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## EDUCATION

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### Gunner School (Duolingo)

#### Apprenticeship | Certification: Animation

- 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

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### Freelance Visual Designer

June 2019 - Present

#### Self-Employed

- Designed and illustrated a detailed children’s book from concept to final artwork, collaborating directly with the author to translate narrative themes into engaging visual storytelling.
- Contributed to graphic design projects at Colormedia Company, LLC., assisting with layout design, asset preparation, and visual refinements for client-facing digital and print deliverables.
- 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.

### 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 vendor 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

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#### Content Areas:

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

#### Creative Tools :

- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere Pro)
- Affinity
- Canva
- Procreate
- Dragonframe

#### Softwares:

- Microsoft Office
- Google Suite
- Monday.com
- Slack
- Discord
- Miro

#### Languages:

- Native fluency in English and Portuguese