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EDUCATION

Gunner School (DUOLINGO)

Apprenticeship

- Developed and delivered end-to-end animated sequences using Procreate Dreams, Adobe After Effects, Illustrator and Photoshop, including concept, design, storytelling, and final export, demonstrating strong self-direction and creative problem solving.
- Collaborated with industry mentors at Gunner School through client-style briefs, receiving peer reviews and professional feedback to refine motion design, timing, and visual communication. (The program emphasizes both creative thinking and studio-style workflows.)
- Built foundational motion-graphics and design skills by working in a studio-like environment, enabling rapid adaptation and readiness for professional animation and motion-design workflows.

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

B.F.A - Illustration & Visual Development

Relevant Coursework: Visual Thinking, Spatial Dynamics, Digital Illustration, Visual Development, Animation Practices, Color Perception & Expression

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Visual Designer

June 2019 - Present

Self-Employed

- Designed official movie poster for an independent short film, "See Where It Goes", showcased at the LA Shorts International Film Festival, earning [IMDb](#) credit for visual design and creative direction.
- Collaborated directly with clients to conceptualize and develop visual art, translating ideas into compelling designs while ensuring alignment with their creative vision and project goals.

South Shore Gunitite Pools & Spas, Inc. (SSG Pools)

Sept 2023 - Aug 2025

Commercial Department Secretary

- Led project management and administrative operations by preparing documentation, maintaining departmental records, and performing detailed data entry for multiple pool construction projects.
- Composed and organized submittals, operation manuals, and AIA payment applications, ensuring accuracy, timely delivery, and compliance with company and client standards.
- Collaborated with project teams through weekly meetings, note-taking, and progress tracking of construction phases, maintaining strong communication and organizational efficiency.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Creative:

- Visual Development
- Character Design
- Illustration
- Background Painting
- Animation Principles
- Storyboarding
- Cinematography
- Visual Storytelling

Tools & Software:

- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere Pro)
- Affinity
- Microsoft Office
- Canva
- Procreate
- Dragonframe
- Project Management (Slack, Discord, Miro, Monday)

Professional:

- Teamwork Oriented
- Wide Background
- Knowledge/Interests
- Attention to Detail
- Time Management
- Creative Pitching
- Constructive Feedback
- Resourceful
- Written & Verbal Skills

Languages:

- Native fluency in English and Portuguese