# **Melissa Whiting**

Driven and enthusiastic professional with over 6 years experience in the service industry. Handles high stress and high volume situations smoothly by resolving situations in the most efficient way. Works well in a team environment and willing to learn any traits not already acquired. Experienced in dealing with night life clientele as well as experience in sales of VIP services and products.

# **Employment history**

Jan 2024 - Present

#### **VIP Manager**

Ritual Restaurant And Lounge at Charleston, SC

- Developed strong relationships with high-profile clients for increased loyalty and repeat business.
- Generated weekend sales with pre booked VIP sections and night if VIP sales.
- Managed an expert team of servers and hosts, trained new hires on sales tactics, VIP relations, service standards and end of night closing duties.
- Over saw nightly VIP team and ensured VIP guests had a memorable night with impeccable service in order to produce high sales and repeat customers
- Enhanced VIP guest satisfaction by providing personalized services and attending to special requests.
- Monitored revenue growth by analyzing sales reports and identifying areas of improvement within the department.

Jul 2019 - Mar 2021

### **Professional NBA Dancer**

Chicago Bulls at Chicago, IL

- Performed intricate and athletic routines as well as sidelines routines at Chicago Bulls home games
- Engaged with fans before, during and after home games
- Represented Chicago Bulls, Luvabulls and the city of Chicago during appearances and community events including charity events
- Used time management to balance weekly practices, games, appearances and multiple fitness jobs



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## **Skills**

Customer Service Driven

Time Management

Team Player

High Volume Serving

Upselling and Cross Selling

Leadership and Management Skills



# **Employment history**

Aug 2016 - Jul 2019

## **VIP Coordinator/VIP Bottle Server**

Mynt Charleston

- Managed VIP Services for busy nightclub in Charleston, SC
- Generated leads for VIP table sections through online promotions and in person sales
- Generated high in person sales nightly for remaining open tables at the door and throughout the night
- Set up VIP sections before opening, served customers throughout the night and cleaned up all VIP Sections at closing
- Input all sales into online POS system as well closed out with each section
- Calculated nightly revenue and money owed
- Trained new bottle service employees on procedures and nightly duties

Mar 2015 - Jul 2019

#### **Event Bartender**

A Snappy Events at Charleston, SC

- Prepared for events by setting up bar, stocking supplies and arranging tables.
- Poured and prepared mixed drinks at large festivals and events for hundreds of attendees.
- Served drinks in a fast paced environment making sure to keep lines short while maintaining the quality of the product and a positive attitude.
- Broke down the bar at end of shift.

Mar 2015 - Jun 2019

### **Promo Rep**

Tito's Handmade Vodka at Charleston, SC

- Promoted Tito's vodka at local events and establishments
- Encouraged customer and attendee purchases of products through promotional giveaways
- Bartender at Tito's sponsored events; set up bar, served customers in a fast paced environment, as well as cleaned up after each event
- Created event recaps after every shift to be turned in and evaluated
- Collaborate with local vendors to create unique and engaging promotional events that highlight Tito's Handmade Vodka, ultimately increasing brand visibility and product sales in the market.

# **Education**

May 2016 - May 2016

## **Bachelor of Arts Arts Management**

College of Charleston at Charleston, SC

Concentration in the Music Industry

