

Alyssa Garoogian

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Education

University of Central Florida – Orlando, FL

Graduation date: May 2020

Emerging Media MFA Program

Track: Animation and Visual Effects

GPA: 3.97/4.0

Florida Atlantic University – Boca Raton, FL

Graduated in May 2015 – summa cum laude

Degree in Multimedia Studies

Concentration: Film, Video, New Media - Animation

Minor: Studio Art

GPA: 3.91/4.0

Park Vista Community High School – Lake Worth, FL

Graduated in May 2012 – Top 20 of Class

GPA: 3.92/4.0

Skills

Technical proficiencies in:

- TVPaint
- Final Draft
- Adobe After Effects CC
- Adobe Photoshop CC
- Autodesk Maya
- Microsoft Office Suite

Other skills:

- Planning and development of ideas and projects
- Technical and creative writing
- Project organization
- Ability to speak publicly with proper volume and confidence
- Customer service

Honors/Activities

University - Undergraduate

- Presidential Scholarship from Florida Atlantic University
- Dean's List - Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, and Fall 2014
- Prior member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

- Graduated summa cum laude

General

- Women in Animation

Relevant Experience

Jenkins Scholar – William and Alice Jenkins Community Arts Scholars Program

Spring 2019 to Present

Under this art scholarship program provided by the Jenkins family and the University of Central Florida, worked with:

- **UCF CREATE**

Fall 2019 to Spring 2020 (Present)

Led in the planning, organization, and execution of after-school animation workshops for local in-need children. Lessons included the storyboarding and animation of a trailer for an original story or poem, emotive character acting through animation, and an introduction to 3D animation.

- **Art & History Museums – Maitland**

Spring 2019 to Spring 2020

Led the creation and execution of summer and fall animation workshops, which highlighted both writing/storyboarding (summer/fall) and techniques of animation (summer). Also assisted in the creation of a mascot character for the Education Department, and drafting illustrations in a Family Guide Book for guests of the museum. Finally, wrote the script for and illustrated a program for their Telephone Museum.

- **ArtReach Orlando – Artists in Wondercamp**

Summer 2019, Intermittently throughout 2019/2020

Acted as assistant teacher in the education, art-making, and caretaking of children ages 6-13. Children learned about contemporary artists, the importance of self-expression, and being mindful of both others and yourself.

Content Writer/Internet Researcher – Grey House Publishing

Fall 2014 to June 2018

Performed technical writing duties for *America's Top-Rated Cities* and other reference books; wrote backgrounds on cities within the United States, updated biographies for state politicians, etc. Also researched and inputted information for reference books published for and distributed to public, university, and special libraries.

Quick Service Food and Beverage Host – Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts

Disney College Program Internship, Spring 2016

Part of a team which aided in making sure guests were satisfied and happy with their Disney Resort experience. Handled the register and answered guest questions about the Disney Dining Plan, where to go on property, and how to maximize their vacation experience while ringing up their purchases. Also assisted in the creation of many “magical moments” for guests, such as giving out balloons, Mickey straws, and other treats.

Floral Stylist – Disney Event Group, Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts

Disney College Program Internship, Fall 2015

Worked with two to three fellow cast members in unboxing, decorating, and delivering 4ft Christmas trees to resort guests as per WDW standards. Worked in a small team with instruction from one manager and performed quality control in order to make sure that every tree was created with care. Also assisted in the stocking and creation of gift baskets and tote bags of various sizes for resort guests.

Creative History

Character Designer/Animator in Documentary Project: *Marching Forward* – University of Central Florida Film Department

Fall 2017 to Spring 2018

Worked with UCF's Film Department and Dr. Lisa Mills in creating animated segments for their documentary film, *Marching Forward*. Provided character design work, contributed to look development and was responsible for portions of final animation. Collaborated with a small team in creating one cohesive product for our client.

***Transition* – Undergraduate Senior Thesis Student Exhibition**

Spring 2015

Presented undergraduate senior demo reels at the Cinema Paradiso Theater in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Also provided artwork for the flyers given out to advertise this event.

References

JoAnne Adams

- Instructor in Digital Media at UCF
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Kevin Haran

- Jenkins Distinguished Scholar in Community Arts and Associate Professor at UCF
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