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Summary

I am a highly motivated, creative individual with a passion for art and design, both graphic and UX/UI. As a recent college graduate, I am excited to begin my professional career in a position where I can contribute my passion and creativity to the company. I am an active team player with skills in leadership and mentorship. I also have skills in data analytics and reporting.

Skills

- Software: Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, InDesign), Microsoft Office 360 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc; on both Mac and PC), Figma, Sketch
- Design Basics: Layout, Typography, Color, Composition, UI design, etc.
- UX Design Fundamentals: Research, Information Architecture (Card Sorting), Wireframing and Prototyping, etc.
- Drawing/Illustration: Character Design, Anatomy, Perspective, Composition, etc.

Education

August 2015-May 2019: San Jose State University

San Jose, California
Art/Design Studies Major

Related courses:

- Visual Principles
- Animation Fundamentals
- Illustration Fundamentals
- Intro to Marketing

November-December 2019: De Anza College Online Courses

- Intro to Video Game Design
- Designing Effective Websites

May-July 2020: General Assembly Online Courses

- UX Design (2 courses; self-led and meeting style respectively)

Work Experience

July 2019-Present: Freelance Artist

- Designing cards for families, flyers for church events, portraits and illustrations. Created lineart for coloring contests. Creating and editing videos for special events (trips, graduations, tributes, birthdays, etc).

June-August 2018: Video Game Design Instructor, Freshi Media

- Taught young kids basic video game design, including asset creation and bug testing. Was responsible for making sure the games got delivered to the kids' homes. Also taught character design and basic keyframe animation. Encouraged students to create unique designs and cohesive stories.

June-August 2017: Filmmaking Instructor, IncrediFlix.

- Developed filmmaking (live-action/stop motion) skills in myself and young children. Assisted in video/footage editing for faster completion.

June-August 2016: Summer Intern at Customer Success Organization, Equinix, Inc.

- Streamlined work and processes by organizing data. Worked with Excel reporting tools (eg. Pivot tables, charts, etc) needed by CSM managers, in order to best serve internal customer service needs. Created clean, aesthetically pleasing wiki pages. Lead training/presentation in wiki usage for internal stakeholders.

Other Achievements/Volunteering

- **Ongoing:** Part of St. George Coptic Church's event coordination team for Sunday School kids. Experience in creating brochures, planning schedules, and making sure events run smoothly.
- Placed third in 2015 Ford challenge; was part of the animation team on an app design project, in which we suggested a solution to Brazil's traffic problem.
- Attracted congregation members to churches by creating specialty flyers and postcards, videos and presentations for events and services. (St. George Coptic Church, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church)
- Leadership volunteer with children; City of Sunnyvale, Sunday School, Church choir,

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