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## EDUCATION

### **ANIMATION -DIGITAL PRODUCTION ADVANCED DIPLOMA**

2017-2020

Durham College, Oshawa, ON

- Cumulative GPA of 4.86 out of 5.0, highest ranking graduate and on the President's Honour Roll.
- Developed a strong understanding of the Principles of Animation and their applications.
- Established a knowledge in various computer programs and efficient workflows within the programs.
- Consistently met deadlines while maintaining a high quality of work.

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

### **3D JUNIOR ANIMATOR, Elliott Animation**

October 2020-present

Toronto, ON

- Animate a variety of shots on the YouTube and television series, Lucas the Spider. Shots include both performance and action shots, with one to four characters.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, MRC Studio**

January 2020-March 2020

Oshawa, ON

- Researched the uses and limits of the technology within the Mixed-Reality Capture Room, specifically motion capture systems. Roles involved recording motion-capture data, data clean-up, and final video production.

### **PEER TUTOR, Durham College**

October 2018-April 2020

Oshawa, ON

- Developed unique activities and lessons that were applicable and useful for the student in growing their understanding of subjects such as 3D Animation, Modeling and Rigging, and Life Drawing.

### **SERVER, Milestones Grill and Bar**

August 2016-October 2020

Whitby, ON

- Managed a large section of tables during the rush hour of a busy restaurant, while upholding a positive experience for the guests.
- Consistently communicated and supported other staff members to ensure the best experience for the restaurant guests.

**ANIMATION INSTRUCTOR, Summer Shorts Creative Workshops**  
Oshawa, ON

Summer 2018, 2019

- Created and developed a fun, yet instructional curriculum for teenagers aged 13-18 to discover and learn the art of animation in both 2D and 3D programs.
- Collaborated with other instructors to manage and instruct the group in an exciting and educational way.

**ANIMATOR, Durham College**  
Oshawa, ON

May 2019-August 2019

- Managed a contract with the Durham Regional Police to animate scenes for their Police Appreciation Dinner & Awards Night. Upheld regular communication with the client, and produced storyboards, animatics, and completed 2D scenes in a timely manner.
- Created multiple promotional animations to be used for the Summer Shorts Creative Workshops social media.

**DRAWING INSTRUCTOR, Town of Whitby**  
Whitby, ON

September 2018-March 2019

- Developed and instructed an entertaining curriculum to teach drawing to children ages 6-12, while providing a positive space focused on exercising the students' creativity.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, TAAFI**  
Toronto, ON

January 2021-August 2022

- Recruit, schedule, train and manage the STAAFI during the TAAFI events.
- Actively give feedback and participate in TAAFI event planning.

**STUDENT AMBASSADOR AND STAAFI, TAAFI**  
Toronto, ON

May 2018-March 2020

- Acted as Durham College's Student Ambassador for TAAFI from January 2019-January 2020. This role involved communicating and advertising all of the TAAFI events to my peers and taking on multiple roles during the events.
- Assisted with various tasks including registration, social media, material distribution and photography at the TAAFI events.

## SKILLS

- Proficient in Autodesk Maya, Toon Boom Harmony, Toon Boom Storyboard Pro, Adobe Creative Cloud, Substance Painter and ZBrush.
- Strong understanding of the animation pipeline, including blocking and polishing a scene.
- Confident working in fast-paced environments while upholding an excellent work quality.
- Excellent time-management skills to meet deadlines.
- Strong communication abilities vital to teamwork.
- Self-motivated with a drive to solve problems.
- Enthusiastic to continually find new learning opportunities.
- A consistent positive attitude and work ethic.