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EDUCATION____

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation, Minor in Film Studies

Graduation Year: May 2026 Sarasota, Florida

ANIMATION / VISUAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE _

Directed, Wrote, Designed, Produced, and Animated Short Film, Blue Bee Studios

San Iuan. PR- Aua 2020 - Feb 2022

- •Wrote, developed, and animated two films, North and Dust Bunnies, and submitted them to the Ponte Los Cortos International Film Festival.
 - Developed an initial concept for the story, then designed the characters and environment.
 - Produced storyboards and final, focusing on the character's emotions.
 - Advertised film, marketing it and selling tickets for our screening at the festival: selling 300 tickets total.

Animation and Visual Development, Ringing College of Art and Design

Sarasota, FL, Aug 2022 - Current

- Current student studying Computer Animation at Ringling.
 - Develop character designs and short-sequence ideas implemented in the final project.
 - Adapt short sequences of fully modeled, textured, animated, and rendered scenes.
 - Provide and receive feedback to classmates, collaborating in improving each other's skills.

COMMISSIONED EXPERIENCE

Commissioned Graphic Designer, Colegio San Jose

Rio Piedras, PR - Aug 2019 - Aug 2021

- •Designed logos for the Colegio San Jose for three years, used to make stickers, posters, and banners for all the classes and school events.
 - Pitched design proposals to the coordinators of class activities successfully.
 - Implemented desired concept into design, produced it using Procreate and Adobe Illustrator.

Commissioned Illustrator, Academia Maria Reina

San Juan, PR - Aug 2021 - May 2022

- •Illustrated cover art for the school newspaper
 - Pitched cover art proposal to the club and teacher advisor successfully.
 - Assembled cover based on the theme of the articles.
 - Achieved appealing design that caught the eyes of the viewer and clearly stated the subject of the month.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Co-President of Blue Bee Studios, Academia Maria Reina

San Juan, PR - Aug 2019 - May 2022

- •Co-lead a student-run production group that developed films to enter our local film festival, Ponte Los Cortos International Film Festival.
 - Designed stickers, hats, and posters to promote the Studio's activities.
 - Delegated tasks to different members.
 - Managed task load for the different movies we were producing.
 - Oversaw productions run by the younger students, instructed them how to coordinate and distribute tasks.
 - Coordinated with our advisor and the festival's coordinator to make sure we were on track.
 - Set up a marketing strategy for our studio.

President of Art Club, Academia Maria Reina

San Juan, PR - Aug 2020 - May 2022

- •Lead Art Club, meetings every week open to the whole student body.
 - Assembled student events that promoted a love of art in the student body.
 - Built bulletin boards dedicated to promoting the club and celebrating monthly holidays.
 - Directed club meetings, taught students how to do a variety of crafts that could be used in their day-to-day lives.

VOLUNTEERISM_

Volunteer, Rockin' Reader Program at Bay Haven Elementary

Sarasota FL - Mar 2024 - Current

- •Read aloud on campus with the same kindergarten student throughout the school year.
 - Help close the vocabulary gap by guiding students in their weekly reading.
 - Inspire a love for reading in young kids.
 - Increase student life skills, self-esteem, and confidence through mentoring.

AWARDS/HONORS_

- Best Animated Film at Ponte Los Cortos International Film Festival 2021 - 2022
- National Hispanic Recognition Award 2022

- AP Scholar Award 2022
- President's Lis at Ringling College Art and Design, 2022-2023

SKILLS

Advanced working knowledge with Maya, Premiere Pro, Substance 3D Painter, Z Brush, Nuke, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and MS Office **Basic knowledge** of Toon Boom Animation

Fluent in both Spanish and English