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Skills

Technical: 2D frame by frame animation, digital art, graphic design, drawing, painting, creative writing, technical writing, video editing, photography, point of sale, 2D cutout animation, 3D animation, 3D modeling, 2D and 3D character rigging, printmaking, web design (HTML, CSS, JavaScript), file formatting, book development, prepress, print production, augmented reality, mathematics, music, robotics, data management, analysis and visualization, biology lab research

Software: Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, InDesign, Premiere), Toon Boom Harmony, OpenToonz, Procreate, Procreate Dreams, Clip Studio Paint, Cinema 4D, Maya, Blender, Fusion 360, Unity, Arduino, Wix, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)

Soft Skills: Concepting, time management, problem solving, communication, organization, leadership, networking, promotion, entrepreneurship

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major: Art - Digital Animation and Motion, Minor: Biology, May 2023
GPA: 3.92, Summa Cum Laude Graduate, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA
GPA: 4.0, Biology minor, science, and mathematics courses

Academic Honors and Awards

President's Scholarship, Nicholls State University, 2018-2022
University of Louisiana System Academic Summit, 2022
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

Art Exhibitions and Awards

Variation, Nicholls State University Senior Capstone Exhibition, April 2023
Nicholls State University Annual Juried Exhibition, 2020-2022
2022 – Best in Show, Graphic Design
First Place, Animation and Motion
First Place, Printmaking
Outstanding Research Paper, Art History
2021 – First Place, Digital Art
Honorable mention, Animation
Best Overall Art History Paper
2020 – First Place, Digital Art
First Place, Graphics 1
First Place, 200 Level Art History Paper

Experience

Web Designer, <https://kristenkortright.com> - portfolio
<https://www.screamingfish.site/> - independent comic book company website
<https://kortright.us/ar> - website for viewing AR animations

Author/Illustrator, Owner of Screaming Fish Comics, 2021-present

Black Shadow: The Beginning graphic novel and comic book series *Black Shadow and The Protectors*

Character design, art, script, lettering, book formatting

AR (augmented reality) cards for comic series

Ran a successful Kickstarter campaign, 2024

Selling books and art at Louisiana comic conventions, 2021-present

Promotion, sales, networking with other creators

Freelance Graphic Designer, 2018-present

Logo and file formatting for AGL Aerial Solutions, LLC, 2024

Design for T-shirt, Thibodaux Regional Swim Team, 2023

Nicholls For Life T-shirt Design, 2021

Nicholls Opera Poster, 2018

2D Animation Intern, CardSnacks, Summer 2022

Concepts and looping 2D animations for ecard covers published in the app

Freelance 2D Animator, 2022-present

2D short film - character design, storyboard, frame by frame animation in OpenToonz

SEA-PHAGES Biology Lab, 2019

Collected, isolated, cultivated, extracted and analyzed a bacteriophage, 2019

Collected and amplified phage lysates to analyze and view under a transmission electron microscope

Analyzed and visualized data using Excel

Highest titer (lysate concentration) of all phages collected in the lab

Other Training and Experience

Comics Projects – School of Visual Arts continuing education course by Carl Potts, 2024

Mastering Motion – Frame-by-frame animation course by Howard Wimshurst, 2021-present

Art Deco Lettering Workshop – Hand lettering masterclass by Matthijs Herzberg, 2020

Assembled and programmed Arduino-based MBot robot car

Assembled a Parallax-based ActivityBot robot car

Designed and printed 3D models for a chess set queen and a car body for a miniature RC car

Designed a PC-based game, including character motions and walk cycle

Piano, violin, harp – music theory, performance, competition, orchestra

Organizational Membership

Founding Member, Vice-President, President, Secretary – Nicholls Animation Guild, 2021-2023

Member of Graphic Design Student Association, 2020-2023

Member of Nicholls Art Club, 2019-2023

Member of the Bayou Rowing Association, 2023-present

Member of U.S.A. Swimming, 2019-present

Member of U.S. Masters Swimming, 2019-present

Volunteer Work

Bayou Lafourche Clean-Up – riding in a boat to remove trash from the bayou, 2024

Nicholls Art Works – 2D animation demo, 2022, 2023

Nicholls Art Department High School Day – 2D animation demo, 2022; judge for art history papers, 2019

Dane Ledet Art Gallery – hanging artwork, 2019-2023

Tutoring – college-level Chemistry, Math, Animation, 2019-2023

Latin Mass choir – singing Latin chants, coordinating music, choir director, 2018-present