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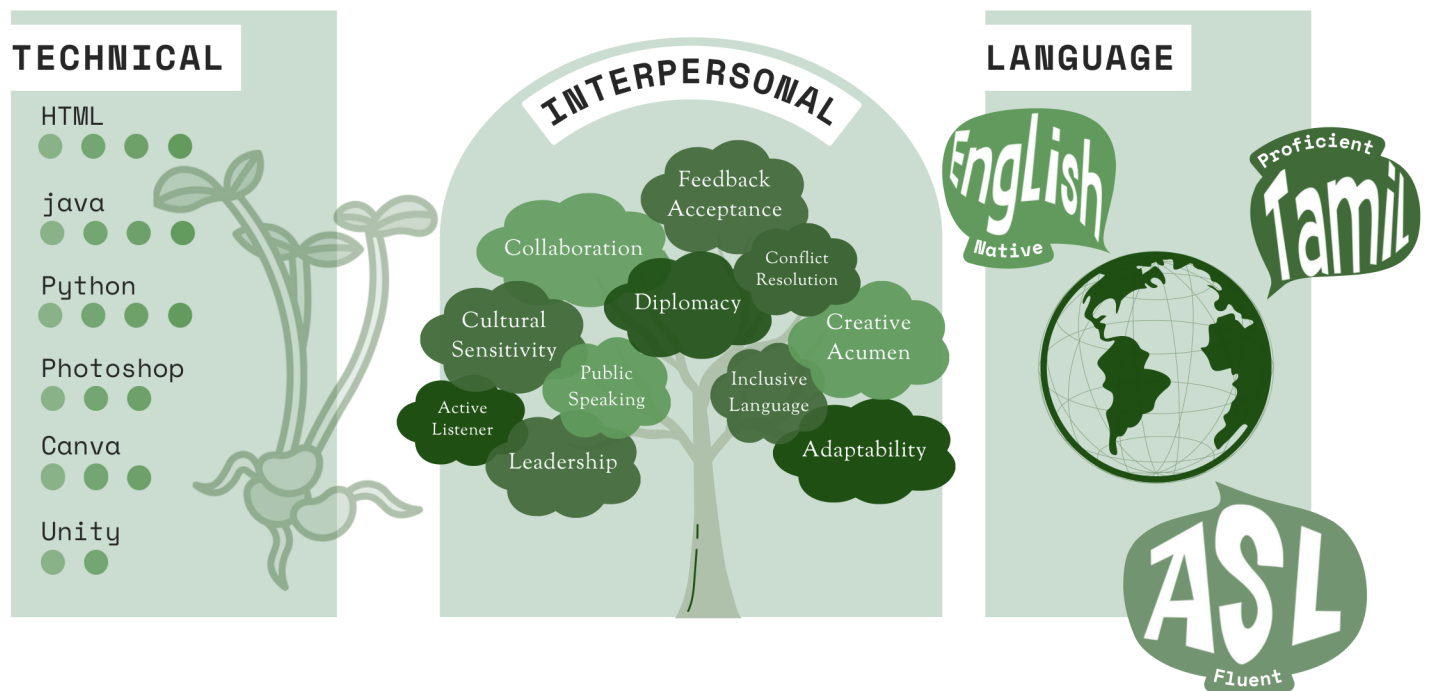
ABOUT

Aspiring Digital Designer with a passion for inclusive and accessible design. A creative problem-solver who works well in a collaborative setting and as an individual. I'm always ready to gain new experiences and further pave the road for accessible online media. Through technical knowledge and creative pursuits, I hope to foster a community where Design is understood to be the foundation of a truly accessible environment - in the digital and real.

EDUCATION

2020-2024	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MAJOR: Digital Narrative and Interactive Design MINOR: Computer Science CERTIFICATE: American Sign Language	GPA 3.5
2016-2020	NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL	GPA 4.2

SKILLS



EXPERIENCE

02/2023 - present **AGNÈS FILMS**

Web Developer/Designer

- Managed the day-to-day maintenance and updates of 4 academic websites, ensuring their functionality, security, and optimal user experience.
- Performed troubleshooting and debugging of website in **PHP**, resolving technical issues to minimize downtime.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams, including writers and directors, to implement design changes and integrate multimedia elements in WordPress

03/2023 - 10/2023 **RHA HEALTH SERVICES**

Direct Support Professional

- Provided care and support to Deaf individuals with disabilities, enhancing their quality of life and independence.
- Supported residents through a fluency in American Sign Language (**ASL**); gained experience about Deaf culture and adopting a culturally aware practice through ASL.
- Collaborated closely with a multidisciplinary team, including nurses, therapists, and crisis counselors to develop and implement individualized support plans tailored to each resident's unique needs and preferences.

12/2022 - 02/2023 **CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF ART**

FOH Server

- Took customer orders, provided menu recommendations, and ensured timely and accurate order delivery.
- Maintained a professional demeanor while interacting with a diverse clientele, including museum visitors and members.
- Collaborated effectively with the kitchen and bar staff to ensure seamless food and beverage service, demonstrating strong teamwork and communication skills.

04/2021 - 08/2021 **UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AGING INSTITUTE**

Laboratory Technician

- Conducted gel electrophoresis procedures and analyzed results with supervisors.
- Assisted in the general inventory management of laboratory supplies, monitoring stock levels, and coordinating new orders.
- Collaborated with researchers and fellow lab members, participating in team meetings and discussions to optimize experimental procedures and troubleshoot issues.

RELEVANT CLASSES

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Computing for Scientists
- Intermediate Java
- Discrete Structures
- Calculus 1
- Data Structures/algorithms 1 & 2
- Computer organization and assembly language

DESIGN

- Digital Narrative and Interactive Design
- Digital Media Composition
- New Media & Generative Art
- Game Studies
- Technology and Narrative

EXTRACURRICULARS

2020 - present

ASL CLUB

Public Relations Chair & Teaching assistant

- Collaborated with club advisors to coordinate weekly meetings, ensuring that each session provided informative and engaging presentations for club members about Deaf culture while fostering a sense of community and inclusion.
- Developed a user-friendly club website, resulting in increased online engagement and accessibility for club members and the broader community.
- Managed all of the club's social media presence across multiple platforms, including content creation, campaign management, and public outreach.

2023 - present

WELCOMED BY DESIGN

Host

- Conducted interviews with diverse academics, experts, and leaders, exploring topics related to inclusive design procedures, accessibility, and their impact on marginalized communities.
- Established and maintained effective communication with potential interviewees, coordinating interview schedules, discussing topics, and providing guidance on the interview process.
- Conducted extensive research to stay updated on the latest developments in inclusive design, to ensure the podcast's content remained current and relevant.

2022 - present

HEALING HARMONIES

Member

- Travel to various care facilities and perform live instrumental music to uplift and entertain residents, fostering a sense of connection and well-being.
- Attended monthly club meetings, where members discussed upcoming visits, selected musical pieces, and coordinated logistics for the performances.

2020 - 2023

WPTS RADIO

DJ Host & News anchor

- Leveraged creativity to develop engaging show concepts, promotional materials, and on-air segments.
- Conducted live broadcasts, delivering curated playlists and interactive segments to entertain and inform listeners.
- Contributed to the development and production of news broadcasts by creating compelling news stories and current event reports.

CERTIFICATIONS

May 2023

CPR/AED/FIRST AID

[Link](#)

American Heart Association

May 2023

AUTISM COMPETENCY TRAINING

[Link](#)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

May 2023

ODP DEAF SERVICES

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