

I'm really starting to think that GaMPI is psychic. How else can I explain the spooky way that GaMPI provides me with everything I want, even before I know I want it? I showed up at a GaMPI luncheon almost three years ago, not knowing a soul, but with a vague idea that I'd like to work in the events industry. In just those two hours I found a few job leads and an undeniable sense of belonging. I left feeling I'd found my people! That affinity continued, as I got involved in committees, developed as a professional, and my career evolved through two enriching jobs in the industry.

Last summer I found myself wondering what was next for my career, and I registered for GaMPI's Summer Educational Conference in Puerto Rico. I wasn't necessarily looking for a new job, but some direction as to what skills I'd like to develop, what kind of company interests me, and what kind of lifestyle I'd like to enjoy. That's when the planets aligned and the GaMPI psychic summoned its greatest power. At the opening reception, I met an energetic team of people from Grand Dynamics. Once again, I'd found my people!

Grand Dynamics is a company founded on making a difference in people's lives through adventure-based team building, experiential training and development, and health and wellness programs. Those ideals alone might have been enough to draw me to the company, but the engaging personalities and the uplifting sense of fun reeled me in completely. Grand Dynamics sponsored a Teaming with GPS activity, a kind of high-tech treasure hunt, around the resort, and my team simply rocked! We won the grand prize, a FAM trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where Grand Dynamics is headquartered. We scheduled that trip for late January so we could experience the Grand Tetons in the snow, quite a novelty for Southerners.

After GaMPI's Summer Education Conference, questions popped into my head – "Can I be a part of Grand Dynamics? Do I have to leave Atlanta and GaMPI? Will the work be challenging? Will I love my life?" Well, a magical thing happened. The GaMPI psychic gave me everything I wanted, in a form that I never imagined it, and much faster than I ever thought I could have it.

Our team from the Summer Educational Conference visited Jackson Hole January 26-30, and that also marked my first days of employment as the Director of Sales and Marketing for the newly-created Atlanta Division of Grand Dynamics. This is a position that challenges me to reach new heights and allows me to do what I love most – build relationships and share experiences with people. Basically, it's my dream job!

What lies ahead now is nothing but possibility! It doesn't take psychic powers for me to know that invigorating experiences and gratifying partnerships are in my future. The skills I've gained and the people I've met through my involvement with GaMPI are the only talismans I need as I venture forth on to my next grand adventure. Thank you, GaMPI, for the ride of my life! This is only the beginning.



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