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Objective

Experienced creator with an emphasis on previsualization and animation seeks to apply skills and experience towards the further pursuit of story making.

Education

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

Jan 2023 – May 2026

B.A., Visual Arts - Animation

Ivy Tech Community College, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

Associate Degree, General Studies

Skills

- Maya – 3D animating
- Toonboom - storyboarding
- Adobe aftereffects
- Adobe photoshop
- Adobe premiere pro
- Creative writing
- Video and audio editing
- Clerical experience – data entry, customer service

Experience

**“Pet Project” and “Love Blooms” Short Films
Ball State University**

January – December 2025

- Designed the main character for Pet Project and several background characters for Love Blooms
- Animated and lighted various scenes in Maya, notably the transformation scenes in Pet Project

Educational Intern

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

May – August 2025

- Led tours and summer camp days, ensured the safety of both animals and people
- Was a docent during general admission days, educating and corralling 100-300 people over 6 hours
- Went out of way to learn from vet staff in order to be more accurate and educational

Guest Services/Hospitality Intern

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

May – August 2024

- Regularly stocked and arranged the gift shop to be pleasing and orderly
- Managed data entry of hundreds of membership applicants, incoming donations, etc.
- Crafted educational papers, sale signs, event signs, etc.
- Often took full responsibility of the gift shop during rush hour

Theatre Backgrounds

Fort Wayne Dance Collective

June 2022

- Created two digital theatre backgrounds, incorporating themes and requirements for “Perspectives” family sensory-friendly concert