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Torri Hicks joins the Painting & Disaster Restoration Academy as Academy Director

November 22, 2021 (West Bloomfield, MI) – The Painting & Disaster Restoration Academy, which provides training for high school students, Veterans, and others looking for a career in the fast-growing, high-demand construction industry, announces that Torri Hicks has joined as its new Academy Director. Torri will be responsible for contractor company memberships, student enrollment and sponsorship acquisitions.

Torri founded *YouthNique*, a Nonprofit Management Company in Atlanta, Georgia where she created its brand, strategic plan, processes, evaluation plans and built strong alliances with city and state officials to help startup companies in the area. She has also worked with *Hands on Atlanta* where she trained and managed AmeriCorps members and supervisors at 13 Atlanta Public Schools expanding their program services resulting in a 90% improvement in student academic performance.

“I am so excited to have Torri join our team,” stated Kimberly Oderkirk, CEO and Administrator of the Academy. “With her energetic and visionary leadership skills, Torri will help the Academy grow to its potential, which in turn will grow the craftsman workforce so needed in the construction industry.”

For more information, visit www.pdr.academy.

About Us

Through recruitment, training and placement, the online Painting & Disaster Restoration Academy will increase skilled craft workforce in safety, painting, and disaster restoration industries by encouraging high school students, Veterans and others to consider these fields for careers.

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