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Relevant Work Experience

Innovative Learning Group

Media Developer

2018 - Present

- -Animated motion graphics educational shorts.
- -Designed interactive training courses.

Jackson Dawson Communications

Visual Artist

2017 - 2018

- -Modeled, rigged, and animated automobiles for virtual reality experiences.
- -Animated various props and physics simulations.
- -Designed environments and props.
- -Worked Quality Assurance to test various project builds.

Education

Animation Mentor

Class 4 - Class 6

2019 - 2020

- -Trained under the following mentors:
 - Class 4: David Tart (Pixar)
 - Class 5: Greg Whittaker (Dreamworks)
 - Class 6: Jean-Denis Haas (ILM)

Eastern Michigan University

Bachelors in 3D Animation. 3.98 GPA 2015 - 2017

- -Awarded Outstanding Student in Department of Technology
- -Awarded Dean's List Every Semester

Washtenaw Community College

Associates in 3D Animation. 3.96 GPA 2012 - 2015

-Awarded Dean's List Every Semester

References

Greg Whittaker

Senior Animator, Dreamworks Animation (818) 231-8617 GWhitta169@aol.com

Bryce Gore

Animation Professor, Bradley University (734) 972-3551 rbgore@bradley.edu

Randy Van Wagnen

Head of Digital Media Arts, WCC (517) 740-0206 rvanwagnen@wccnet.edu

Skills

Most proficient in Maya; quick to adapt to new software.

Specialized in 3D Animation, and competent in rigging and modeling.

Able to act truthfully and create convincing performances.

Sufficient understanding of the animation pipeline.

Able to polish baked or mocap animation.

Competent communication skills. Able to function well with a team. Asks insightful questions.

Responds extremely well to criticism.

Able to problem-solve technical hiccups.

Passionate for dramatic storytelling.