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EDUCATION

Ball State University

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Major in Art

Concentration in Animation

HONORS & AWARDS

Regional Emmy Nomination

Short Format Program

Informational/Entertainment

The Loading Zone - "Prosthetics"

2019

Outstanding Senior Award in Animation

Ball State University

2020

EXPERIENCE

BOOK BUDDY MEDIA

2022 – PRESENT

Freelance Illustrator & Project Manager

- Creates high quality digital artwork for a variety of education focused children's books and materials.
- Collaborates with clients from conceptual design to final product to effectively bring their visions to life.
- Helps organize project contractors and acts as a point of contact to communicate project goals and feedback.

LEBASSE PROJECTS

NOV 2020 – AUG 2022

Assistant Project Manager

- Partnered with the Director of LBP in managing the development of public modern art installations and experiential activations.
- Aided in identifying key project goals and developing strategies to deliver innovative, impactful public art.
- Facilitated community outreach to collect feedback and encourage engagement in defining project direction.
- Collaborated with civic partners to draft detailed master plans and guidelines.
- Reviewed and curated artist portfolios to provide candidate pools for selection committees.
- Acted as the primary correspondent for contracted artists and installers.
- Provided design support for presentation decks, conceptual art, and development mockups.

DIGITAL CORPS

JAN 2017 – MAY 2020

Design Master & Junior Project Manager

- Worked as the co-creator, lead designer, and lead animator of "The Loading Zone", an Emmy-nominated series of sixty second long interstitials for Indiana Public Broadcasting.
- Created the series with the achieved goal of educating PBS Kids viewers about science and technology in an engaging and approachable way.
- Managed all aspects of pre-production and animation production.
- Successfully organized multidisciplinary teams through creative collaboration on additional web and video projects.
- Led team and client meetings to coordinate progress towards project milestones and deadlines.

BALL STATE ANIMATION

AUG 2019 – APR 2020

Short Film Director

- Directed the Ball State University Animation Department's senior class film "Nothing Personal".
- Worked with the team of animation students to achieve artistic goals and oversaw all phases of the production pipeline.