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CERTIFICATIONS

Certified SAFe® 5.0 Program Consultant
Certified SAFe® 5.0 Agilist
Certified Scrum Product Owner
Certified Scrum Master

EXPERIENCE

Endurance International Group – Host Gator February 2020 – Present
Agile Coach Houston, TX

- Empowering the scaled agile transformation across 6 cross-functional engineering teams, to drive them towards continuous improvement, supported by daily coaching on Scrum and Agile best practices, and facilitating PI Planning, strategic road mapping and release planning.
- Communicate and implement the vision, missions, and business initiatives curated by the Agile Center of Excellence, Program Management Office and C-Level Executives, in order to connect the strategy level to the execution level.
- Successfully increased average project delivery velocity for 3 Scrum teams, by 109%, 164%, and 412%, through hands on agile coaching, while successfully generating 1.4 Million in net new revenue.

CPAP.com April 2019 – February 2020
Agile Coach Houston, TX

- Developed agile transformation strategy, timeline, and training materials, to scale agile for 150 people through launching 10 agile teams, resulting in improved velocity by 67%, reduced unplanned work by 30% and created an environment whereby the team was motivated, self-organized and self-sufficient.
- Provided training, support and active coaching to empower understanding of Agile/Scrum/Kanban for C-Suite Executives, Department Leaders, and Teams Members Worked with Product Owner, IT Director CTO and CEO to streamline organizational processes to allow for faster delivery of business value by defining and designing a unique strategic roadmap.
- Oversaw product delivery methodology through Jira, and drove development, operations and planning to be done in accordance with Agile best practices for onsite, remote and international team members.

Ultimate Agile Experience June 2017 – March 2019
Executive Director | Agile Coach Houston, TX

- Delivered Agile Coaching digitally and in person for IT leadership on foundations, practices and principles of Agile and Scaled Agile Framework to improve daily operations and team management. Consult businesses on how to strategically scale through the use of IT, Business, Analytics and Agile road mapping.
- Worked as a Scrum Master with 8 team members to deliver Agile, Scrum, and Scaled Agile Framework training to Project Mangers, C-Level Executives, IT Leaders, Consultants, and Coaches
- Curated both digital and in person public workshops to increase understanding and comprehension of business management strategies and agile principles. Cultivate certifications courses to empower Scrum leaders and development team professionals

CA Technologies – Rally July 2016 – June 2017
Account Manager | Agile Coach Dallas, TX

- Coached executives and agile team leaders on how to effectively scale agile through training/coaching services and Rally agile project management software.
- Curated agile solutions to scale agile at the enterprise level, which included agile coaching, consulting and agile technology to transform operations and team management for customers currently using, or adopting Scrum, SAFe or Kanban.
- Member of cross functional Scrum team, participating in daily standups, 2 week sprints, and delivered business backlog.

IBM October 2015 – July 2016
Business Development Representative (Global Business Services) Dallas, TX

- Interacted with C Suite executives and IT Directors to curate and implement technical projects for IT Infrastructure, Cyber Security, Cloud Services, Analytics and SAAS
- Developed solutions for up to 3 million dollar IT Services implementations for Canadian and US customers

Hitachi Consulting Corporation August 2014 – August 2015
Consultant Dallas, TX

Hormel Food Company – Scrum Master/Project Manger

- Scrum Master on cross functional team, delivering customer requirements through 1 week sprints, participating in backlog grooming and facilitating daily standups.
- Completed project design phase for fortune 500 food consumer products company, which saved the client revenue by redesigning Trade Promotion Management processes
- Set up Program Management Office, managed project budget, monitored financial forecasting, managed expense tracker, issued client invoicing, completed program coordination

Orthofix – Scrum Master/Jira Coordinator

- Consulted with contractors to redevelop organizational management system for medical device provider which created efficient back end data management for the client
- Served as Scrum Master, removed impediments, administered Jira, and participated in backlog grooming for team of 12. Also met with the client to successfully develop test case scenarios through a 2 week sprint cycle.

Hitachi Consulting – Project Manager

- Conducted financial investigation to ensure accurate internal expense application for international projects
- Completed financial analysis of documentation to compile international tax rates into audit records
- Successfully orchestrated human capital management and expense reconciliation for 15 international external projects

AT&T – Regional Project Lead

- Deployed energy solutions to a fortune 500 telecommunications service provider which increased client revenue by reducing power consumption utilizing 3 separate energy initiatives
- Acted as regional lead to facilitate communications between property managers, area managers, and internal program leads to complete site check listing process
- Monitored and managed installation progress of program technology on agile team through Clarizen, Resource Manager, and Tririga project management systems and maintained records within SharePoint.

EDUCATION

University of North Texas – B.S. Electrical Engineering - Minors - Business and Mathematics
University of Houston – SURE Entrepreneurship Program
Cognizant – Per Scholas – Data Engineering Fellowship

TECHNOLOGY SUMMARY

MicroSoft Office
Agile Central
Google Suite
Confluence
SharePoint
Salesforce
Tririga
Adobe
Mural
Rally
Visio
SAP
Jira

KNOWLEDGE SUMMARY

Current/Future State Mapping
Transformation Consulting
Information Technology
Business Management
Project Management
Financial Planning
Scaled Agile
Engineering
Kanban
SAFe®
Scrum
Agile
SQL