# Audra C. Olsen

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#### **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Arts,** *Applied Behavioral Science* (3.50/4.0 Cumulative GPA)

May 2008

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

• Emphasis in Community Health and Development

#### **CERTIFICATION & AWARDS**

### **Certified in Service Learning**

May 2008

- Participated in a service learning program which included researching and learning the benefits of service learning in the community in which we live
- Gained understanding of civic responsibility and completed service activities to help my community
- Worked with professors in my practicum to study and understand the core competencies of service learning while relating the information to classroom material

## **LeaderShape Institute Graduate**

Spring 2006

- Completed the nationally recognized leadership institute for student leaders
- Learned the philosophy of leading with integrity and effectively used this model within a "family cluster" group of students

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Student Assistant, Office of the Vice Provost

August 2006 - June 2008

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

- Assisted administrative staff by coordinating mailings, filing contracts and other organizational tasks
- Provided administrative support by organizing meetings, updating calendars and managing phones
- Served as a representative for the University of Kansas to officials who contacted the office

Peer Advisor, Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center

May 2005 - April 2007

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

- Assisted new students, parents and guests with the transition to college
- Gained leadership experience as an advisor while assisting students with career planning
- Facilitated programs for parents to aid in their understanding of college life and how to transition their student to college

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

**Logistics Chair,** *Up 'Til Dawn*, benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memphis, Tennessee

2007 - 2008

- Maintained effective communication with university officials and executive board members to plan fundraising events for 1,000 student volunteers
- Worked with board members and St. Jude representatives to successfully fundraise \$50,000
- Communicated closely with St. Jude representatives, board members and students to develop meaningful volunteer opportunities to help children in need

#### **Program Coordinator,** Mentors in the Lives of Kids

2007 - 2008

Center for Community Outreach, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

- Maintained communication with the Boys & Girls Club and potential volunteers
- Planned and implemented a holiday party for 850+ Lawrence youth
- Worked closely with directors to place 30 student volunteers in community service sites
- Trained student volunteers to serve as mentors for youth in need

**Discussion Leader,** Psychology & Research in Education 101

Fall 2006

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

- Educated 30 freshmen students about everyday life skills and leadership opportunities
- Assisted students with difficult situations they may encounter in their college career
- Provided guidance to students regarding academic requirements and involvement in college