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Filming at PSU

21 messages

Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>
To: "Wilmore@pdx.edu" <wilmore@pdx.edu>

Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 3:44 PM

Hey William, would you be able to meet at PSU on Wed morning before noon or after 2:30ish?
Or maybe Thursday morning like 10-12?

Like I mentioned, I'd like to get a few shots of you walking around campus and maybe working (or pretending to work) in a computer lab or something else scholarly-looking. I think the whole thing will only take 30-40 minutes, one hour tops.

Thanks!

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>

Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 11:30 PM

ya let email the computer science dept and get permission
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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Stephanie Allen <steallen@pdx.edu>

Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 11:35 PM

Hello,

The CCC Foundation from Clackamas Community College is filming a little mini documentary on me. The producer, Zach Putnam, was wondering if we might get a few shots of me there in the CS building. We wouldn't be filming anyone else at all. I am not sure how stuff like this works or if PSU has any policies about this. So, I thought I would ask first.

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Stephanie Allen <steallen@pdx.edu>
To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>, Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 7:38 AM

Hi William

I'm including our department chair on this reply.

Mark - would this be ok? William was in my 161 course last term.

Stephanie
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2025, at 11:36 PM, William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu> wrote:

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Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 9:10 AM

To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>

Cc: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>, Shannon Yentzer <yentzer@pdx.edu>, Stephanie Allen <steallen@pdx.edu>

Thanks for reaching out about this William; it's great that the CCC folks are making a mini documentary about you!

My personal thought is that, if Zach is here as your guest, filming you with your permission, and not filming anyone else, then this should be perfectly ok. That said, I don't know if there are any official rules around this so I'm copying Shannon Yentzer, our communications manager for the college, in case she can provide more information, or else direct you to another person who can help. (Sorry to keep passing you from one person to the next, but I hope we'll be able to get you an official answer soon!)

Best wishes,

Mark

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Shannon Yentzer <yentzer@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 12:22 PM

To: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Cc: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>, Stephanie Allen <steallen@pdx.edu>

That's a great project, Zach, and I'd love to be able to share the final product on our channels. As long as you're not interfering with students in labs and classrooms and Mark said CS spaces were fine to shoot in, the location is not an issue. The only concern would be around filming other people in the background with visible faces, but if you avoid that as mentioned, you're fine. If you do capture anyone else, you'd need them to sign a waiver. You probably have one of your own, but let me know if you want the PSU one. Let me know if there's anything else I can do.

Cheers,



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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 12:31 PM

Thank you for the prompt reply,

I am taking all online courses this term. I am not sure if my keycard will work for entry. Is there any other way besides just showing up and trying the card to see if I still have access? Also, where would you say would be appropriate for filming at? I'm going to shoot for Thursday in the A.M.

On Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 9:10 AM Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu> wrote:

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Stephanie Allen <steallen@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 12:34 PM

Thanks Stephanie. I appreciate it. Oh, I emailed professor Agrawal to show her some of my work. Haven't heard back yet but it has only been like a day.

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Shannon Yentzer <yentzer@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM

Thanks for the info! Shouldn't need much time. Appreciate the prompt reply

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Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>
To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
Cc: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 4:46 PM

Hi William,

If you can send me your PSU ID and badge numbers (both should be printed on your keycard), then I can ask a staff member to check that you will have access. I'm not sure how long this will take, but hopefully it can be done before Thursday morning. As for suitable locations, I think the fishbowl area, just outside the CS faculty offices, would probably be a good choice, so long as it isn't too busy at the time you come by.

I hope that helps ... and if you happen to get a pointer to the finished documentary later on, then please feel free to share it with us :-)

Best wishes,
Mark

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 6:12 PM

My badge# is 271743 on the front and 27174 on the back and my PSUID# is 955353423. Ok, I'm guessing the A.M. will likely be the least busy... thanks again and yeah, I'll shoot you a link to the video when I have it. It's for the CCC Foundation. I graduated with my associates with a near perfect GPA while living in my jeep for the whole 2 years. So they want to share my story at a fundraiser. I guess a 3.9gpa, acceptance into the honors college, and switching from welding to an AI Ethicist track (although PSU doesn't offer any courses for this, lol) and pursuing a bachelors makes for loose wallets. Honestly, I'm not the video type but I couldn't turn them down after everything they helped me with.

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 6:13 PM

So let's shoot for Thursday. I am having them fix my access badge (I'm taking all online courses this term so I don't think my card will get us in the door)

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 6:18 PM

There is a lounge just for the computer science folks I got permission to shoot in. If you want the computer I'd be working behind to look nice you may have to bring one lol... I'm stuck on a raspberry pi and the computer science dept expects you to bring your own computers to class so no labs. As for scholarly looking... probably could shoot in the library. Some corner somewhere should be fine. no permission needed. (let's hope lol) do you need the full set up from the interview? the light and mic and all that or you just shooting with a handheld?

On Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 3:45 PM Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com> wrote:

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Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>
To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 6:44 PM

Cool. Thursday at 10am okay?

Nah it will just be me and a camera this time and we can totally go guerrilla style. And like I said, it won't take more than an hour. I just want to get some shots of you in a setting other than welding shop. We could even just use a computer in the library.

Thanks!

-Zach
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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>

Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 8:52 AM

ok sounds good. Are we meeting on campus or do you want to pick me up again? Either way is fine with me.

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Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>
To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>

Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 12:22 PM

Unfortunately I won't be able to give you a ride this time.

-Zach
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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>

Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 6:22 PM

ok then we need a meeting place. How about the food trucks in front of the engineering building? Fourth Avenue Bldg, 1900 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97201

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Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>
To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>

Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 7:21 PM

Sounds good! See you there at 10am.

-Zach
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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
To: Zach Putnam <zach@zpproductions.com>

Thu, Apr 17, 2025 at 10:01 AM

I'm at a picnic table on hall and 4th

"When I rise to the challenge, it is the challenge that must rise" ~Will

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Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>
To: William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
Cc: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 4:53 PM

Hi William,

I didn't get to see you yesterday, but I hope that everything went well with the filming, including being able to get into the building!

You've obviously had a very challenging journey to get where you are today, so I can understand why the CCC Foundation would want to celebrate your success.

You mention that you're interested in an "AI Ethicist track", and we had a conversation about this previously (back in Fall perhaps?). As it happens, we do have at least one course in this area called "Ethics of AI" or something similar, and will likely be taught again this coming Fall term. That said, it is currently limited to upper division students, so you might have to take it in a later term. (We do have other courses that are related to this topic in the CS department, and there may well be other options developing in other parts of the university, although I've only heard so far of general efforts and I don't know of specific examples just yet; it's hard for the curriculum to keep up with the fast moving changes in the discipline!)

Best wishes,
Mark

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William Morehead <wilmore@pdx.edu>
Draft To: Mark Jones <mpj@pdx.edu>

Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 5:57 PM

Everything went ok filming. Sorry I didn't think to update you. We only took about 5 minutes or so in the fishbowl. I want to be transparent about my intentions regarding PSU. I have not had any luck obtaining a simple request from PSU administration regarding the cost/benefit of pursuing a full bachelor's degree. This has not been something the CS dept. has failed to deliver. Please don't think I hold any grievances there. I also mean no slight when I say that I am struggling with the sticker price when a person, such as myself, can get more from their \$20/mo ChatGPT subscription than my combined two terms at PSU. With no real coding experience prior to CS-161 I have been able to program a fully functional 3D chess variant that has a full GUI with 512 gaming squares (8x8x8 cube) with 2 AI players who can actively play against one another. And I accomplished this in only 2 weeks. (2 hard and heavy weeks) I am currently working on a pre-linguistic cognitive engine (I am about 50% done with its

fully implemented software), 100% finished with its blueprint) That is completely auditable AI descision architecture with fractal logic making it infinitely scalable provided the hardware can handle it. I am well aware of AI Halucination/validation loops. (I had a research paper drawn up for this to get even better informed) I have always and will continue to judge the merit of my work wit AI partnerships on the products ability to perform real and useful work in the material world. There are a host of self proclaimed scholars all over these days online. I run into their ramblings everyday now across the web. It has compounded real reseafch efforts emmensly.

But as to my intentions at PSU, I do not see myself finishing my degree at all. I am currently sitting on a lucrative welding degree from CCC and I actually submitted a patent for my pre-linguistic engine (which I have reached out to your departments Dr. Ameeta Agrawal in regards to a scholarly opion on . I am concerned though that she may see my initial communication asthough I too were one of these self proclaimed AI experts. As I have not received any reply in many days.)

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