# LATOYA HODGE

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# Summary

Collaborative leader with a record of success developing growth marketing plans that achieve business goals while delighting customers. Excels at guiding marketing strategy, refining target audiences, mapping buyer journeys, increasing adoption, and driving customer acquisition.

# **Professional Experience**

# **Smart City Telecom**, Orlando FL *Director of Marketing*

01/24- Present

Hired by the Vice President of Sales and Marketing to design and execute a comprehensive growth marketing strategy for Smart City Telecom, a regional service provider.

- Designs annual growth marketing plan, integrated campaigns, and programs to increase customer acquisition and grow sales.
- Collaborates with sales and cross functional teams. Responsible for 30% of sales pipeline.
- Analyzes growth marketing campaigns, program KPI, and translates findings to senior leadership.
- Manages marketing budget and team including agency partner and contractors.

# **Cappfinity**, Orlando FL Global Head of Marketing

01/21- 09/23

Hired by the Co-CEO and Cofounder of Cappfinity a fast growth SaaS HR organization to support market expansion, grow pipeline, and elevate the brand in North America. Promoted to global marketing leader in 2022 responsible for growth marketing, demand generation strategy, sales enablement, product marketing communications, and customer engagement. Provided program analysis and reports to senior leadership.

- Designed comprehensive growth marketing plan and demand generation strategy.
- Guided the multichannel marketing strategy inclusive of digital advertising, social, events, podcasts, SEO, email campaigns, web, and content.
- Increased traffic to the new corporate website by 400%, lengthened sessions, and improved the quality of leads into CRM by 40%.
- Collaborated with sales and customer success teams to develop presentations, sales enablement events, and account based marketing campaigns such as the <u>Candidate-Driven</u> <u>Job Market</u> in partnership with YouGov and the Wall Street Journal.
- Increased Cappfinity's brand awareness and recognition via paid, owned, and earned media including: <u>The Wall Street Journal (UVM: 25M)</u>, <u>Fast Company (UVM: 2.6M</u>) and <u>Good Day Chicago</u>. Earned media increased online referrals to the corporate website by 40%.
- Coached and led a globally distributed high performance marketing team. Managed PR agency, contractors, and sales development representatives (SDRs).

Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research Universities, Orlando FL
Assistant Director, Marketing, Strategy, and Communications

04/16- 01/21

Recruited and hired by the Executive Director of the Florida Consortium, an innovative partnership focused on strengthening Florida's talent pipeline and delivering high impact college to career solutions to over 170,000 students statewide.

 Designed growth marketing programs that fostered brand awareness, community engagement, and increased investment.

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- Directed demand generation campaigns, strategic partnerships, and events that drove adoption of college to career solutions.
- Managed digital marketing agency and creative contractors.

# Poly (formerly Polycom, Inc.) Orlando FL

Global Channel Marketing Communications Manager

01/11 - 12/15

Recruited and hired by the Vice President of Global Channel Marketing to lead strategic channel marketing, support wide-scale growth, and sales transformation. Led Polycom's global channel communication program; developed and executed targeted messaging to, through and for Polycom's global channel partner organization.

- Managed high profile global demand generation programs and to grow pipeline within key revenue contributing channel partners.
- Developed growth marketing plans inclusive of brand, product launches, lead generation, ABM campaigns, and sales development resources for Polycom's channel partners.
- Prepared channel marketing metrics report to capture and convey impact.
- Established Polycom's channel public relations program, elevated awareness of Polycom's brand and channel program, thought leadership, and differentiated go to market approach.

# Agfa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ

01/08 - 1/11

Marketing and Communications Manager, North America

Recruited and hired by the Marketing Director, North America. Led Agfa's growth marketing communications program.

- Developed growth marketing plans, product launch communications, sales development tools, and demand generation campaigns.
- Planned and guided Agfa's annual demand generation events to re-engage prospective customers, grow pipeline, and grow sales.
- Re-launched Agfa's customer loyalty program that grew pipeline by 25% for Agfa's award-winning high margin solutions.
- Managed creative team, PR agency, and exhibits consultant in North America a region that accounted for over 40% of Agfa's worldwide revenue.

### **Awards**

- CMO Huddles Top 101 B2B Marketing Influencers of 2023, 2022
- Polycom Star Award Exceptional project management, Annual Channel Management Summit
- **Polycom Star Award** Exemplary implementation on Defy Distance, a SiriusDecisions award winning integrated growth marketing campaign.

### Education

# Master of Business Administration, (MBA)

Frank G. Zarb School of Business, Hofstra University, Hempstead NY

#### **Business of Arts, (BA)**

Georgia State University, Atlanta Georgia

#### Skills

- Demand Generation
- Competitive/Market Analysis
- Sales Enablement
- Brand Marketing
- Budget/Financial Accountability
- Web and Email Marketing
- Salesforce CRM/HubSpot CRM
- Paid Ads/social media

- Integrated Product Marketing Campaigns
- Media & Public Relations
- Digital Marketing & Communications
- Customer Engagement & Retention
- Search Engine Optimization
- Team Building and Leading
- WordPress CMS
- Google Analytics- 6Sense