# **NISA SCHMITZ**

## Communications and Marketing Leader

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Communications and marketing expert with 16 years' experience specializing in content strategy, copywriting, editing, asset creation, email marketing and project management

#### **SKILLS**

Content Strategy • Editorial Calendars • Copywriting • Branding • Adobe Creative Cloud • CMS Email Marketing • Social Media • Web Management • Google Analytics • Project Management

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **Content Manager, Pearl Certification**

Remote (Highland, Illinois)

2022-2024

- Developed network member communication strategy incorporating audience segmentation
- Wrote case studies, newsletters, blogs, email campaigns, webpages, webinars, etc.
- Oversaw brand messaging and standards and wrote and laid out an <u>external style guide</u>
- Served on the product development team and wrote marketing collateral for launch
- Managed distribution lists, developed emails with A/B tests and increased click rates by 350%
- Leveraged Canva to add intro/outros, music, lower thirds, and graphics for branded videos
- Maintained internal library of marketing resources and supported asset management in CMS
- Improved on-page SEO, added SEO directions to the CMS and developed a website SOP
- Managed social media calendar, wrote daily posts and increased followership by 29%
- Composed press releases, designed graphics, posted to the wire and reported analytics

## **Marketing Project Manager, Trouw Nutrition**

Highland, Illinois 2018-2021

- Created the B2B multi-channel content marketing strategy for U.S. operations
- Hired, managed and mentored the creative team in the development of high-quality assets
- Wrote white papers, blogs, landing pages, video and radio scripts, presentations, ads, etc.
- Collaborated with senior leadership to develop the brand story, vision and mission
- Developed email campaigns in the CRM, managed distribution lists and analyzed results
  Project managed an in-person customer training program, delegated tasks to a team of seven, oversaw the communications plan, and tracked and analyzed KPIs
- Managed social media, designed posts in Photoshop, and developed branded videos
- Directed website launch and ensured proper messaging, branding and CMS capabilities
- Oversaw corporate PR initiatives, including winning AFIA's Feed Facility of the Year Award

## Marketing Manager, PSAV

Remote (Highland, Illinois)

2015-2018

- Managed designers in the creation of B2B collateral and landing pages for 1,500 locations
- Crafted innovative copy for newsletters, blogs, case studies, presentations, brochures, etc.
- Oversaw account-based marketing email strategy and developed emails in the CRM
- Served on the product development team and created product launch materials
- Launched a new corporate website with a marketing agency and wrote the content
- Selected and implemented new project management system, improving efficiencies and raising our department's internal satisfaction score from a 6.34 to 8/10
- Created and executed the social media strategy and tracked performance data
- Led the PR strategy and built custom dashboards in Meltwater to gauge performance
- Introduced internal email analytics app and led the monthly newsletter for 9,000 employees

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## Freelance Marketing Contractor, nisaschmitz.com

Remote (Highland, Illinois)

2013-2015

- Oversaw startup Affilorama's PR, resulting in coverage in <u>Fortune</u> and <u>Forbes</u>
- Planned and created high-quality content for Drury Hotels' Careers website
- Wrote educational blog posts for Utopian Life Partners

## Communications Manager, Swank Audio Visuals/PSAV

St. Louis, Missouri

2011-2013

- Represented the Communications team at weekly executive meetings and reported on KPIs
- Led effective media relations, including securing 22nd place on *InformationWeek*'s 500
- Designed and implemented the social media strategy and analyzed performance data
- Wrote engaging copy for the web, case studies, brochures, presentations, videos, etc.
- Developed emails in Constant Contact, managed distribution lists and analyzed results
- Created the internal communication strategy and led the newsletter for 4,500 employees
- Built the crisis communication plan and trained executive leadership on its application

# Director of Communications, Marketing, and Alumni Affairs, Harris-Stowe State University St. Louis, Missouri 2010-2011

- Developed and executed the communications and marketing strategies
- Served on the President's Cabinet and managed two administrative assistants
- Led the creative team to develop broadcast, print, digital and social advertising
- Planned, evaluated and monitored a \$270k budget and oversaw media sales
- Oversaw brand messaging, developed the style guide and launched new website
- Created the social content calendar and managed web content via the CMS

### **EDUCATION**

## **Master of Science**

Mass Communications, 3.67 GPA Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

#### **Bachelor of Journalism**

Cum Laude, 3.57 GPA University of Missouri-Columbia

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

Psychology, 3.57 GPA University of Missouri-Columbia

#### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request

#### **HONORS**

AdBrand<sup>™</sup> Award First Place for ad copy (2021)

John Rider Graduate Achievement Award (2012)

Presented research paper at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) 2011 national conference