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STUDENT SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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SKILLS

Project Management

Java

C++

Python

Django Framework

HTML/CSS

Creativity and Logical Reasoning

Peer-Mentoring

Testing/Debugging

Constructive Feedback

Feedback Analysis

Critical Thinking

EDUCATION

Base Camp Coding Academy Graduate Institute

2022-2023

A non-profit organization centered around the goal of transforming Mississippi lives and creating technically skilled individuals with work-ready professionalism

Recognized for top-ranking in the class and volunteer work with peer-mentoring and lecture organizing

University of Mississippi

2019-2020

Relevant Courses Completed:

- Calculus 1-4
- Java 1-2
- Data Structures
- Algorithm Analysis

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

2016-2018

Associates of Arts

GPA: 4.0

Point Foundation - Scholar

2017-2020

Prestigious merit-based LGBTQ+ scholarship that recognizes excellent leadership, volunteer work, and schooling. Provides regular in-person leadership courses and requires yearly volunteer work dedicated to uplifting the LGBTQ+ community

PROFILE

I am a student software developer who is currently enrolled at Base Camp Coding Academy Graduate Institute. This coding camp is a nonprofit organization based in Water Valley, MS, and has the goal of creating work-ready individuals with hard programming knowledge geared towards project management and software development. At Base Camp Coding Academy Graduate Institute, I have started a Mentoring and Tutoring Leadership Team. This leadership team is responsible for consistent communication between team members and instructors, along with the director of the program, with the goal of providing extra curriculum and lectures that go over weak-points in the curriculum and current tutoring models. We have successfully run lectures, practice programs and extra assignments that have been visibly helpful for our peers. We constantly receive feedback from both instructors and students and work on our plans to ensure a stable and helpful learning environment for our peers.

Beyond maintaining professionalism and being trained in project management, Base Camp Coding Academy has been able to offer invaluable technical skills that include Python, HTML/CSS, and Django framework. By my graduation, I will become familiar with Java, JavaScript, Spring framework, and SQL. I am also on a fast-moving path towards learning from essential feedback and mistakes, which allows me to move forward and be an excellent team member or leader.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Mentoring and Tutoring Leadership Team - Founder

Base Camp Coding Academy Graduate Institute | Water Valley, MS 2022-2023

- Gather constructive feedback from superiors and peers on how to better manage self-paced curriculum
- Run lectures that cover current information using both whiteboard techniques and hard coding examples
- Give supplementary lectures on prior units for students who are running behind, to account for the self-paced learning environment
- Always stay ahead of class by 1-2 weeks so my understanding of the material is useful for my peers
- Have weekly discussion on the placement of peers and what general struggles seem present in the class so that I can run further lectures on these struggles
- Communicate closely with all members of the team, including the instructors and director of the program

Mississippi Gulf Coast Art Community - Event Coordinator

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College | Wiggins, MS 2016-2018

- Coordinate and run events that center around art lessons or art-for-fun days at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
- Handle all money-management and generate funding for events
- Schedule fund-raisers for events
- Run lessons and lectures on the foundations of painting in acrylic, still maintaining a fun environment for beginner artists and hobbyists

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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pine Seeds - an LGBTQ+ Oxford Zine

Point Foundation | 2019

Through the teachings and support of Point Foundation based in Los Angeles, California, I created a self-published 'zine' featuring the recipes, poetry and artwork of several people in the LGBTQ+ community in Oxford, MS. This zine's goal was to share low-cost and easy recipes, along with uplifting stories and art from the community, to the LGBTQ+ community of Oxford, MS.

- Self-management
- Able to edit and recreate documents in a certain format across multiple word-processing software
- Proficiency in digital art software
- Communication with various printing businesses to maintain budget spending

Quasar Arts - Featured Artist and Assistant Organizer

Quasar Arts in Oxford, MS | 2021

Quasar Arts is an Oxford-based independent organization that hosts events and produces magazines with featured artists that include visual arts, music, and poetry.

As a featured artist and assistant organizer, my duties included:

- Gathering digital prints to showcase during the visual portion of the event
- Organized all entries for the visual portion of the event and set up display panels for each featured artist
- Team-work in delegating tasks to each assistant
- Picking up any needed tasks to ensure the event runs smoothly and without issues
- Creating flexibility in case of an issue occurring (Artist not showing up to event, audio problems, etc.)
- Publicly speaking to those who are interested in donating to the cause or further supporting the independent program

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Commissioned Artwork

Self

July 2016 - Present

A freelance artist focused on completely commissioned artwork - client gives all details from start to finish, which has rewarded me valuable skills with customer satisfaction, detailed and consistent communication, and social-media presence

- Consistent communication via email or video call with all clients, providing an update on services after each step of the process or once every week, whichever is more often
- Create and uphold a Terms of Service(TOS) agreement which describes responsibilities on both ends of the contract, refer to the TOS to resolve any questions or issues
- Self-motivation and self-management, with priority lists or accessible queues to refer to when keeping up with commissions
- Maintain a fixed 'turnover' period when commissions will be completed
- Maintain and update 2 different websites that feature my services and prices along with a queue that communicates where clients are in the list
- Expertise in digital art creation software
- Preserve a positive social media presence, along with a positive impression with clients via private communication
- Be available most hours of the day for communication in case any issue or question arises with a client
- Money management

Server | To-go | Quality Assurance/Expo

Chili's | Oxford, MS

July 2020 - November 2021

From two lateral positions as a server and to-go runner to a promotion to a Quality Assurance role, I have developed valuable skills that allow me to adapt to several roles

- Keep up excellent customer service
- Receive and learn from vital feedback from both superiors and customers
- Stress-management - keep a level head and preserve decision-making skills during periods of high-customer flow
- Team-player - take on additional tasks as necessary to maintain a smooth-running work day
- Fast-acting decision-making skills during periods of a high-customer flow to maintain customer satisfaction and the reduction of errors in the kitchen
- Be the communicator between front-of-house employees and back-of-house employees as Expo
- Time-management and Priority-Analysis when considering influx of orders
- Stress-reduction for coworkers, as the Expo role required me to always be level-headed and be able to make decisions for coworkers who became overworked
- Manage and take on extra tasks from back-of-house and front-of-house to create an equal work balance between all employees

References are available upon request!