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WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant CAD Print Designer

Carter's, Atlanta, GA

07/2024 - Present

- Design trend-driven prints across 4+ programs for baby boy apparel, achieving an 80% placement rate in seasonal collections.
- Prepare concept presentations and incorporate feedback from cross-functional teams (CFT) to align designs with consumer trends and sales data.
- Ensure production accuracy by reviewing print placements, validating color chips, and managing execution standards in Miro line sheets and Flex PLM.
- Conduct trend research and market analysis, introducing innovative design techniques to elevate collections.

Illustrator

NOW Art LA x Walmart Inc., Remote

01/2024 - Present

 Design culturally significant entryway murals for Walmart, conducting research and delivering artwork on tight deadlines to reflect local communities' heritage.

Freelance Designer and Illustrator

Self-Employed, Remote

01/2019 - Present

 Design vibrant artwork for stationery, apparel, and editorial projects, blending traditional techniques with Adobe Suite expertise and skills in screenprinting, pattern-making, print design, graphic design, and illustration.

Print Design Projects x SCADPro

Yunus Textile Mills Limited, Savannah, GA 03/2024 - 06/2024

- Designed trend-focused repeat patterns and prints for Gen Z bedding, ensuring alignment with client branding to create a cohesive textile collection.
- Led the Trend Research Team, fashion, interior, and fine arts forecasts to shape design strategies.
- Delivered results on tight deadlines, collaborating with a 20-member interdisciplinary team.

Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America, Savannah, GA 10/2023

- Developed exclusive stationery and merchandise for Hyundai's VIP guest events, emphasizing sustainability values and brand heritage.
- Produced polished deliverables within a 3-day timeline, collaborating with an interdisciplinary group of 5 designers.

Marketing Illustrator

Black Women Stitch, Remote

05/2023 - 07/2023

 Illustrated marketing campaign assets focused on Black liberation and social justice, aligning visuals with company messaging and target audience insights.

EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art and Design BFA - Illustration, Minor in Surface Design

Savannah GA, 09/2020 - 06/2024

- GPA: 4.0 | Dean's List (2020-2024)
- Summa Cum Laude June 2024

SKILLS

Hard Skills: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe After Effects, Microsoft Suite, Procreate, Miro

Soft Skills: Color Theory, Organization, Collaboration, Trend Research, Creative Thinking, Attention to Detail, Illustration Techniques, Print and Pattern Design

Languages: Spanish, English

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SCAD Swing Jam Winner Savannah College of Art and Design

Life Drawing Competition, 2023

UGA Flora and Fauna Exhibit ArtistUGA Aquarium

Exhibited a nature-inspired pattern illustration, now part of the UGA Aquarium's Permanent Collection, 2023

SCAD Drawing Works Exhibition

Savannah College of Art and Design

Selected amongst 700+ applicants for two consecutive years, 2022–2023

SCAD Foundations Honors Show

Savannah College of Art and Design

1st Place Figure Drawing Award, 2021

VOLUNTEER WORK

Muralist

Living Angels Foundation, Cayey, PR

10/2018 - 01/2019

Collaborated with a team of 20 to design and paint a mural honoring children battling cancer, showcasing collaboration and community impact.