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Skills

Technical: graphic design, 2D frame by frame animation, digital art, drawing, painting, creative writing, technical writing, video editing, photography, point of sale, 2D cutout animation, 3D animation, 3D modeling, 2D and 3D character rigging, printmaking, woodworking, web design (HTML, CSS, JavaScript), file formatting, book development, prepress, print production, augmented reality, mathematics, calculus, music, robotics, data management, analysis and visualization, biology lab research
Software: Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, InDesign, Premiere), Figma, Toon Boom Harmony, OpenToonz, Procreate, Procreate Dreams, Clip Studio Paint, Cinema 4D, Maya, Blender, Fusion 360, Unity, Arduino, Wix, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)
Soft Skills: Concepting, time management, problem solving, communication, organization, leadership, networking, promotion, entrepreneurship

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major: Art - Digital Animation and Motion, Minor: Biology, May 2023
GPA: 3.92, Summa Cum Laude Graduate, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA
GPA: 4.0, Biology minor, science, and mathematics courses

Experience

Freelance Graphic Designer and Illustrator, 2018-present

Lead Visual Artist for *Jupiter's Ghost*, a 29-page comic book produced by TGDC production house, under the supervision of visual artist Milan Medvec and writer Tani Gill, 2024-2025

- Designed the character of Jupiter 101
- Inked, colored, and lettered interior pages
- Created the cover illustration
- Formatted the pages for printing and digital publishing

Flyer for Paramount Health and Fitness LLC, 2024

- illustration, typography, layout

Logo for AGL Aerial Solutions LLC, 2024

- logo design, color guide, file formatting

Design for T-shirt, Thibodaux Regional Swim Team, 2023

Nicholls Opera Poster, 2018

Author/Illustrator, Owner of Screaming Fish Comics, 2021-present

Black Shadow: The Beginning graphic novel and comic book series *Black Shadow and The Protectors*

Character design, art, script, lettering, book formatting

AR (augmented reality) cards for comic series

Ran a successful Kickstarter campaign, 2024

- Designed web page, trailer, and promotional banners and bookmarks

Selling books and art at Louisiana comic conventions, 2021-present

Promotion, sales, networking with other creators

Freelance 2D Animator and Illustrator, 2022-present

- character designs, storyboards, frame by frame animation in OpenToonz, Procreate Dreams, and Toon Boom Harmony
- animated comic book pages for Kickstarter campaign trailer using After Effects and Photoshop

2D Animation Intern, CardSnacks, Summer 2022

Concepts and looping 2D animations for ecard covers published in the app

SEA-PHAGES Biology Lab, 2019

Collected, isolated, cultivated, extracted and analyzed a bacteriophage, 2019

Collected and amplified phage lysates to analyze and view under a transmission electron microscope

Analyzed and visualized data using Excel

Highest titer (lysate concentration) of all phages collected in the lab

Other Training and Experience

Comics Projects – School of Visual Arts continuing education course by Carl Potts, 2024

Mastering Motion – Frame-by-frame animation course by Howard Wimshurst, 2021-present

Art Deco Lettering Workshop – Hand lettering masterclass by Matthijs Herzberg, 2020

Assembled and programmed Arduino-based MBot robot car

Assembled a Parallax-based ActivityBot robot car

Designed and printed 3D models for a chess set queen and a car body for a miniature RC car

Designed a PC-based game, including character motions and walk cycle

Piano, violin, harp – music theory, performance, competition, orchestra

Academic Honors and Awards

President's Scholarship, Nicholls State University, 2018-2022

University of Louisiana System Academic Summit, 2022

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

Art Exhibitions and Awards

Variation, Nicholls State University Senior Capstone Exhibition, April 2023

Nicholls State University Annual Juried Exhibition, 2020-2022

2022 – Best in Show, Graphic Design

First Place, Animation and Motion

First Place, Printmaking

Outstanding Research Paper, Art History

2021 – First Place, Digital Art

Honorable mention, Animation

Best Overall Art History Paper

2020 – First Place, Digital Art

First Place, Graphics 1

First Place, 200 Level Art History Paper

Organizational Membership

Founding Member, Vice-President, President, Secretary – Nicholls Animation Guild, 2021-2023

Member of Graphic Design Student Association, 2020-2023

Member of Nicholls Art Club, 2019-2023

Member of Colonel Catholics, 2019-2023

Member of the Bayou Rowing Association, 2023-present

Member of U.S. Masters Swimming, 2019-present

Volunteer Work

Bayou Lafourche Clean-Up – riding in a boat to remove trash from the bayou, 2024

Nicholls Art Works – 2D animation demo, 2022, 2023

Nicholls Art Department High School Day – 2D animation demo, 2022; judge for art history papers, 2019

Dane Ledet Art Gallery – hanging artwork, 2019-2023