

# WHITNEY RUPP KRUGER

STRATEGIC MARKETING PROFESSIONAL

# ABOUT ME

Driven by opportunity, and an embracer of a challenge; I help organizations achieve their goals through innovative strategic solutions driven by data and powered by collaboration.

As a results-driven team player, I am passionate about finding actionable integrative solutions. And, my ability to build genuine relationships and connections further fuels my desire to make an impact on organizations, humanity, and beyond.

I have learned through my career that "some people want it to happen, some people wish it would happen, others make it happen" - Michael Jordan. What are you waiting for?

Together, let's make it happen.

## EDUCATION

Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) Walsh College, 2020

**Bachelor of Science in Business, Public Relations** Ferris State University, 2011

### ACTIVITIES

#### Advisory Board, Digital Marketing Certificate Program

The George Washington University Executive Programs, 2020-Present

#### Young Leaders

Detroit Economic Club, 2016-2018

- NCAA-II Collegiate Athlete Volleyball Ferris State University, 2006-2010
- **Committee Chair Public Relations Student Society of America** Ferris State University, 2008-2010

## CAREER SUMMARY

### Marketing & Product Operations Manager

World Travel Holdings | October 2018 to present

- Managed strategic marketing, brand management, partner marketing, and product marketing; as well as ownership of the marketing budget
- Led a cross-functional department including marketing, product operations team, and temporary project teams
- Merged market research, company data, & consumer insights to develop marketing strategies aimed at division revenue goals while driving our customer-first messaging
- Lead strategic planning for expanding existing customers; increased repeat guest leads by 33.3% from 2019-2020
- Optimize commercial strategy; improving average selling price by 12.6% from 2018-2019 and 18% from 2019-2020
- Act as an internal consultant creating integrated, revenuedriving marketing plans with partner brands
- Be the marketing technology expert, driving efficiencies, and applying technology and data solutions
- Manage the technology & data planning process, creating and overseeing the marketing and product needs roadmap
- Project manage and build relationships with internal teams including, development, PR, sales, and operations - as well as executive leadership, external agencies, suppliers, and strategic partner brands

### **Marketing Communications Manager**

Learning Designs, Inc. | October 2014 to October 2018

- Used market research along with primary consumer research to evaluating new business initiatives and identify company growth opportunities
- Develop strategic relationships with client's executive leadership communicating product/service value
- Led a marketing & sales team with direct & indirect reports



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# CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

### **Chief Marketing Officer**

Frizzmo | June 2021 - Present

- Manage marketing planning, budgeting, and reporting
- Develop and execute an ongoing strategy and ensure monthly, quarterly, and yearly targets are met.
- Own marketing strategy including positioning, messaging, branding, segmentation
- Utilize internal data, industry trends, and research to segment and define target markets, refine product value proposition, and implement the best market entry strategy
- Participate in business and financial model discussions contributing to the development of the company

### Marketing Coordinator Volunteer

Professionals C.A.R.E. | May 2020 - October 2020

- Assist in the development and implementation of the brand strategy as well as support the development of tactics
- Plan and manage webinars by identifying, assembling, and coordinating requirements, developing schedules and assignments, and coordinating mailing lists

### Project Administrator

Technology Highway L3C | January 2013 to April 2016

- Project managed the National I-Corps Program at Lawrence Technological University
- Mentored entrepreneurs in the development of value propositions through customer discovery
- Facilitated customer discovery, concept prototyping, and testing from low to high fidelity

### **Race Director**

Creative Designs Care | 2013-2014

• Oversee, coordinate, and implement the annual Jacks Jock's race events benefiting Jack's Place for Autism.

## CAREER SUMMARY

### **Tour Director**

Adventures by Disney | March 2012 to September 2014

- Facilitated tours domestically and internationally for guests, managed vendor relationships, and launched new itineraries and media trips
- Delivered presentations for groups of 10 to 150 guests and travel advisers in collaboration with the Disney Parks and Resorts sales team

### **Guest Relations Host**

Walt Disney World | January 2011 to September 2014

- Responsible for handling guest inquiries, requests, and comments while upholding the Disney brand service standard
- Maintained an elite level of service while acting as a fullservice concierge for overnight guests

### Food & Beverage Host & Trainer - College Program

Walt Disney World | August 2010 to January 2011

- Facilitated training programs focused on the Disney brand expectations, processes, and location procedures
- Managed work in a fast-paced environment

### SKILLS

- Marketing Strategy Product Marketing Strategic Planning Data Analysis Brand Management Project Management Partner Management Organizational Skills
- Innovation Leadership Curiosity Problem Solving Collaboration Resourcefulness Communication Professionalism