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LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Stephanie has a unique combination of fashion industry experience and academic leadership success. She has more than twenty-five years of experience as an innovative and progressive educator and administrator in fashion schools in St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, and Charlotte. Prior to that, Stephanie held merchandising and buying roles in leading retail establishments. In these assignments, Stephanie established working relationships, professional connections, and a respected reputation as a facilitator, problem-solver, and catalyst in the fashion industry.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 2023-Present: The University of South Carolina: Columbia, SC. **Instructor**
Department of Retailing and Fashion Merchandising.
- 2019-Present: TaylorMade Solutions, LLC. Global. **Founder & Creative Director.**
Educational Consulting Group. (Professional Development & Career
Readiness, Curriculum Development, Fashion Program Studies).
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- 2000-2017: The Art Institutes: Philadelphia, New York, Charlotte, and Pittsburgh.
Department Chairperson of Fashion Merchandising and Design
Programs. Organizational leader of program development and direction.
- 1997-2000: Lindenwood University, Saint Charles, MO. **Assistant Professor**
Fashion, Marketing and Business Department.
- 1994-1997: Columbia College, Columbia, MO. **Assistant Professor**
Fashion and Business Department.
- 1992-1994: Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, Kalamazoo, MI. **Family Coordinator**
Kalamazoo Area Academic Achievement Mentoring Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2000-Present
Faculty Development & Training
Professional Development & Mentoring Workshops
Curriculum Development & Program Review
Accreditation & Compliance Standards
Development & Implementation of Art & Design Programs
Fashion Lecturer/Speaker
Experiential Learning

EDUCATION

1992-1994: WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MI
Master of Art, Education & Human Development

1984-1986: WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MI
Bachelor's in Applied Science – Fashion Merchandising

1980-1982: MOTT COLLEGE, FLINT, MI
Associate's in Applied Science – Retail Merchandising

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

1997-Present: **Member:** Fashion Group International, New York, NY

2024-Present: **Member:** The University of South Carolina HRSM Opportunity & Engagement Committee.

2024-Present: **Member:** The University of South Carolina Scholarship Committee.

2022-Present: **Board Member:** The Children's Institute of Fashion Academy
New York, NY

2021: **Guest Speaker:** Global Entrepreneurship Event- Greenville, SC

2020: **Guest Speaker:** Walker Legacy Mentor Matchmaking Event
Greenville, SC

2020: **Presenter:** TaylorMade Solutions Professional Development Seminar
Greenville, SC

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024: **Professor Of the Year Award:** Department of Retailing and Fashion Merchandising, The University of South Carolina.
- 2024: **Career Influencer Award:** The University of South Carolina Career Center.
- 2021: **Panel participant:** Ten at the Top Community Connector. Global Entrepreneurship! Greenville, SC.
- 2020: **Guest Speaker:** The Walker Legacy Mentor Matchmaking Event. Greenville, SC.
- 2020: **Presenter:** TaylorMade Solutions, LLC. Ready Your Life Professional Development Seminar. Greenville, SC.
- 2017: **Pittsburgh Magazine:** You Should Know – Featuring Stephanie Taylor.
- 2015-2017: **President:** Fashion Group International Pittsburgh Provisional Chapter. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2015: **Fashion Industry Leadership Award:** Style & Steel Event Planning Co. Pittsburg, PA.
- 2015: **Fashion Contributor:** A Taste of Pittsburgh Lifestyle Magazine. Pittsburgh, PA.

