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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design August 2022 - May 2027
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

- GPA: 3.78
- University Honors Program

- **Exchange Student at Chiba University 千葉大学**
  Chiba University, Chiba, Japan October 2025 - January 2026
  - Service & Product Design
  - Japanese language study

High School Diploma August 2018 - May 2022
Stivers School for the Arts, Dayton, OH

- GPA: 3.8

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Industrial Design Intern January 2026 - December 2026
Enerpac Tool Group, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- Collaborated across 3 different departments and 2 different countries to achieve proficient end products with professional engineering, supply chain, and marketing consideration
- Used a combination of 3D FDM printing, traditional hand and tool modeling, and Wacom Cintiq Sketchbook ideation skills to explore designs for the best final product
- Collaborated with a team of 6 industrial designers and UX/UI designers to receive other options and considerations on design output

Model Maker Intern May 2025 - August 2025
Crown Equipment Corporation, New Bremen, OH

- Assisted in the fabrication of 1:25, 1:5, and 1:1 scale models of various material-handling mobility products
- Used woodshop machine tools to fabricate large scale structures of wooden models
- Utilized high-volume, low-pressure (HVLP) paint guns for lacquer painting large 3D prints and wood models.
- Operated & maintained SLA printers, printed and finished out resin and PETG parts.

Edited professional level engineering models in SolidWorks to prepare for 3D printing.

Digital Toy Sculptor January 2024 - December 2024
Eleventyplex, Cincinnati, OH

- Developed 2D artist concepts of toy sets and figures to digital 3D mesh models prepared for mass-manufacturing.
- Created proprietary digital sculptures with intellectual properties (like Star Wars, Hello Kitty, Adopt Me, etc.) from various clients such as Hasbro, Jazwares, Spinmaster, and many more.
- Functioned on a small team of 2-3 other digital sculptors in a fast-paced environment on upwards of 8 projects at one time.
- Prepared models for 1:1 scale painted prototypes using SLA resin printing.

Floor Sales Employee August 2023 – December 2023
Ace Hardware Clifton, Cincinnati, OH

- Aided customers in product options and procedures for a wide variety of hardware inquiries
- Stocked the shelves of the store after a shipment
- Cut glass to customer needs

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Orientation Office Staff Member May 2024 - Current
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

- Answer calls and emails from committed but unenrolled students and families inquiring about the university
- Schedule Orientation sessions and other various appointments regarding college enrollment
- Give virtual presentations and lead online meetings for international students
- Transport materials across campus for the Orientation office
- Create promotional content for university events and social media

Resident Advisor August 2024 - May 2025
University of Cincinnati Resident Education and Education, Cincinnati, OH

- Represented the university as a point of contact and mentor to students living in residence halls
- Executed monthly communications and bi-weekly events for residents, collaborating with the other resident advisors on an event once a month
- Resolved conflict between residents concerning their personal struggles and relationships with one another
- Maintained a 24-hr overnight point of emergency contact to residents at least once of week, serving "on-call" to handle urgent conflict

Student Orientation Leader January 2023 - August 2023

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

- Lead orientation for committed students and families at the University of Cincinnati
- Gave tours and answered various inquiries about enrollment procedures and campus life
- Received over a month of trainings regarding PR, DEI, conflict resolution, campus history, and more.

EXHIBITIONS

"Questionable Aesthetics" Showcase August 2026

The Mockbee, Cincinnati, OH

- A show with over 15 other students displaying experimental, discursive designs

"Zumbi's Solo Show" October 2022 – November 2022

Front Street Art, Dayton, OH

- A solo exhibition of over 20 original paintings and sculptures showcasing high school work

SKILLS

Analog:

- Basic woodworking
- Prototyping
- Model-making
- FDM Printing
- SLA Printing
- Welding
- Cold metalworking
- Oil painting
- Sketching
- Illustration
- Logo creation
- Flyer creation

Software:

- SolidWorks
- Autodesk Fusion360
- Blender
- KeyShot
- Siemens NX
- Sketchbook Pro
- Miro
- Canva
- Maxon ZBrush
- Microsoft Teams
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Photoshop