

DAWNETTA MILLER

OBJECTIVE

Seeking opportunity for career advancement with a progressive and innovative company that would utilize my skills and background.

EXPERIENCE

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| 2003-Present | <i>Wawona Frozen Foods</i> | <i>Plano, TX</i> |
| <i>Regional Manager</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten (10%) increase during tenure • Industry Advisory Board – Texas School Foodservice Association (2003-2004) • Responsible for the Southeastern Market Foodservice Segment | | |
| 1999-2003 | <i>Horizon Snack Foods (Cutie Pie Corporation)</i> | <i>Dallas, TX</i> |
| <i>Regional Manager</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forty-eight (48%) increase during tenure • Industry Advisory Board - Texas School Foodservice Association (2001-2003) • Responsible for the Eastern Market Foodservice Segment | | |
| 1997-1999 | <i>Gorges/Quik-to-Fix Foods, Inc.</i> | <i>Dallas, TX</i> |
| <i>Territory Manager</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve (12%) increase during tenure • Responsible for product knowledge school and sales meeting presentations • Responsible for conducting new product release | | |
| 1995-1997 | <i>Gorges/Quik-to-Fix Foods, Inc. (Tyson Foods)</i> | <i>Dallas, TX</i> |
| <i>Commodity Processing Administrator</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirty-four (34%) increase during tenure • Responsible for the management of the non-commercial department | | |

EDUCATION

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| 1995 | <i>University of Arkansas</i> | <i>Fayetteville, AR</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Internship: Sold television advertisements for the "Gary Blair Show", The Arkansas Women's basketball show | | |
| 1994 | <i>Mankato State University</i> | <i>Mankato, MN</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.A. • Head Coach-Men's Volleyball Team: National Champions | | |
| 1992 | <i>West Virginia Wesleyan College</i> | <i>Buckhannon, WV</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A. • Outstanding Senior Recognition Award Nominee • Who's Who in Athletics in American Colleges and Universities | | |

MEMBERSHIPS/HONORS

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| 1998-Present | <i>American Commodity Distribution Association</i> |
| | <i>American School Foodservice Association</i> |
| 1998-1999 | <i>Kensington Who's Who Directory of Executive and Professional Leaders</i> |
| 1996-2001 | <i>National Association for Female Executives</i> |
| 1996 | <i>2000 Notable American Women</i> |

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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|---|-------------------|
| 1998-Present | <i>Dallas, TX</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Mentoring Program, Christmas and Thanksgiving Benevolence, Helping Hands Projects, Fundraising Projects. | |



DAWNETTA MILLER
President
Collin County Gay & Lesbian Alliance

Dawnetta Miller is the Founder and President of the Collin County Gay & Lesbian Alliance (CCGLA); the first educational, social and political organization for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community in Collin County. In her first year with CCGLA, the organization has grown to over 115 members who include gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered individuals and heterosexuals. Under her leadership, CCGLA advocates equality, dignity and respect through education, political awareness and social interaction. CCGLA, which will celebrate its one year anniversary on June 2nd, now has four committees and has formed a foundation, the *Collin Equality Foundation*, which is the charitable arm of the organization. Future projects for the organization include a Collin County Business Network, Collin County Parenting Group and a Youth First Texas-Collin County chapter.

Ms. Miller has worked in the corporate sector for over nine years and has more than seven years experience as a sales manager. She is serving her last year of a three-year term on the industry advisory board of the Texas School Foodservice Association and is listed in the Kensington Who's Who Directory of Executive and Professional Leaders and in the 2000 Notable American Women.

A community activist, Ms. Miller is serving on the board of trustees of the Collin Equality Foundation and acting as coordinator for the Youth First Texas-Collin County chapter. She has served as co-chair of an AIDS Life Walk team which placed third in raising funds, served as a mentor of the Youth First Texas program, worked on a Dallas campaign, served as a moderator for a community organization and volunteered for programs through the church, such as the benevolence programs and helping hands projects including volunteer work at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

Dawnetta Miller received her Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College and her Master of Arts degree from Mankato State University in Minnesota. Ms. Miller is currently working on her Doctorate in Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Dallas.

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helped register voters.

The alliance is sponsoring four projects in the future, Miller said.

They are the Collin Equality Foundation, which is the charitable arm of the organization, the Collin County Business Network, the Collin County Parenting Group and the Youth First

Texas Collin County Chapter.

The alliance sponsors monthly mixers, picnics, potluck dinners and game nights. The organization is sponsoring a party barge outing on Lake Lewisville on July 24.

Information about the organization is available at ccgla.org.

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THOMAS

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gay man.

"I had a lot of learning to do," he said.

In 1999, Thomas released "Out In This World." It was the first CD where he identified himself as gay. For that reason, he said, "a lot of the content was about who I was and what it meant to be a gay person."

Thomas left his position as choir director of a Presbyterian church in Alabama last fall. Now he tours full-time as a gospel performer, traveling to churches and events around the country.

"It is a new thing for me, and it is a little bit of a leap of faith," he said. "Now I am totally supported by the churches and organizations I per-

"My first goal is to share my faith. That's the most important thing. Then I share my message about God's acceptance. I don't throw my sexuality in people's faces. But I don't hide it, either."

Shawn Thomas,
openly gay gospel performer

form for: I have been blessed."

Thomas said his sexuality, at least so far, has not limited his appeal to mainstream churches. In fact, he has been appearing in mainstream churches in an intentional effort to take his message to a wider audience.

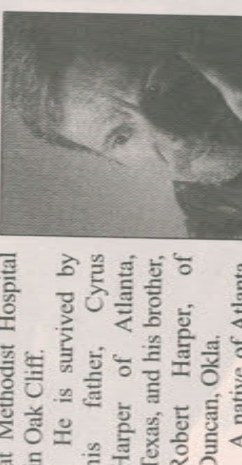
Although his partner, Dale Worley, was worried that Thomas would meet with resistance because he is gay, Thomas said, "We haven't had any problems yet."

"I don't take an aggressive stance. But I am very open and honest," he said. "Next week, I am performing at a Methodist church in a small town in Alabama. I won't go in there wearing a gay pride shirt.

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Deaths

Ronn A. (Harlowe) Harper, born Sept. 10, 1952, died of stomach cancer on May 14, 2004 at Methodist Hospital in Oak Cliff.



He is survived by his father, Cyrus Harper of Atlanta, Texas, and his brother, Robert Harper, of Duncan, Okla.

A native of Atlanta, Texas, Harper had recently become an active organizer for the Prime Timers in Dallas.

Harper was affectionately known as "Racine" during Halloween, and he thrived on his friendships and his love of movies.

ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE

As White Rock Community Church prepares to mark its 13th anniversary this weekend, the church is "more secure and more stable than it has ever been," said the Rev. James Walker, pastor.

"I have been here a little over two years. During that time, the church has become more and more centered on being a place of healing — physically, emotionally and spiritually," Walker said.

"We have adopted a new mission statement for the church. Our mission now is pointing people to Jesus through reaching, teaching and celebrating," Walker said.

"We have re-ordered all our ministries, committees and even our finances toward fulfilling that mission. I think it has made a real difference."

This weekend, Walker added, the congregation will celebrate not just 13 years as a church, but also "our continuing efforts to become better, healthier servants for the Lord."

The weekend celebration includes appearances by Cynthia Clawson, Shawn Thomas, Dale Worley, Tracy Townsend and Patti Clawson Berry. Here is the schedule of events for the church's anniversary celebration.

FRIDAY

- Praise Sing, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Workshops, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Community displays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Lunch, noon-1 p.m.
- Anniversary banquet, 6 p.m.
- Anniversary concert with Cynthia Clawson, 7:30 p.m. (Child care available 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; 7-9 p.m.)

SUNDAY

- Worship service, 10:45 a.m.
- All events and activities take place at the church complex, 9353 Garland Road in Dallas. For more information call 214-320-0043.

We just kind of have faith it will all work out," Thomas said.

Shawn Thomas will participate in White Rock Community Church's 13th anniversary celebration this weekend. For a schedule of events, see the shaded box on Page 12.

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TO PLACE A NOTICE

We print notices of deaths of members of the GLBT community at no fee. A questionnaire is available to assist in organizing the information. Certain information is required. The questionnaire can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed. Photos may be supplied as prints (color or B&W) (min. 150 dpi or better at 3X5). For more information, contact the senior editor by e-mail (editor@dallasvoice.com, 214-754-8710 ext. 113).

His Screen Actors Guild membership, that he be recognized as Ron Harper, whether Harlowe or Harper, he touched people deeply with his honest and so sarcastic approach to life.

He was mourned by more than 100 at a memorial service held at Forest I Home May 16. His spirit will be for