

# Speaker Profile: Samuel Holmes



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## Critical Hard Skills Needed to Stand Out





Build strong communication skills that enable you to collaborate with colleagues and do business with suppliers and customers. Effective technical writing, meeting facilitation and email communication are very essential.



### **Critical-Thinking Skills**

Inside and outside of the box thinking is required. Be prepared to develop, adjust, and carry out logistical plans. You must find ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency.



### **Problem-Solving Skills**

Be able to effectively handle unforeseen issues, such as delivery problems, and adjust plans as needed to resolve the issues.



### Organizational & Time Management Skills

You must be able to keep detailed records and simultaneously manage several projects in a fast-paced schedule environment. Time management is a very important skill.



### **Customer Service Skills**

You need to know the needs of the customer in order to coordinate the movement of materials between the supplier and customer. You gain this knowledge through listening to the customer and applying their knowledge of the products and systems to provide what is required.

## How to Prepare for Post Covid-19 Job Market



### Stay Healthy

Becoming infectious could worsen your health and financial security.



### Build a Social Media Presence

Create a robust LinkedIn profile to network. Utilize it to connect with people at companies you are interested in working and target hiring managers, HR and other relevant people.



## Continue to Increase Your Knowledge

By taking extra courses that compliment your degree and shoring up gaps in your skills, you will be set apart from the competition.



#### Be Flexible

Be open to jobs outside of your specific major that will challenge and provide opportunity for you to learn and grow. Consider exploring other industries outside of the normal industries.



### Find a Mentor/Trusted Advisor

Having a mentor/trusted advisor that you can lean on for career advise will help you navigate the current and future job market.

# How to Prepare for Post Covid-19..Cont.



## Enhance Your Job Application

Tailor you experience. This is not the time to submit a generic resume or cover letter. Let employers know instead why you are a good fit and why you are interested in the job.



### School Career Service is Vital Resource

School career advisors have multiple tools to draw from to help students develop a career search game plan.

Create a profile and subscribe to your school alumni career job list.



### Be a Global Citizen

Having a global mindset will set you apart from the crowd. Be aware of what is going on around the globe, especially the major economic blocs and read market and geopolitical news to stay well-informed.



### Be a Safety Leader

Understand the importance of safety to ensure that you can protect yourself and others.

# How to Diversify Your Career Portfolio

- Training / Workshop in different areas of logistics or related business fields such as:
  - Export / Import Trade Compliance
  - Transport Engineering
  - Software (Oracle, SAP, TMS, AutoCAD, Warehouse Management Systems)
  - Customs Brokerage / Marine Surveying / Quality Surveillance
  - Other relevant workshops (Contract Negotiation / Prime and Subcontract / Conflict Management)
- Obtain Relevant Certification
  - APICS
  - Scrum
  - Six Sigma
  - PMP (Professional Project Management)
- Obtain an Advance Degree (MBA) if you can afford it
  - General Business
  - Leadership / Operations
  - Finance / Management



# Potential Employers (companies)

### **Project Logistics Companies**

### **Specialized Heavy Haul Carriers:**

- Mammoet /Emmert
- Barnhart / Roll Lift
- Contractor Cargo

### **Project Forwarders:**

- deugro USA / Geodis
- DSV / UTC Overseas
- Agility (Energy Solutions)
- DHL Project Forwarding | Kuehne Nagel

### **Break-bulk-Ocean:**

- Intermarine / Maersk /MSC
- BBC Chartering / NYK Logistics

# **Energy, Tech & Consumer Goods Companies Exploration Companies**:

- Chevron
- Dow
- BP / Conoco Phillips
- Exxon / Shell
- Anadarko
- Total
- Saudi Aramco

### **EPCM:**

- Kiewit / Wood Plc
- Fluor/Technip
- Bechtel / CB&I
- Worley / KBR

### Retails/Tech/ Consumer Goods

- Apple /Amazon/ Sysco Food / Randall's / HEB

# Department / Typical Positions

### **Energy Service Department**

- EPC/M Departments:
  - Purchasing / Buyer
  - Expediting
  - Procurement Interface
  - Logistics / Transportation
  - Subcontracts
- Project Forwarder
  - Operations
  - Project Sales
  - Business Development
  - Proposal
  - Freight Management (all modes)
  - Transport Engineering
  - Chartering

## **Typical Positions**

- Logistics / Project Analyst
- Supply Chain Analyst
- Logistics Manager
- Project Sales
- HSSE
- Import / Export Compliance
- Field Coordinator
- Transport Engineering
- Sourcing Analyst
- Project Coordinator
- Interface Coordinator
- Buyer
- Expeditor
- Subcontractors
- Project Sales
- Dispatcher
- Warehouse Supervisor

# Summary

- Be Positive
- Build a robust LinkedIn profile and leverage your network
- Use this time to build and/or improve hard & soft skills
- Tailor your experience to why you need the job
- Find a mentor/trusted advisor and leverage that relationship to guide you through this crisis
- Stay up-to-date with current national and global events-market and geopolitical news

## **PURSUE YOUR PASSION...**

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