

MAKENNA BEST

SUMMARY

Dedicated and purpose, driven leader, preparing for vocational opportunities in ministry and church leadership after graduating in 2026. Experienced in student discipleship, church operations in hospitality leadership, with a passion for developing people and supporting healthy ministry teams. Known for strong organization, action, leadership and creating welcoming environments for individuals and can grow into faith. Committed to serving with excellence stewardship, and a willingness to lead wherever called.

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SKILLS

- Student discipleship & small group leadership
- Event planning & ministry coordination
- Volunteer leadership & team support
- Church hospitality & guest experience
- Ministry administration & organization
- Stewardship mindset & operational support
- Clear written & verbal communication
- Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Canva

EDUCATION

- **BA Business and Professional Leadership**
- **Minor in Mass Media and Communications**
- **Certificate in Organizational Leadership**

Bayside College/ Southeastern University 2022-2026

• **Bayside Leadership Institute**
Bayside Community Church 2026

EXPERIENCE

Finance Intern

Bayside Community Church • Aug 2025 – Dec 2025

- Evaluated purchasing workflows through cross-department interviews.
- Created a standardized central ordering master list to reduce ad-hoc purchases and improve inventory consistency.
- Analyzed vendor pricing and bulk purchasing options to quantify cost savings and guide sourcing decisions.
- Supported development of a pilot rollout plan focused on cost savings, waste reduction, and staff efficiency.

Student Ministry Intern

Idlewild Baptist Church • Oct 2023 – Aug 2024

- Supported weekly student ministry services, events, and outreach while building intentional relationships with students.
- Led girls' small groups and assisted with discipleship, volunteer coordination, and ministry communication.
- Helped plan and execute events, create promotional materials, and maintain organized ministry systems.

Church Cafe Lead

Idlewild Baptist Church • Dec 2019 – Sept 2022

- Led café operations and trained team members to create a welcoming, hospitable environment for guests and members.
- Managed scheduling, cash handling, and inventory to maintain smooth and organized operations.
- Fostered community and connection by providing consistent, high-quality service during weekly services and events.