# **Melanie Xie**

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Creative, diligent, and efficient undergraduate college student, who is pursuing a career in animation and motion design. Passionate about spreading awareness of social injustices, combining art with code, and visual storytelling.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, Georgia

Fall 2024 - Present

Cumulative GPA: In Progress

Bachelor's of Science in Computational Media, Anticipated Graduation - Spring 2027

### **CUNY Queens College -** *Queens, NY*

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Cumulative GPA: 3.9 Computer Science

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# **Diagonal Media** · **Design Intern** - *New York, NY* **2024**

**July-August** 

- Designed and animated lower thirds that incorporated client branding in 5 different projects.
- Learned industry level editing and motion graphic techniques in Final Cut Pro & After Effects.
- Engaged in ideation sessions and generated feedback for in-progress projects.
- Archived and organized media for more efficient and convenient file storage.

#### Rising Earth Production Council Design Intern - New York, NY

**August 2023** 

- Collaborated with an internship leader to develop a story for one of Rising Earth's sponsors.
- Successfully illustrated and designed 16 slides, including alternate slides, that met the needs of their target audiences.
- Illustrated a social media post for the Rising Earth Instagram account to promote the elimination of the invasive Spotted Lanternflies.

## Rising Earth Production Council · Story Development Intern - New York, NY July-August 2022

- Researched a local climate crisis issue on the air quality in the NYC subway systems to write, illustrate, and adapt into a short story graphic novel form suitable for social media platforms.
- Learned wilderness survival skills and connected with nature to develop stories.
- Collaborated with Rising Earth Staff to edit and develop graphic shorts.

#### Storytelling for the Climate Crisis at the School of Visual Arts - New York, NY January-May 2021

- Produced, wrote, and animated a short film on the climate crisis which was showcased at the SVA Theater to commence United Nations Climate Week.
- Successfully animated a short film and completed assignments within strict time constraints.
- Skills developed: Adobe Photoshop, Animate, Premiere Pro, and After Effects.

#### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School - New York, NY

September 2019-June 2023

- Co-President of the Mural Club in senior year (2022-2023).
- Member of the Chinese Student Association (2019-2023) and was elected Social Media Manager on the Chinese Student Association Board in senior year (2022-2023).

# **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- **Abode:** Illustrator, Photoshop, Animate, After Effects, and Premiere Pro.
- **Coding:** C++, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, anime.js.
- **Graphic Design:** Canva.
- Language: Mandarin: fluent (speaking), basic to intermediate (reading & writing).
- Additional Skills: Leadership, team collaboration and communication, & time management.

•	<b>Interests:</b> Sewing, painting, film photography, video games, figure skating.	