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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL,
Bachelor's of Fine Arts, Major: Computer Animation, Minor: Business of Art and Design - May 2026

ANIMATION/CG GENERALISM EXPERIENCE

Animator/CG Generalist, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, Aug 2022 - Present

- Planned all aspects of modeling and animating a short, including designing characters, developing a story with thumbnails, researching indoor and outdoor lighting
- Developed characters and environments by modeling, texturing, rigging, and compositing
- Animated characters, props, and set in pose-to-pose animation

PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Event Manager, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, 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

Event Coordinator, Wicoff House Museum Youth Council, Plainsboro, NJ - Sep 2018 - Nov 2021

- Researched town's history using archives to improve authenticity of community events
- Organized social/educational community events for families to spread knowledge of the town's history

Assisting Art Teacher, Creative Corner of Plainsboro, Plainsboro, NJ, Dec 2019 - Mar 2020

- Assisted in planning and implementing lessons to foster creativity and self-expression
- Provided students individualized support and mentorship on traditional artistic techniques

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Orientation Leader, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, Aug 2023 - Sep 2023

- Coordinated meetings, social activities, and held discussions to assist transition to campus
- Organized and guided campus tours, shared knowledge about academic facilities, residence halls, and campus opportunities

Student Ambassador, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, Sep 2023 - Present

- Hosted recruiters, donors and guests at the 2023 Catalyst for Creativity Campaign Announcement Reception
- Directed prospective and current students and families across campus and spoke with guests about Ringling's academic programs and campus community

Varsity Field Hockey Captain, WWP High School North, Plainsboro, NJ, Aug 2021 - Nov 2021

- Organized workouts and team-activities amongst grade levels to promote work ethic, enhanced on-field skills, and encouraged camaraderie
- Resolved on and off field conflicts, communicated on behalf of a diverse team of athletes

AWARDS

2022 Leadership in the Arts Award, High School North

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

2022 Charlie Lee Memorial Sportsmanship Award, High School North - Colonial Valley Conference

- Recognition given to one female athlete who possessed good sportsmanship

SKILLS

Proficient in: Autodesk Maya, Nuke, Substance Painter, ZBrush, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Procreate, Adobe Illustrator, Handbrake