Wanda Irving, MPA
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Irving & Associates
Nonprofit Consulting

Dear Wanda:

It is my pleasure to confirm to you that Shalon MauRee Irving earned the dual-title Ph.D. in sociology and gerontology from Purdue University in May 2006. In addition, Shalon was the first person to receive this new credential from Purdue, and she did so in outstanding fashion—Summa Cum Laude.

Shalon touched so many people at Purdue University, and her legacy continues to inspire others.

Sincerely,

Kenneth F. Ferraro, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of Sociology and
Director, Center on Aging and the Life Course
Use transitions to add something special to your photo album.
Thank you for clean to you.
“Shalon was amazing. She was the epitome of strength, poise, and determination. She was thoughtful, intelligent, and graceful with a beautiful laugh”.

Dr. Alice Shumate
Epidemiologist
CDC.
“I am so blessed to have known Shalon. She was cherished by all who knew her. Shalon had an iron core of integrity and faithfulness to who she was and what she wanted from life that was captivating and inspiring and endearing. She gave, she loved, she laughed, she hugged. She cared about our people and she sought to bring light and fairness to those who need better and more fair opportunities in life”.

Dr. Rachael Iowow
Branch Chief, CDC
Shalon was the first one to answer the call for help with the Zika Virus in Puerto Rico. She flew to the island and organized a training for the supervisors and nutritionists who performed Zika health education at the 92 clinics on the island. The bridges she built enabled us to form the partnerships needed to inform and empower pregnant women.”

Dr. Dana T homas
Epidemiologist, CDC
“Shalon was so amazing. I was always shocked at how much she was able to do and accomplish. She was very committed to doing good work. She had a deep passion for doing work that was important for improving the health of underserved and minority communities. She worked hard to make sure her best work was always displayed and did not compromise on her goals and objectives”.

Dr. Jonetta Mpofu Epidemiologist, CDC.
Dr. Shalon M. Irving, PhD, MPH, MS, CHES, an EIS officer, dedicated her life to understanding how structural inequality, trauma, and violence affect health over the life course.
Inclusivity Standard,
a consulting firm based in Atlanta, GA,
dedicated to working with individual, organizational, corporate and community partners
to increase awareness about diversity, develop actionable strategies for inclusion
and move us, as a society, closer to an equitable world.

- Individual coaching efforts bridge the gap between what students may learn in school or other enrichment programs and what they will need in the real world to be successful in the college application process and throughout their educational careers.

- The organizational coaching component focuses on non-profits, school systems, and corporations and provides workshops and action institutes to enhance their ability to achieve equitable and inclusive cultures within their organizations.

- The community coaching component serves primarily as our opportunity to provide capacity building training for community-based and grassroots organizations to support healthy communities.
Shalon, Soleil and Grandpa Sam

Morning of January 24, 2017
“Shalon was an inspiration in every way and an amazing friend. She was a bright and motivated colleague, a champion for equity, women’s rights, and public health. Because of Shalon, I am now committed to being a voice for justice.”

Dr. Tetyana Shippee.
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“What though the radiance which was once so bright be now forever taken from my sight. Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower. We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind.”

—William Wordsworth