories.
- Please complete the presentation evaluation sent to you.

# Resumés Employers Select: Self-Marketing Document

## Resumé:

- What is your objective?

## Resumé Design:

- Demonstrate your level of responsibility/contribution.





# Resumés Employers Select: Objective of the Resumé

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## Purpose of a Resumé: Get an Interview!

- Highlight qualifications and experience relative to the job to which you are applying.

## Why You Need a Resumé:

- Marketing document of your skills and experience.
- Demonstrate your level of responsibility/contribution.
- Point of reference for employer exploration.

**A resumé will NOT get you the job on its own merits!**

# Resumés Employers Select: Well-Designed Resumé

- Apply Job Description Terminology
- Know Your Stakeholders
- Resumé Design
- Resumé Formatting
- Resumé Mechanics



# Resumés Employers Select: Well-Designed Resumé

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Resumé needs to be aesthetically pleasing, designed and formatted well - easy for **STAKEHOLDERS** to read.

Resumé must contain appropriate content to summarize and highlight your knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's) for the job you are applying.

Use “key words” from the job description:

- Put it in their words – specific JD terminology
- ATS – key word searches, attachments, and text versions

**\* YOU MUST SURVIVE THE 15 SECOND SCAN!**

# Resumés Employers Select: Well-Formatted Resumé

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**Chronological Resumé** outlines your background from most recent experience, and proceeds backward throughout your work history.

**Functional Resumé** highlights your KSA's, but can leave recruiters and hiring managers guessing on where a particular skill or experience was utilized or acquired.

**Combination Resumé** lists your experience in a chronological format, and highlights KSA's.  
[PREFERRED]

# Resumés Employers Select: Well-Formatted Resumé

**Use Professional/Business Font**  
Times New Roman – Arial – Verdana

**Choose Font Size** that is  
appropriate to fill the paper  
without being too small or too large  
(10 – 12pt)

**Use Bold, *Italic* and Underline** in a  
consistent manner that makes the  
resume easy to read and follow



# Resumés Employers Select: Strategic Sections & Headers

- **Header & Contact Information**
- **Summary of Qualifications**
- **Technical Skills Summary (optional)**
- **Professional Experience**
- **Education (degrees first, then certifications and/or professional licenses)**
- **Honors/Awards & Associations**





# Resumés Employers Select: Well-Designed & Formatted Resumé

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## Questions about:

- Resumé Design?
- Resumé Formatting?
- Resumé Sections/Headers?





# Resumés Employers Select: Summary of Qualifications

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- Should always “lead” the resumé following your name.
- Short list of 4-5 descriptors that summarizes your qualifications as they relate to the position of application.
- Can include headers that pertain to the areas of expertise you want to highlight for the NEW employer.
- Should engage the recruiter or hiring manager to “dig in” and read your resumé more thoroughly.
- AKA Qualifications Summary or Professional Summary.

# Resumés Employers Select: Summary of Qualifications



## Step 1:

Begin with **YOUR PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFIER** statement followed by a broad description of the industry in which you have experience and your primary areas of expertise.

Be sure to use the *Business Title*, rather than *Functional Title*.

### Example:

#### Business Title

Sr. Network Engineer

Payroll Assistant

#### Functional Title

Programmer/Analyst

\_\_\_\_\_Assistant III

- **Sr. Network Engineer with seven years experience in the telecommunications industry. Particular expertise in A, B, and C.**

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## Step 2:

Followed by a statement of broad or specialized expertise.

This is where you describe what is unique about your experience.

## Example:

- **Proven expertise in design, development and implementation of complex infrastructure systems.**



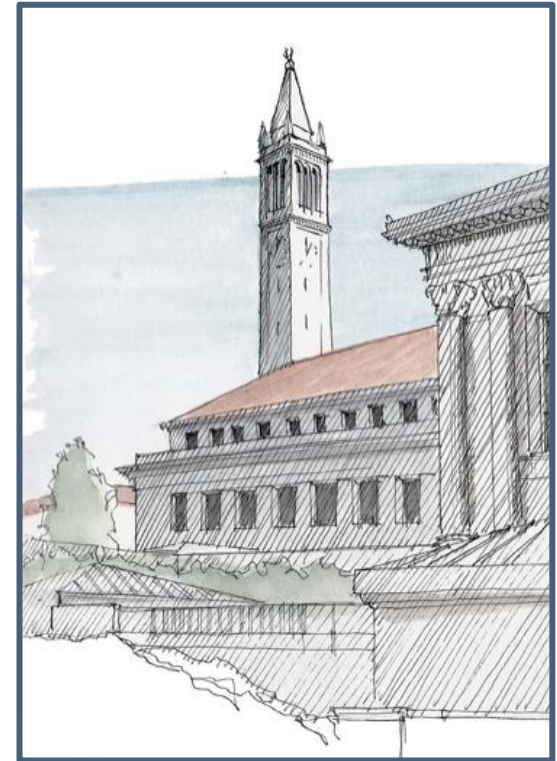
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## Step 3:

Followed by 2 or 3 additional statements related to breadth or depth of experience.

## Examples:

- **Initiated system design changes, published analysis, and presented at international conferences.**
- **Uniquely skilled in communication of complex data to general audiences.**



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## Step 4:

Followed by a statement that defines what you are largely recognized for by managers and colleagues/team members.

### Examples:

- **Recognized for strong leadership, innovation and operations management.**



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## Step 5:

**Finally, put it all together (with Bullet Formatting):**

**Senior Network Engineer with nine years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Particular expertise in A, B, and C.**

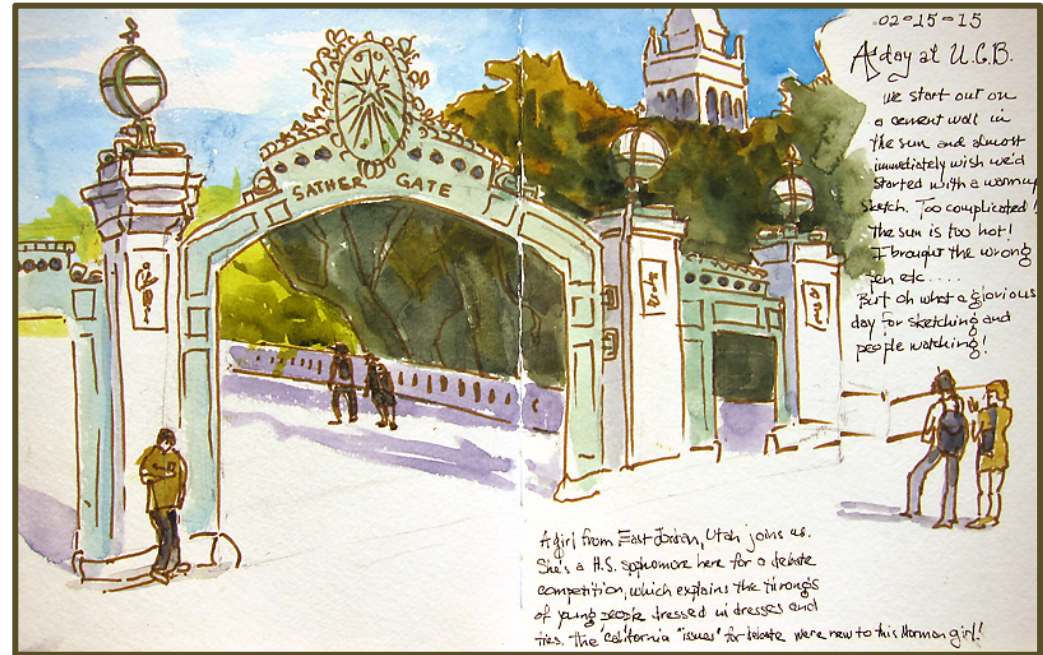
- **Designed, developed and implemented complex infrastructure systems.**
- **Initiated system design changes, published analysis, and presented at international conferences.**
- **Uniquely skilled in communication of complex data to general audiences.**
- **Recognized for strong leadership, innovation and operations management.**



# Resumés Employers Select: Summary of Qualifications

## Questions about:

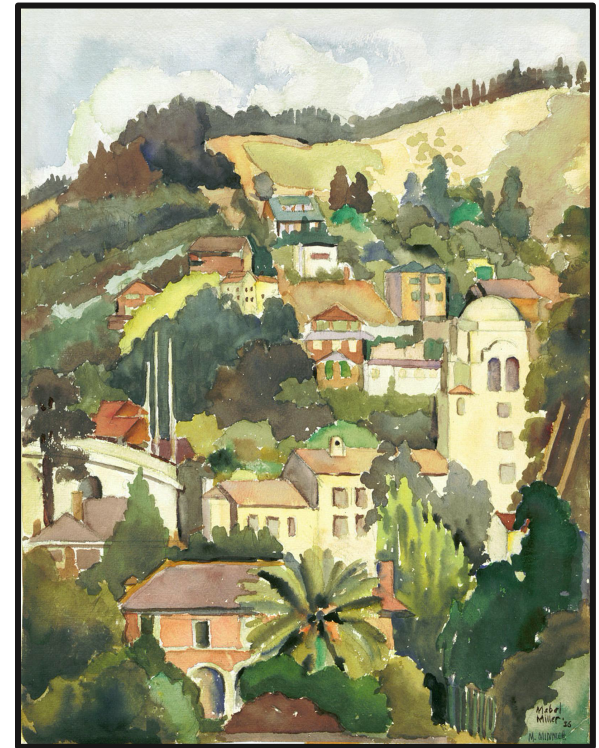
- Professional Identifier Statement?
- Summary of Qualifications?





# Resumés Employers Select: Technical Skills Summary

- Used for professionals to highlight specific technologies (i.e., software, hardware, or databases) that are relevant to the job.
- Does **NOT** need to include everything you know:
  - Keep it relevant
  - Match to the skills applicable to the job
- Be sure to know where you used it in the **Professional Experience** section of your resumé.



# Resumés Employers Select: Professional Experience



**Start with most recent employer and go backwards  
(chronologically):**

**Be consistent:**

- Use consistently formatted dates (right justified):  
1999 - 2008    or    9/99 - 8/08    or    9/1999 - 8/2008
- Use consistently formatted title, company, city, state to document your work history, for example:

Systems Support Specialist, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA                      5/2010 – 7/2017

\* Left justify bulleted text (even if you center headers)

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- **Begin every bullet or descriptor with an action word.**
- **Place the most relevant descriptors at the beginning of each position.**
- **Describe your accomplishments, and highlight successes and significant achievements (PARS).**
- **Show you know the business.**
- **Do not use long, run-on descriptions of complex projects - keep it short and engaging (2 to 3 lines per descriptor).**

# Resumés Employers Select: Professional Experience



## Questions about:

- Professional Experience?
- Jobs Listed on Resumé?
- How to Address Job Gaps?
- Use of Secondary Headers?



# Resumés Employers Select: Accomplishment Statements

## Your best way to:

- Demonstrate skills noted in your summary.
- Prepare for behavioral interviewing questions.
- Show you highest level of contribution to a prospective employer.



# Resumés Employers Select: Accomplishment Statements

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## Use the PARS Method:

**P = PROJECT** - What was the situation or challenge?

**A = ACTION** - What did you do to impact the project?

**R = RESULT** - Describe the outcome. \*Use **KEY** terms.

**S = SUMMARY** - Summarize the three.

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## PARS

**P = Project, Situation, or Responsibility**

**Describe one of your projects or  
primary responsibilities.**



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## PARS

**A = Actions**

**Describe one of your actions taken to  
demonstrate how you handled it.**

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## PARS

**R = Result**

**Describe how you improved, achieved,  
increased, or resolved the issue.**

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## PARS

**S = Summary**

**Starting with an action word, describe the action you took to handle a project or situation and the outcome or result.**

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## Example:

**P = Managed and maintained all records pertaining to purchasing and inventory**

**A = Consolidated and computerized all records into one system**

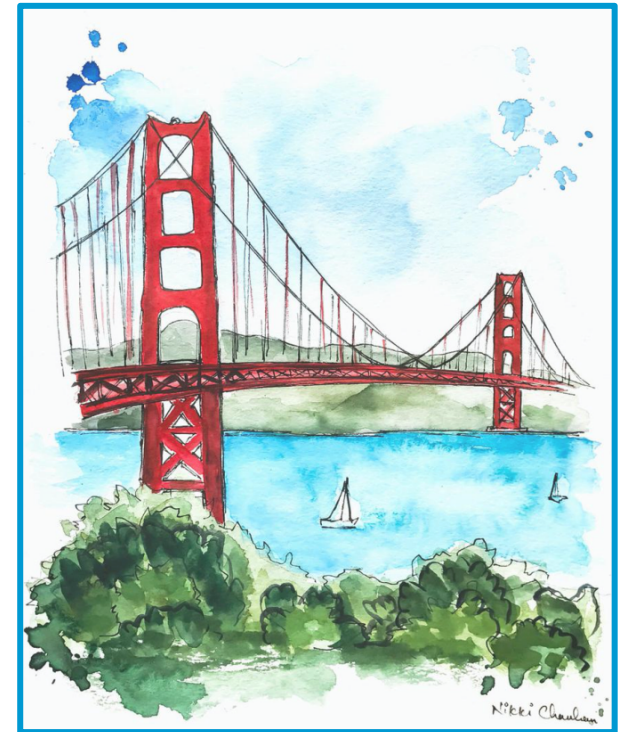
**R = New tracking system reduced annual costs by 20%**

**S = Consolidated purchasing and inventory records management system resulting in 20% annual cost savings.**

# Resumés Employers Select: Accomplishment Statements

## Questions about:

- **Accomplishment Statements?**
- **Qualitative or Quantitative Results?**
- **Key Transition Words for Incorporating Results?**



# Resumés Employers Select: Education & Training



- Should be listed at the bottom of your resumé, unless you are a recent graduate without significant professional experience.
- Document degrees highest to lowest in a consistent format:
  - MBA, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley
  - BS, Computer Science, CSU East Bay
- List certifications or licenses recognized in your field.
- Do not include dates or years of graduation.
- Do use expected graduation dates if degree is in progress:
- BS, Computer Science, UC Berkeley (December 2019)

# Resumés Employers Select: Honors, Awards, & Associations

- Awards should include recognition for outstanding work on a specific project or achievement.
- Associations should include specific organizations recognized by your peers that are valued within your specific field of work.





# Resumés Employers Select: Utilize Quality Mechanics

## Proof Reading -

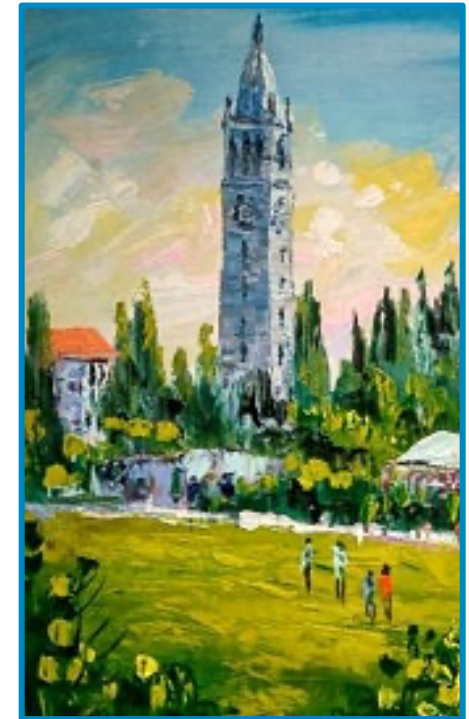
Nobody will hire a *Project Manger*:

**Spelling errors are unacceptable:**

- Use spell checker
- Get a friend to proof read for you before you submit

**Grammar and punctuation are important:**

- Be careful to use your commas appropriately
- Exclamation points do not belong in a resumé



# Resumés Employers Select: Debunk the #1 Resumé Myth

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## One Page is Always Best...

**WRONG** - Although it's important that your resumé be both clear and concise, you don't have to fit 10 or 20 years of your professional history onto one page.

A potential employer wants to find the best, most qualified person for the job. It is common to find resumé that are 2 to even 4 pages in length.

**\* IS THE INFORMATION RELEVANT?**

# Resumés Employers Select: Review & Key Takeaways



- Your resumé is a professional **SELF-MARKETING DOCUMENT**.
- Your resumé = success if you got an **INTERVIEW INVITATION**.
- A **CHRONOLOGICAL** or **COMBINATION STYLE** resumé is preferred.
- Every resumé should have a **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS** that strategically targets the position of interest.
- **PARS METHODOLOGY** is a must for highlighting professional accomplishments and your highest level of contribution.
- Use **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** as header, not Work History.
- Make sure the information is **RELEVANT** to the employer.
- **ALWAYS** accompany your resumé with a **COVER LETTER**.

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## Questions & Closing

**\* Please  
complete  
presentation  
evaluation.**





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**Job Interviewing:  
Becoming the  
Candidate of Choice**

**October 8, 2020  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

