



BENJAMIN ALFARO

Objective: To build upon 10+ years of leadership experience in the nonprofit sector with partners that share a creative and equitable vision for community and economic development

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Education

MPS in Arts & Cultural Leadership

University of Minnesota
Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation
Twin Cities, MN | Class of 2021 (Expected)

BA in Urban Studies

Wayne State University
Minor in International Studies
Detroit, MI | Class of 2016

Core Competencies

Project Management Group Facilitation
Creative Problem-Solving Grant Writing
Collaborative Design Strategic Planning
Performance Evaluation Copy Editing

Awards

Kresge Literary Arts Fellow
The Kresge Foundation, 2017

Community Incubator Fellow
The Poetry Foundation, 2017

2x Knight Arts Challenge Grantee
The Knight Foundation, 2016-17

Employment History



March 2019 - Present

📍 Minneapolis, MN

Grant Manager, HUGE Improv Theater

Grant writing and reporting, prospect research and donor cultivation



January 2019 - Present

📍 Minneapolis, MN

Advancement Associate, Northside Achievement Zone

Led internal efforts on \$35 million investment campaign, manager of a robust grant database, and support for Communications and Development teams



June 2018 - December 2018

📍 Saint Paul, MN

Development Assistant, Hallie Q. Brown Community Center

Fostered community partnerships, wrote and managed grant initiatives, led individual giving campaigns, and helped curate annual gala event



September 2008 - May 2018

📍 Detroit, MI

Teen Programs Specialist, InsideOut Literary Arts

Developed and expanded a wide range of creative writing programs across Detroit Public Schools and across Michigan. Highlights include:

- Louder Than a Bomb - Founded statewide high school poetry conference that grew from 10 participants to 250 from 12 counties
- Detroit Youth Poet Laureate - Cultivated partnership between schools and local governance to award creatively and civically engaged teens
- Citywide Poets - Facilitated longest-running youth writing workshop at Detroit Public Library and led professional development for educators



July 2013 - February, 2015

📍 Detroit, MI

Booking Manager, Emergence Media

Managed public appearances, performances, licensing, and website development for independent hip-hop media company. Highlights include:

- Born in Flames Tour - 6 dates across the continental United States with Invincible, Jean Grae, and Tamar-Kali
- OuterSpaces Tour - 12 dates across the continental United States and Canada with Invincible, Climbing PoeTree, and Las Krudas



June 2008 - December 2013

📍 Ann Arbor, MI

Digital Content Manager, A-Side Worldwide

Operated daily online content and supported artist-specific projects and live performances. Highlights include:

- Mayer Hawthorne, A Strange Arrangement Launch - Artist branding and album campaign for highly successful R&B project