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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL

BFA, Major: Illustration with Visual Development focus; Minor: Creative Writing - May 2025

Surface Common Core, U.S Navy Center for Surface Combat Systems Unit, Great Lakes, IL

Honor Graduate of Class 19-030, November 2nd, 2018

EXHIBITIONS & HONORS

National Society of Leadership and Success, Ringling College of Art and Design, Spring 2023

Nominated as a presidential member based on quality academic performance

Thirteenth Annual Student Show Finalist, MADEBY Gallery, Fall 2022

Displayed Pen and Ink illustration and sold to private collector

Best of Ringling Finalist, Ringling College of Art and Design, Spring 2022

Recognized in top 50 illustration finalists for sculpture titled "Forest Guardian of Axolotia."

Dean's Scholarship, Ringling College of Art and Design, Fall 2021

Earned based on portfolio and application submitted upon admission

CONCEPT ART AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visual Development Artist, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, August 2023 – Present

- Create orthographic views, turnarounds, prop designs, and concept illustrations using a cohesive design language for use in the context of larger projects
- Practice an iterative and collaborative design process that involves research, design, planning, and construction based on project needs, industry workflows, and classroom feedback

VA Resource Liaison, Ringling Center of Diversity and Inclusion, Sarasota, FL, October 2023 – Present

- Support student veterans and dependents registered with Ringling College and provide veteran-specific cultural competency training
- Design and coordinate educational and resource materials for programs, events, and social justice & art initiatives to foster an inclusive campus climate

Youth Experiencing Art Co-Teacher, Wilkinson Elementary, Sarasota, FL, September 2022 – May 2023

- Provided character and botany-focused art instruction that aligned with K-12 learning outcomes
- Compiled and finished a sensory garden journal featuring student artwork

Fashion Designer, FRESCO, Sarasota, FL, September 2022 - December 2022

- Conceptualized and constructed an outfit made of upcycled materials
- Raised awareness of the environmental impact of the fashion industry

Seaman Apprentice Active Duty, U.S Navy, San Diego, CA, July 2018 - October 2019

- Stationed at Beach Master Unit 1.
- Prepared amphibious vehicles for movement, according to the instruction, resulting in safe operation.
- Completed service under honorable discharge.

ART & COMPUTER SKILLS

Working knowledge: Adobe Suite, Zbrush, Blender, Clip Studio Paint, Procreate, Microsoft Office, Google Docs, Costume & Jewelry making, Woodshop, and Laser Digital fabrication