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EDUCATION

Rhode Island College, Providence, RI | *Expected Graduation: May 2026*

BFA in Studio Art with concentration in Graphic Design

BA in Studio Art with concentration in Digital Media

EXPERIENCE

Tutor at Rhode Island College

August 2024 - Present

- Art history, art foundations, and digital programs tutor.
- In classroom tutoring for foundational graphic design courses.

Youth Program Instructor and Floor Staff at Rockspot Climbing

June 2024 - Present

- Youth program duties include: running various classes for children ages 4-12 to teach climbing technique and climbing related skills.
- Floor staff duties include: welcoming customers into the gym, providing gear, orientations, cleaning, and conducting regular safety checks while climbers are in the gym.

Graphic Design Intern at Thomsen Foodservice

May 2024 - August 2024

- In-house graphic design intern in charge of updating restaurant menus for clients and creating sale flyers for Thomsen Marketplace and Foodservice.
- Created simple graphics for company use and advertisements, including small brochures.
- Managed social media platforms; nearly tripled page traffic and interactions.

Freelance Design for Melo's Fruit & Produce/Bayview Farms

July 2024 - September 2024

- Designed logo and website.
- Set up a cross-platform social media presence.

To-Go Server and Server Assistant at Longhorn Steakhouse

August 2020 - August 2024

- Certified trainer for new server assistants and to-go employees.
- To-go duties include: managing and taking orders online, over the phone, and in-person, communicating between the kitchen staff and customers, preparing and packing orders to company standard, honoring guest requests, and delivering meals to guests.
- Server assistant duties include: greeting and seating guests, managing the waitlist, bussing and setting tables, helping servers serve guests throughout the night, and monitoring the cleanliness of the restaurant.

EXHIBITIONS & HONORS

Upcoming Exhibition: Equinox

February 2026

Two Person Exhibition | Chazan Gallery, Providence, RI

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology's Northeast Regional Meeting

November 2025

Group Exhibition | Gaige Hall, Providence, RI

Rhode Island College Undergraduate Talent Award Recipient

Spring 2023

Scholarship Prize Winner

Senior Artist of the Month

June 2022

Solo Exhibition | The Flower Shack, Cumberland, RI

Arnolds Mills 33rd Annual Art Exhibition & Sale

April 2022

Group Exhibition | Arnolds Mills Community House, Cumberland, RI

SKILLS

- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe After Effects
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Figma
- Blender
- Clip Studio PAINT EX
- Logo, Layout & Product Design
- Brand Development
- Interpersonal Skills
- Attention to Detail
- Customer Service
- Problem Solving

References available upon request.