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Education

Tufts University | Medford, MA | May 2021 B.A. Computer Science and American Studies

Skills

C++ | HTML / CSS / JavaScript
Adobe Suite | Unity | C#
Working in UNIX environments | Git

Relevant Coursework

Children & Mass Media | Animation

Media Culture Now | Game Design

Web Programming | Computer Graphics

Group Projects

Shared With 3 Others: Visual Narrative https://fablevision.com/SharedWith3Others

 Programmed visual novel and minigames within a team of 5 other production, art, and marketing interns.

Balloon Animals: Virtual Reality Experience https://tinyurl.com/balloonanimalsvr

 Created 3D models for virtual reality simulation within a team of 4 programmers

Experience

Director of Multimedia | Tufts Observer Magazine | Medford, MA

Oct 2019—present

- Design engaging content for campus publication, experimenting with animation, visual journalism and interactive web design
- Organize renewed, growing team of artists, programmers, and music producers

Freelance Developer | FableVision Studios | Boston, MA

June 2020—Aug 2020

- Programmed STEM interactives for grades 3-12 using PixiJS (HTML5 creation engine)
- Added new features and improved user experience for two mobile apps, which promote developmentally appropriate conversational experiences between children and their caregivers. Developed in Unity C#.

Technical Intern | FableVision Studios | Boston, MA

Jan 2020—May 2020

- Lead developer and game designer for 2D minigames and visual novel for *Shared With 3 Others*, a game encouraging collaboration and building empathy. Programmed with C# in Unity
- Trained teammates to use Unity plugin and Git in order to maximize efficiency
- Pitched, presented, and launched intern team project Shared With 3 Others

Teaching Assistant | Girls Who Code SIP @ Riot Games | Los Angeles, CA July—Aug 2019

- Instructed 17 high school girls in Scratch, Python, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, Arduino C, and data science
- Supervised 7 final project teams; demonstrated the design-build-test cycle for their MVPs and SCRUM methodology
- Fostered computational thinking skills in a collaborative environment, clarified content, and encouraged pursuit of STEM interests in a span of 7 weeks

Senior Counselor | Project Destiny Summer Camp | Boston, MA

June—Aug 2018

- Created curriculum for a class called "Asian American Mythbusters" and managed a classroom of 12 middle school students in the Chinatown community
- Centered course content on Asian American history along with graphic art software, which students used to express their stories and experiences

Activities

Intern and Peer Leader | Tufts Asian American Center

Aug 2019—present

- Facilitate community-building and educational events for the Asian American community on campus
- Serve as a campus resource for Asian American first-year advisees

Illustrator | Boston Chinese Evangelical Church

June 2020—Aug 2020

• Illustrated 143 cartoon panels for virtual Bible summer camp video content

Screening Committee Member | Boston Asian American Film Festival

Apr 2019—Oct 2019

• Rated and critiqued films featuring and/or produced by Asian American artists, and ushered during the festival