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OBJECTIVE: Work in a film and video-related job that utilizes my skills in planning, producing, shooting video, and editing digital content across multiple platforms.

EDUCATION:

Grand Valley State University – Graduated April 25th, 2015 Allendale, MI
Bachelor's Degree of Science in Film and Video - emphasis on Animation/New Media (Transmedia)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Production Assistant at WGVU-Public Media

Grand Rapids, MI

September 2012 to Present

- Lifted heavy equipment, set up lights, built sets
- Created scripts and storyboards
- Created motion graphics and other video advertisements for television and on the web
- Marketed the Student Employee Scholarship Fundraiser and filmed telethon fundraisers
- Operated Sony and Ikegami studio cameras, audio boards, Chyron and teleprompters
- Worked with and conducted uplinks for companies such as CNN and FOX News
- Filmed Grand Valley State University sporting events such as Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Football, and Volleyball. Edited footage into highlight videos.
- Trained production assistants on how to shoot sporting events
- Directed an episode for *The Grand Valley State Sports Report* – Sept. 29th, 2014
- Produced an episode for *Ask the Expert! (Live) – Ask The Magician* – Jan. 13, 2014
- Some other major events in which I have been involved with are: *WGVU Food & Wine Symposium*, *WGVU Pledge Drive (Live)*, *WGVU Cool Teacher*, *Hope College vs. Calvin College: The Rivalry (Live Basketball)*, *Newsmakers*, *Community Connection*, *Kalamazoo Lively Arts*, *Hope College Christmas Vespers 2013*, *Family Health Matters*, *Kids Day at the Zoo*

Videographer at Sonlight Christian Camp

Pagosa Springs, CO

March 2012 to August 2013 (1 year and 6 months)

- Filmed footage of all major camp scheduled events on a weekly basis using Canon DSLRs and GoPros.
 - Filmed children white water rafting
 - Hiked 13,000-foot mountains and filmed children ascending mountain peaks
- Took photos, and edited photos for advertisements and marketing projects
- Managed Facebook accounts, uploaded content on a weekly basis, responded to comments
- Created video promos for YouTube
- Creatively produced weekly highlight videos of each camp session for campers to purchase via DVD and for purchase online at Gumroad.com
- Completed general tasks as assigned such as: washing dishes, and cleaning cabins

Videographer at Grand Valley Lanthorn

Allendale, MI

September 2011 to January 2012 (5 months)

- Filmed Grand Valley State University sporting events using Panasonic cameras
- Conducted interviews and filmed on campus events at Grand Valley State University
- Edited footage for YouTube and Lanthorn.com

Videographer at Otsego Public Schools

Otsego, MI

February 2010 to June 2011 (1 Year and 5 months)

- Filmed sporting events such as basketball and football
- Created highlight DVDs for players applying for colleges and for coaches to review games
- Created a PSA about school bullying that was presented to the entire school

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SOFTWARE SKILLS & PROFICIENCY:

- Adobe After Effects (Advanced)
- Adobe Premiere Pro (Advanced)
- Adobe Photoshop (Advanced)
- Adobe Illustrator (Intermediate)
- Adobe Lightroom (Intermediate)
- Sony Vegas (Intermediate)
- Boujou (Intermediate)
- Final Cut Pro (Intermediate)
- Microsoft Office (Intermediate)
- Adobe Dreamweaver (Familiar)
- NewTek Lightwave (Familiar)
- Autodesk 3ds Max (Familiar)

OTHER TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- HTML (Familiar)
- 2D/3D Compositing (Layer-based)
- Photo Editing/Photo Manipulation
- Motion Design
- Chroma Keying
- Rotoscoping
- Color Correction
- Color Grading

PERSONAL SKILLS:

Strong attention to detail. Respects deadlines, manages time efficiently, and works well under pressure. Excellent team player with great communication skills, self-motivated and focused.

INTERESTS:

Photography, video production, script-writing, listening to music, and golfing.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- WGVSU-Public Media Outstanding Student Employee Scholarship Award – 2013, 2014
- Departmental Award for Graphic Arts – 2011
- Comet Yearbook Scholarship Award – 2011
- Harry Stout Foundation Scholarship Award – 2011

REFERENCES:

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