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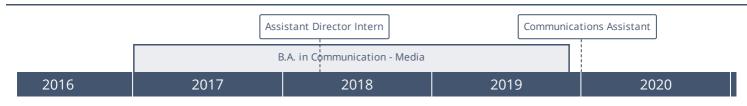
Tony Saunders

Communications Assistant

SUMMARY

Enterprising communications professional adept at breaking down storyboards and creating shoot orders to successfully deliver multi-million dollar creative projects. Possesses diverse experience in conducting trend-based research and rendering critical directorial support by assisting in administering budgets, managing the cast, and reviewing edits.

CAREER SNAPSHOT



AREAS OF EXPERTISE



KEY SKILLS



INTERNSHIPS

Intern - Assistant Director

Apr '18 - Aug '18

Twilight Arts

San Francisco, CA

A division of Signalimited handling its media and entertainment business, across content and distribution platforms with revenue worth USD 20 million

Editorial Support & Casting

- Assisted the Editor and reviewed the final edits while reporting to the Assistant Director and the Executive Producer
- Rendered assistance to 2 ad film directors and 3 video directors while pitching new ideas to the creative team
- Casted actors and assisted in conducting **auditions** while creating and monitoring shooting schedules
- Broke-down the script and worked on continuity and login while aiding the writer in writing scripts on an ad-hoc basis

Filming, Research & Promotion

- Rendered assistance in filming pieces for television and film, handling the lighting, conducting research and running errands
- Produced video content by adhering to company guidelines & standards to share on online channels including social media
- · Communicated with writers, directors, managers and other staff to ensure the smooth running of the project
- · Assisted the staff by answering phone calls, taking detailed notes during meetings and processing the data into the system

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Communications Assistant

Jan '20 - Present

Owl Networks Berkeley, CA

A public film and digital media producer and distributor with over 3k productions produced under its banner

Directorial Support & Stakeholder Management

- Assisting the Director in determining the shooting order and providing script breakdown into a shot-by-shot storyboard
- · Aiding the Director in coordinating all production activities and supervising cast/crew while drawing up the shooting schedule
- Providing directions and important announcements to ensure on-schedule filming
- Liaising with the production office while acting as the single point of contact for the Director and the cast/crew

Casting & Pre-production Management

- Ensuring that the standby cast/crew is ready for action cues while administering pre-production responsibilities
- Managing budgetary constraints with respect to the availability of locations, props, equipment, etc.
- Fulfilling all the creative goals under the guidance of the Director while supervising 10 DOP interns
- · Drafting regular shoot progress reports and overseeing the preparation of the daily call sheet

EDUCATION

B.A. in Communication - Media

Jan '17 - Dec '19

Purdue University Northwest

Hammond, IL

A public university with two campuses in Northwest Indiana, one in Hammond and another in Westville with a student base of over 9k students

• GPA: 3.5/4

TRAINING

• Training in Web Authoring | Ecstaticorps | Feb '19 - Jan '20

EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Volunteered in college charity to raise funds worth USD 1k for the people affected by Cyclone Dorian in Bahamas | '19
- Served as the Captain of the sports team and won the Inter-college Sports Competition '18

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Languages: English and Serbo-Croatian