

Personal Statement

I'm in the midst of some time off between high school and my undergraduate pursuits and I'm eager to put my existing abilities to good use somewhere I can hone new skills and accrue unique and valuable experiences.

I'm proud to say I have a lot to bring to the table as far as software skills go. I've also developed great communication and teamwork skills during my time at Café Zola, which turned into a real passion for food and hospitality during my time at Alinea in Chicago.

Work Experience

5 Spring and Summer 2015 Alinea - Chicago, IL

Began work as a food runner after staging once. My role involved quickly and carefully moving courses from the kitchen to the lower and upper dining spaces. In the dining rooms, over time, I took on more food description, answered guest questions, and was able to add to guests' experience with anecdotes related to the food presented. In the kitchen, my contribution included turning service pieces, plating accompaniments with visual or flavor infusion purposes, and readying the space for staff meal (on my last day, I was also able to make a small addition to the meal).

5 Winter 2009 through Fall 2014 Café Zola - Ann Arbor, MI

Hired as a dishwasher, promoted to a hosting and bussing position after one month. As soon as I reached the lower age limit I was cross-trained as a server (Spring 2014) and alternated hosting and serving work. Between the two positions my responsibilities included overseeing the lunch rush, quickly delivering food to and clearing food from tables, as well as making sure our guests felt welcome, comfortable, and (by the time they departed) full.

6 Summer and Fall 2014 The University of Michigan's CRLT Players - Ann Arbor, MI

After a brief audition process, I performed in several short pieces of applied theatre with the CRLT (Center for Research on Learning and Teaching) Players. These short plays were used as development tools for GSIs and existing professors, highlighting nuanced issues that can emerge in an educational setting.

2 Summer 2012 (Internship) Eagle Ottawa - Pu Xi, Shanghai

Eagle Ottawa is an automotive leather supplier with several production facilities across China. I worked under their Director of Design and completed an array of odd jobs, including retouching brochure pictures in Photoshop, retrieving samples from the main facilities, and building Ikea furniture.

References

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Education

Fall 2010 through Spring 2014

Greenhills High School - Ann Arbor, MI

Graduated with a 3.6 unweighted GPA as well as 2300/2400 on the SAT. My AP classes included AP English III and AP US History; I also challenged myself with several Honors classes including Chemistry and Physics.

As far as extracurriculars, I produced and directed a total of five shows during my time at Greenhills. Including a production of *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*, which our chapter of the ITS (International Thespian Society) was asked to perform at Michigan's ITS Festival in 2013.

Summers, 2012 and 2013

University of Chicago Graham School - Chicago, IL

In 2012, I took the three-week high school offering *Collegiate Writing: What is Art?* Though I am still unable to answer the question, I earned an "A" grade in the course.

The following summer, I took two ten-week undergraduate courses re-formatted to fit into a three-week period: *God* and *Introduction to Computer Science I*. I earned a "B" grade and a "Pass", respectively.

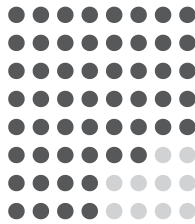
Summers, 2009 to 2013

The Second City Training Center - Chicago, IL

The Second City offers training programs for both High School and Middle School students, which I have taken advantage of several years running. Each program offers training in the Second City's unique approach to writing original sketches and creating effective improvised scenes. Each session culminates in an hour-long performance of material created and work-shopped in the preceding weeks.

Software Skills

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Premiere
Final Cut Pro
Cinema 4D
Autodesk Maya
Autodesk Mudbox



Below is a link to a fundraising appeal which I conceived, designed, and animated using Adobe software:

bit.ly/1AjGfCF

Language Skills



ENGLISH
Native Speaker



CHINESE
Advanced Level



SPANISH
Intermediate Level

Hobbies & Interests



Film



Writing



Cooking



Comics



Architecture