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UX/UI Design Experience

General Assembly (**January 2025 - April 2025**)

- UX Design Bootcamp
 - Completed a hands-on UX Design bootcamp, gaining practical experience in user research, wireframing, prototyping, and usability testing to create intuitive, user-centered digital products.

Teaching Experience

Head Teacher - Rebecca School (**Sept 2022 - Sept 2024**)

- Managed and coached a group of 4-5 Teaching Assistants and advised how to best support the class of 9 autistic students using DIR Floortime methodology¹.
- 1. DIR® is the Developmental, Individual-differences, and Relationship-based model which provides a foundational framework for understanding human development and learning and how each person individually perceives and interacts with the world differently).
- Developed classroom curriculum, create individualized, developmental, interest-based programs for each student while collaborating with an interdisciplinary team.
- Implemented student IEPs¹ - defend students need to enroll at Rebecca School with lawyer for the sensory and therapeutic supports the school offers.
- Authored detailed bi-annual student progress reports documenting 9 student's academic and social progress based on FEDCs². Analyzed student's progress based on regulation and social skills to improve student goals.
- 1. New York State (NYS) regulations define an IEP as a written statement for a student with a disability that is developed, reviewed and revised by a Committee on Special Education, Subcommittee on Special Education or Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- 2. Developmental defines the fundamental capacities (FEDCs) for joint attention and regulation, engagement across a wide range of emotions, two-way communication, and complex social problem solving. These in turn govern the development of symbol formation, language and intelligence.

Teaching Assistant - Rebecca School (**Sept 2017 - 2022**)

- Supported students using DIR curriculum - play based learning.
- Promoted to Head Teaching Assistant (**Sept 2020 - 2022**)
- Led classroom management and curriculum expectations when the Head Teacher was not present.
- Collaborated with head teacher on lesson plans and curriculum.

Certificates

DIR 201

- Developmental, Individual differences, and Relationship-based model class.

Other Work Experience

- Paint Nite Inventory Manager (**May 2016-Nov 2016**)
- Coordinated logistics for distributing art supplies to 25+ venues, achieving an increase in on-time deliveries and enhancing customer satisfaction metrics among local partners by 18% over a three-month period.
- Paint Nite Artist (**Sept 2015 - Dec 2017**)

- Spearheaded the organization and execution of interactive painting events at local bars, attracting audiences of up to 100 participants per session, resulting in a 40% increase in venue foot traffic on event nights.
- **Cashier/Stock - Blick Art Materials (Nov 2016- Sept 2017)**
- Maintained accurate financial records while working as cashier/stock at Blick Art Materials; streamlined daily cash handling processes reducing checkout times by an average of five minutes per transaction.
- **Cashier/Stock - Suburban Wines and Spirits (Oct 2014 - Sept 2015)**
- Executed all aspects of point-of-sale operations, handling an average of 100+ transactions weekly, enhanced customer satisfaction and loyalty.
- **Assistant Coach - Super Soccer Stars (June 2014 - Oct 2014)**
- Created age-appropriate drills and exercises for 40+ young athletes ages 5-11, fostering skill development and teamwork.

Fine Art Solo Shows

- All Street Gallery - LES NYC **(Dec 2024)**.
- 2 week installation viewing at gallery.
- Hoxton Hotel - Williamsburg NYC **(Nov 2023-April 2024)**.
- 5 month residency viewing in hotel gallery.
- All Street Gallery - LES NYC **(July 2023)**.
- Debut solo show, 2 week viewing at gallery.

Fine Art Group Shows

- Astoria Art Center - Astoria, Queens - End of Year Show **(Dec 2024)**.
- All Street Gallery - LES NYC - Katz Bodega Group Show **(Aug 2024)**.
- NYC themed art show, one month viewing at gallery.
- My.Pet.Ram Gallery - LES NYC - End of the year show **(Dec 2022)**.
- Greenpoint Gallery - Greenpoint, Brooklyn **(2016-present)**.

Education (Jan 2010 - May 2014)

Bachelor of Arts, Major in History, Minor in Geography
State University of New York at Cortland