



CAROLINE PARAS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER
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PROFILE

25+ years of experience as an educator and economic developer. Ready to apply my knowledge and skills in design, marketing, event management and business development on an international level to gain experience in food, wine, and culinary tourism.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Authored over \$10 million in successful State and Federal grants for education, economic and community development
- Earned Greater Portland an elite Federal designation as one of the nation's 24 Manufacturing Communities, which attracted \$50 million in State and Federal funding for the food cluster
- Directed and produced 50-minute documentary on food manufacturing
- Authored 20+ studies on land-use planning, affordable housing, and economic development
- Designed and delivered national conferences and workshops for 300+ people
- Developed and managed two award winning K-16 youth engagement programs
- Performed in 50+ ice shows and earned three medals at the U.S. Adult National Figure Skating Championships in theatrical performance

EXPERIENCE

AAA NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Travel Intern | 2017 - present

FAMILY ICE CENTER

Skate Guard | 1999 - present

GREATER PORTLAND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Economic and Community Planner | 2002 - 2017

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Economic Development Planner | 1998 - 2002

KIDS CONSORTIUM

Senior Program Manager | 1994 - 1999

COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS

Project Assistant | 1991 - 1993

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

Master of Arts in American Studies | 3.97 GPA

Graduate certificate in Community Planning | 4.0 GPA

Bachelor of Arts in Tourism & Hospitality | Expected 2019 | 4.0 GPA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Bachelor of Arts with double major in Communication and Political Science
3.65 GPA

SKILLS

- Project development
- Public speaking & performing
- Research, policy & data analysis
- Grantwriting
- Multi-media production
- Community engagement
- Business development
- Native Spanish speaker
- Graphic design
- Trainings, tours & special events