

# **STS Member Spotlight**

Thank you for allowing STS to spotlight you in our upcoming Member Enewsletter.

This is an opportunity for your fellow travel and tourism colleagues to get to know you, both individually and apart from your destination.

Please take a moment to answer the following questions. More importantly, have fun with it and make it yours!

At the end of the form, please upload 3 to 5 photos, including your professional headshot, to be used for your spotlight.

If you have any questions, please email Tonja Ray-Smith.

Name Maurice Odoms

Occupation (Title and Company) Senior Sales Manager

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## What inspired you to take on this role?

This job aligns with my passion and personality. I love helping clients find the perfect location for their event. It's a gratifying feeling knowing the part that you played in the success of their event.

#### What's a typical day for you?

My day is ever changing and I love it! A typical day consist of responding to emails, contacting clients and assisting them with their upcoming events, going to lunch with my amazing co-workers and conducting site visits.

#### What advice would you give someone looking to pursue a career in travel and tourism?

Travel and Tourism is all about being hospitable. If you have a passion for serving others, great problem solver and have a warm friendly personality, this is the career for you.

## What would you like your tourism legacy to be?

I would like my tourism legacy to be that I truly enjoyed working with family reunions, weddings and tour & travel groups. Family is very important to me and I hope to see this market continue to grow.

### Outside of the CVB, what other roles or hobbies do you have that keep you busy?

Outside of the CVB my hobbies include traveling, trying out new restaurants, spending time with my family and enjoying quiet time at home watching Netflix shows.

#### Outside of your home state, what is your favorite vacation spot within the Southeast?

I like Charleston, SC. It's a cool destination with great restaurants and lots to do.

#### What year are you in Marketing College? What has been the greatest takeaway this far?

I graduated marketing college in 2017 and the greatest takeaway for me was the amazing connections

that you make during your 3 years. Also, the speakers share lots of invaluable knowledge that I believe has helped me in my professional growth.

## Tell us a fun fact about you that we'd be surprised to hear.

I wanted to be a chef and I went to culinary school, but I decided to transfer to a four year college and change my major.

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