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Experience

Cofounder / Lead Developer

Chad App • Baltimore, MD • January 2019 to Present

Leveraging Google Firebase, FeathersJS, and React Native for Clava, a location based chatroom iOS and Android application. Development has been segmented into three parts: a React Native and Expo project, a JavaScript SDK, and a serverless backend using Firebase Cloud Functions.

Lab Director / Lead Front End Developer

The Diamondback • College Park, MD • February 2017 to Present

Since 2017, I've worked for The Diamondback, the University of Maryland's student newspaper. I am currently the Lab Director and Lead Front End Developer. On a typical day at The Diamondback, I collaborate not only with the news, marketing, and advertising teams, but the three other developers on my team as well. I also make use of several web technologies to convert wireframes to beautiful, responsive digital projects that have been viewed by thousands. Recently, my team and I launched "DBK Redux," our transformation project for the newspaper's old website, where we built a custom WordPress site using React and Next.js, as well as an API using Node.js and Express. The newly designed site can be viewed at <https://dbknews.com>.

Digital Design Intern

American Chemical Society • Washington, DC • May 2018 to August 2018

During my time with ACS, I worked on several projects. Working in Adobe Experience Manager, I developed components for the company's Green Chemistry redesign site, as well as assisted in content migration. Also following an agile development process, I worked on other projects within my department, which included creating graphics and developing a search bar for online community spaces. Of the projects I completed, the largest was developing a redesigned version of ACS' Chemical Landmarks timeline, which was debuted to the ACS business unit and will be put into production.

Freelance Designer/Developer

Deli Bagel Cafe/Torview • Ossining, NY • May 2017 to August 2017

While back from school over the summer, I worked with a local deli owner in my hometown to launch his business' website. One of the goals for his site was maintainability, so using Wix, I developed a site that would be easy for him and his wife to edit, and also assisted in content creation. During this time, I also used Adobe Illustrator to create graphics and other deliverables for the deli and the snack bar he was managing in the town over.

Yearbook Editor

Ossining High School • Ossining, NY • September 2015 to June 2016

My role as Yearbook Editor was not only essential to developing my skills as a designer and developer, but as a team leader as well. One of my main duties was to oversee student pages, as well as resolve any issues that our team faced. This responsibility was key in crafting my role as a communicator between not only my Yearbook team, but other stakeholders as well. Additionally, I designed the yearbook cover, as well as a few other pages and promotional materials. During my time as yearbook editor, every single copy of the yearbook was sold – a feat that hadn't been accomplished in years, and one that I consider of my first accomplishments as a designer.

Education

B.S. in Digital Experience Design & Technology (in progress)

University of Maryland • College Park, MD • Fall 2016 to December 2018

Design, Cultures, and Creativity, Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity

At UMD, I've taken an alternative approach to my education. My passion for design and development dates back to the beginning of high school, where I began teaching myself front end design and development. During my summer 2018 internship with the American Chemical Society, my passion was reaffirmed — I realized that I learned more in the field than in class. In light of this, I knew I had to amend my educational path to reflect this new understanding. Since then, I've started my own company and have had several projects, which have not only proved useful to my skills as a designer and developer, but ultimately as an entrepreneur and client friendly solutionist. I'm also working to create my own major — Digital Experience Design & Technology — via the University's independent study program, in which I intend to incorporate design, development, advertising, and communication courses.

Skills

Languages

HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Programs

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe XD, Sketch

Preprocessors, Libraries, & Frameworks

Express, FeathersJS, JQuery, Node, React, React Native/Expo, Sass

Infrastructure

Google Firebase, Zeit Now

Version Control, Build Systems, & Other Tools

Git, Github, Gitlab CI/CD, Gulp, Travis