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Hailing from Maryland, I flexed my event planning muscles at a young age with my large extended family. We enjoyed dinners, vacations and holidays together. Thanksgiving included over 30 people, which required a bit of organization. Every year I looked forward to being a part of the preparation. I realized that event planning was a passion in high school while working at a florist, which inspired me to gain as much knowledge as possible about this industry. This included attending the Career Exploration week at Johnson & Wales University in my junior year of high school. I went on to attend JWU in Charlotte, NC, where I earned a degree in Event Management. While working towards my degree, I gained valuable experience assisting in the Special Events Kitchen at the University.

Compass Group was the host of my internship during my senior year at JWU. After completing my internship I joined the Compass family as a reservationist for meeting rooms. One month later I was promoted to Catering Manager for day-to-day meetings. In this position I had the opportunity to assist in the planning of four events a year.

Two years later Compass Group expanded in the local downtown Charlotte area. I now have the pleasure of being the Compass Events Manager for multiple locations including taste Café, the 6th Floor Terrace of 1 BAC Center and The Urban Garden.

Every event is a new exciting venture to “Design, Create and Inspire”. Give me a call, and let’s start planning *your* event!