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Graduated art student. 10+ years of art experience, including 2 extensive, college-level years of training. Strong with computer and technology skills. Accomplished and recognized for art across the state of South Carolina and beyond. Building her own profitable art business through art markets and social media.

Education

2021-2023 South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities

- Took art classes at an accelerated college level including 2D Design, 3D Design, Drawing, Graphic Design, Animation, Game Art, Printmaking, Ceramics, Metals, Sculpture, and Photography
- Spent at least 4 hours a day in the art studios, ranging up to 8-9 hours a day
- Lived away from parents in the school dorms
- Took multiple AP courses as well as added classes/orientations like Humanities
- Has participated in multiple student work exhibitions
- Completed a semester-long concentration focused on Illustration and Drawing

2019-2021 Greenville Technical Charter High School

- Took multiple college classes at Greenville Technical College
- Participated in multiple extracurricular activities
- Led the school's set design club
- Participated in the school's pit orchestra for electric guitar
- Participated in Students in Action, a club focused on community service
- Went on the school's fine arts trip to Chicago to see multiple art museums and attractions
- Took art both years and participated in the school's art shows in the winter and spring

2013-2018 Charles Townes Center for the Gifted and Talented at Sterling School

- Received extremely strong education from a wide range of overqualified teachers and staff
- Took 2 years of advanced art
- Participated in multiple student art shows and exhibitions

- Took advanced academic courses that were only available at the Charles Townes Center

Accomplishments

2023 Mary Ann Yanko Award

- Won a \$500 award sponsored by Paul Yanko for exceptional work done at the Governor's School
- Award was dedicated to his passed mother and is given out once a year to a single student

2023 Artfields Jr. 2023 Exhibition

- Participated in an exhibition for Artfields Jr.
- Hundreds of students apply with only a select amount being accepted and displayed at Lake City, SC

2023 Scholastics Art and Writing Awards

- Participated in and won 5 honorable mentions in a nationwide competition
- Art pieces that won awards are as follows:
 - Self Perception
 - Monster
 - Me and John in El Shatby, Alexandria
 - Egyptian in America (portfolio)
 - Chained Back

2022 Almost, Maine Poster Exhibition, Sakas Theatre

- Participated in an exhibition where a poster made for the drama department at SCGSAH was exhibited
- Poster was made for a client and meant for their needs

2022 Banned Books Week Exhibition, SCGSAH Library

- Participated in an exhibition where a poster made for banned books week was shown
- Poster was made for a client and meant for their needs

2022 Artfields Jr. Traveling Exhibition

- Winning piece from Artfields Jr. is currently a part of an exhibition traveling all across South Carolina
- Total of 4 locations (not including prior exhibition in Lake City) across all areas of South Carolina
- Still eligible for additional awards in Greenville as the upstate is considered the local area of the artist

2022 3rd Place, Artfields Jr.

- Won 3rd place as well as \$200
- Competed against 800 applicants as well as 200 selected works
- Participated in the annual Artfields Jr. exhibition in Lake City, SC

2017 Best In Show, Greenville County Schools Middle School District-wide Art Show

- Won the top award and highest form of recognition in a district-wide show
- Competed against students from 25 other middle schools in Greenville County
- Submission was a graphite self portrait for Advanced Art class

Art Markets

2024 Downtown Alive! Arts after dark tent

- Applied and was accepted through the Metropolitan Arts Council of Greenville

2024 Greenville Vintage Market

- Applied and was accepted for the first ever GVL VTG market

2024 Prolific First Fridays

- Applied and was accepted for the second ever PFF
- In Long Creek, SC

2024 Weirdo Market at Paper Moon Studios

- Applied and was accepted by Paper Moon Studios
- Boothed alongside other well-known makers in the area

2024 Artisan Market at Keipi Restaraunt

- Applied and was accepted
- Helped to celebrate the restaurant's 2 year anniversary

2023 Southeast Punk Flea Market Atlanta

- Applied and was accepted
- Boothed alongside other well-known makers in Atlanta for the two day event

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Work Experience

2024-Present Greenville Center for Creative Arts

- Greenville's only nonprofit community art center focused on providing high-quality visual arts instruction and engagement

- Works as a part-time Visitor Experience Assistant
- Helps with directing visitors, running the gift shop, and other essential tasks

2023-2024 Subway

- Worked at Subway on N Pleasantburg Rd.
- Worked in an extremely fast-paced environment with many customers
- Required good listening and problem-solving skills

2022 Ross

- Worked at Ross on Fairview Rd., Simpsonville
- Worked as a cashier in a fast-paced environment
- Required fast thinking and precise actions

Volunteer Experience

2020-Present Multiplying Good

- Organization based around service and how to be a better member of one's community
- Has participated in various state and nationwide conferences
- Has led and been a part of student-led events and drives at Greenville Technical Charter High School

2016-Present Phyllis Wheatley Community Center

- Participates in community service events such as Thanksgiving meal drive

2021 Saint Mary Coptic Orthodox Church Summer Program

- Led a middle school level class
- Taught them art projects and helped with things like meal times and outside playing

2019-2020 The Children's Museum of the Upstate

- Volunteered on an almost daily basis
- Kept the museum clean and organized
- Led crafts and art events for the kids

Proficiencies/Interests

- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Unity
- Autodesk Maya

- **Google**
- **CPR Trained**
- **Music (Guitar, bass, viola)**
- **Crochet**
- **Bilingual (English, Arabic, Basic ASL)**