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## EDUCATION

**AUGUST 2019 – MAY 2024**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON (CSUF)**

- Bachelor of Arts in Cinema & Television Arts
- Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration- Marketing
- Total GPA: 3.85 *Magna Cum Laude*
- University Honors Program Graduate

## EXPERIENCE

**JANUARY 2024 – MAY 2024**

**WRITER AND DIRECTOR, "NATURAL SELECTION" SHORT FILM**

- Wrote and directed a comedy short that will be featured in the Newport Beach Film Festival's CSUF Showcase in October and is currently being considered for over a dozen film festivals across the country
- Directed and collaborated with six lead actors, four supporting actors, and six extras to achieve desired performance by having in-depth discussions on character motivations, backgrounds, and script subtext
- Oversaw the short's entire creation by communicating with each department from pre- to post-production, delegating work and offering creative input to achieve film's desired comedic yet heartfelt tone
- Executed film's vision despite last-minute production changes and challenges through department collaboration, creative problem-solving skills, and quick-thinking

**AUGUST 2023 – DECEMBER 2023**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND CASTING DIRECTOR, "OFF THE MENU" SHORT FILM**

- Organized logistical details of production by managing daily on-set activities to assure a safe and on-time shoot while following union break regulations
- Created shooting schedule and communicated as a liaison between the director and 15 crew members to adhere to said schedule on set while also balancing the incorporation of new shot and set-up ideas
- Led casting call for all five of the film's characters, developing a better understanding of the casting process and more experience with finding the right talent for roles
- Won Best Student Film at the Los Angeles Film & Script Festival in April 2024 and will also be featured in the Newport Beach Film Festival CSUF Showcase in October

**MAY 2023 – AUGUST 2023**

**SOUND AND BUSINESS ASSISTANT, WILDTRACKS**

- Learned how sound impacts a project's story and emotion from an Emmy-award winning sound editorial company, resulting in a better understanding and respect for the role sound plays in filmmaking
- Created AAFs, assembled dialog, sent files via secure transmission methods, edited basic sound effects, and organized files, culminating in day-to-day sound editorial operation knowledge
- Shadowed sound assistants, editors, and supervisors in spotting and mixing sessions to gain hands-on knowledge of sound editorial processes in trailer, television show, and film sound design

## SKILLS

- Pre-Production Software: Final Draft 12, Movie Magic Scheduling, Backstage, and Casting Networks
- Post-Production Software: Adobe Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, and Pro Tools
- Administrative Software: Microsoft Office and Google Suite (Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel, Docs, Slides, Sheets, Drive)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Visionaries of the Year Candidate, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** | March 2023 – June 2023

**Senior Honors Project, University Honors Program at CSUF** | December 2022

**Dean's Honor List, CSUF College of Business and Economics & College of Communications** | April 2020 – May 2024