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DESIGN AND ENTERTAINMENT

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EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) 2022

BFA in Interior Design
Minor in Themed
Entertainment
Minor in Architectural History

SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Illustrator
AutoCAD
Concept Illustrations
Enscape
Hand Sketching
Microsoft Office
Revit
Rhino
Scenic Techniques
Sketchup

WORK EXPERIENCE

Falcon's Creative Group | Orlando, FL

Interior Architectural Designer | Mar. 2025 - Present | Full-time

- Report directly to the VP of interiors & architecture, creative directors, & other parties for international & national projects
- Oversee the design for 50+ food & beverage, retail, & guest facilities, & attractions of various themed lands
- Produce Revit models, AutoCAD drawings, & Bluebeam redlines for 100+ facilities
- Develop material boards, FF&E schedules, spec sheets, & track additional data relevant to projects
- Modify design elements according to client feedback, while respecting intellectual properties

Nassal | Orlando, FL

Scenic Lead | Aug. 2024 - Mar. 2025 | Full-time

- Lead a team of 5 to 30 craftsmen daily for a new,
 Orlando-based theme park
- Represented the scenic department at on-site visits for national projects
- Applied automotive, latex, & water-based painting techniques on a daily basis, securing a Professional Painters certification
- Delivered scenic treatment for 200+ facilities across various projects including exterior facades, scenic props, attraction queues, retail spaces, restaurants, animatronics, & murals
- Operated boom lifts & scissor lifts on-site daily after obtaining a MEWP certification
- Troubleshooted challenges that resulted from materials malfunctioning during production



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AWARDS/CERTIFICATIONS

- PPG Certified Paint Professional (Feb. 2024)
- Sunbelt Rentals MEWP Lift Certification (Jan. 2024)
- ASID Student Portfolio
 Competition: Semi-Finalist
 (2022)
- SCAD Interior Design
 Undergraduate Student
 Leadership Award (2022)
- SCAD Dean's List (Fall 2018– Winter 2022)

INVOLVEMENT

Themed Entertainment Association (TEA)

- International Member (Jan. 2020 - Present)
- SCAD NextGen (Sept. 2020 - Present)

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)

Member (Sept. 2018 - Present)

Interior Design Organization (IDO)

- President (Aug. 2021 -Mar. 2022)
- Mentorship Director (Aug. 2020 - Aug. 2021)

The Hospitality Industry Network (NEWH)

Member (Sept. 2020-Present)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nassal | Orlando, FL

Scenic Craftsman | Sept. 2023 - Aug. 2024 | Full-time

- Utilized a variety of paints to produce textures including, but not limited to wood, moss, lichen, & sand
- Completed bodywork through sanding, masking, patching,
 & glazing to ensure a proper paint finish on surfaces
- Painted over 300+ elements including facades, rockwork, coasters, textures, scenic props, & animatronics
- Repaired and created moulds and sculptures

Universal Creative | Orlando, FL

Designer | Sept. 2022 - May 2023 | Internship

- Developed & redlined models & drawing packages in BIM 360, Revit, & AutoCAD for 50+ facilities & attractions
- Procured & organized 200+ samples for the team
- Managed FF&E schedules & specification documents for over 50 facilities to be utilized by vendors, contractors, & Universal Creative
- Produced Photoshop renderings of exterior & interior spaces, plans, & elevations
- Cross-trained with show set team, art directors, & professionals from other backgrounds
- Assisted in design team meetings & vendor presentations

Marc-Michaels Interior Design | Orlando, FL

 $Associate\ Interior\ Designer\ |\ Apr.\ 2022\ -\ Sept.\ 2022\ |\ Full-time$

- Collaborate with project managers & other designers on various residential projects
- Selected fabrics, furnishings, reselections & accessories
- Created cost sheets, spec books, & FF&E schedules
- Assisted in client presentations, site visits, & installations



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