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EXPERIENCE

Sae Design Group Intern
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October 2023–March 2024
Collaboratively designed visual assets for clients such as logos, rack cards, illustrations and ensured alignment to brand guidelines

Special Plans Branch Intern
State of Hawai'i Office of Planning & Sustainable Development
June 2023–present
Directed organization-wide efforts in collateral design, branding, and logo development

STEM Media & Outreach Assistant
Kapi'olani Community College
March 2023–May 2023
Led an independent project to design the website for the Undergraduate Research Program, managing all aspects of the project from inception to delivery

Creative Communications & Grant Writer
Common Grace
2015–2021
Created diverse content across digital and print platforms, led projects, and aided in event planning

EDUCATION

Kapi'olani Community College
Associate in New Media Arts
Specializing in Interface Design

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Bacehlor in English
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programs
Figma, Wordpress, Wix, Weebly

Technologies
Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, Basic Understanding of HTML/CSS

Other
Illustration, Typography, Color Theory, Writing, Communication Teamwork, Problem-Solving, Adaptability, Open-Mindedness

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hi, hello!
I am a recent graduate from the New Media Arts program at Kap'iolani Community College. I enjoy both independent and team projects, and I hold myself accountable to produce work at a high standard. While I am fascinated by UI design, illustration, and visual identity, I truly enjoy staying open-minded and embracing lifelong learning.

DISTINCTIONS

Pele Awards Gold & Bronze Recipient
AAF District 13
2023, 2024

John Young Scholarship
Kapi'olani Community College
2023

A&H Achievement Award
Kapi'olani Community College
Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Wāhine Freelance Alliance Scholarship
Wāhine Freelance Alliance
Summer Cohort 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Country Tile 1 & Country Tile 2
Lē'ahi Magazine
Spring 2023

VOLUNTEER WORK

Mentor
Surfrider Spirit Sessions
Spring Session, March 2019

Mentor
Common Grace
September 2015–May 2019