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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major: Computer Animation, Minor: Business of Art and Design - May 2026

ANIMATION / CG GENERALISM EXPERIENCE

Computer Animator / CG Generalist, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Aug 2022 - Present

- Planned all aspects of modeling and animating a 10-20 second short, including designing characters, staging shots through layout, developing a story with thumbnails, researching to have cohesive look development.
- Developed characters and environments by modeling, texturing, rigging, lighting, and compositing.
- Animated characters, props, and set in pose-to-pose animation that have become fully rendered shorts.

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Treasurer of Ringling's Women in Animation (WIA), *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Aug 2024 – Present

- Managed financial operations, including budgeting, tracking expenses, and organizing fundraising initiatives.
- Organized speaker events and networking meetings to foster building community within the animation industry.

Event Manager, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, May 2023 – Present

- Organized and successfully executed new social and cultural events for students by handling all aspects including: coordinating with vendors and event managers, and managing detailed budgets efficiently.
- Planned and led social discussion meetings to communicate event plans and recruit volunteers.

Orientation Coordinator, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Mar 2024 – Sep 2024

- Worked in a team to lead group interviews and organize and manage Orientation Leader training.
- Led and trained a team of 25 Orientation Leaders, planned and set up large-scale events, and created spreadsheets to schedule shifts.

LEADERSHIP / COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE

Assistant Art Instructor, *Creative Corner of Plainsboro*, July 2024, Dec 2019 - Mar 2020

- Provided students individualized support and mentorship on traditional artistic techniques to foster creativity, self-expression, and artistic growth to students of various skill levels.
- Assisted with lesson planning, class demonstrations, preparing materials, organizing supplies and maintaining a creative and inclusive learning environment.

Orientation Leader, *Ringling College of Art and Design*, Aug 2023

- Coordinated meetings, social activities and held discussions to assist transition to campus, adapted plans and agendas for unforeseen circumstances, and communicate consistently with students about events and meetings.
- Organized and guided campus tours for over 500 new students and families to ease transition to campus.

Varsity Field Hockey Captain, *West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North*, July 2021 - Nov 2021

- Organized workouts and team-activities to promote work ethic, enhance skills, and encourage camaraderie.
- Resolved on and off field conflicts, communicated on behalf of a diverse team of athletes.

AWARDS

2022 Leadership in the Arts Award, *West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North*

- Given to two students who exhibited leadership qualities in the artistic field.

2022 Charlie Lee Memorial Sportsmanship Award, *Colonial Valley Conference*

- Recognition given to for possessing qualities of good citizenship, principles of ethics, and fair play while representing their school and community.

SKILLS

Proficient in: Autodesk Maya, Nuke, ZBrush, Adobe Substance 3D Painter, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, 3dCoat, Procreate, Illustrator, Handbrake, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Workspace