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education

Northwestern University (2014-present)

Studying Computer Science. 3.6 GPA.

work experience

KnowledgeWorks (June - September 2014) Graphic Design/Marketing Intern

Created graphics and print materials for various company functions and reports, including a staff retreat. Aided in company transition to a new intranet and performed search engine optimization on the KnowledgeWorks blog.

ConnXus (July - August 2013) Graphic Design Intern

Created infographics, logos and icons for newly-relaunched website and developed the first ConnXus Style and Branding Guide.

Shanxi Normal University (July 2012) English Intern

Worked with students at Shanxi Normal University in Shanxi, China to develop more natural English reading, writing, and speaking abilities.

skills

Programming

Intermediate skills in C#, Java, C++ and MATLAB, as well as with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript/jQuery for front-end web development. Familiar with Bootstrap and AngularJS.

Design

Extensive experience with Adobe Creative Cloud (Indesign, Illustrator, Photoshop) as well as CS6. Basic abilities with 3D modeling program Cinema 4D.

relevant coursework

Programming

Fundamentals of Computer Programming I & II, Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science extracurricular activities

Knight Lab (2014 - present)

Learning computer science to help develop web apps and other tools for journalists.

Design Editor at NURJ (2015-present)

Serving on executive board of the Northwestern Undergraduate Research Journal, overseeing design and other aspects of publication.

Designer at DesignWorks (2014 - present)

Working as a designer at student-run design firm, taking commissions.

Editor at Lakota East Spark (2012 - 2014)

Served on school magazine Editorial Board as Writing Coach, redesigning the magazine and managing editorial decisions for the publication.

Mock Trial Team Captain (2014)

Oversaw mock trial team as Plaintiff Attorney.

projects

Design Thinking and Communcation

Worked with the Rehab Institute of Chicago to design and prototype a walker attachment to aid children with disabilities in walking over rough terrain.

Personal Website

Created joshishimak.es as a place to exhibit web and graphic design projects.

accolades

Writing

National Quill and Scroll Award from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) for Opinion Column and In-Depth Team coverage. Second Place National Award from the National Federation of Press Women for Column Writing. NSPA Journalism Honor Roll.