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OBJECTIVE

- To collaborate with an innovative team of artists, creating fun and visually appealing animation

EDUCATION

- **AnimationMentor.com** June 2009
Certificate in Advanced Character Animation
Studies included the mechanics of animation, acting, staging, and story-telling.
Mentored by industry animators including:
 - T. Dan Hofstedt – Disney Animation Studios · Ryan Donaghue – Rhythm & Hues
 - Mike Walling – Blue Sky Studios · David Gallagher – Blue Sky Studios
 - Kenny Roy – Arconyx Animation Studios
- **Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH** May 2006
Bachelor of Fine Art in Digital Arts, Cum Laude
Coursework covered aspects of traditional fine art, and digital art including game development and collaborative character animation.
 - Concentration – 3D Animation
 - Major GPA – 3.9 / Overall - 3.71

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dream Machine Studios** Los Angeles, CA
January 2009 - Present
 - *Animator*
 - Animated cycles for upcoming iPod game, Air Guitar God
 - Planned character acting and animated for game cinematic trailer
 - Sculpted blend-shapes for facial animation
 - Rigged characters using custom MEL scripts
- M/I Homes** Columbus, OH
August 2007 - Present
 - *Help Desk Analyst*
 - Helped internal employees with computer hardware and software use
 - Troubleshoot software and hardware issues
- New Fuel Studios/Imagitorium** Columbus, OH
October 2008 - January 2009
 - *Animator*
 - Created movement for inanimate objects and organic characters
 - Setup cameras and staging in 3D space for use in 3D animatic
- iD Gaming Academy** Palo Alto, CA
June 2007 - August 2007
 - *Instructor*
 - Taught teenagers how to create 3D games using software such as Autodesk Maya
 - Responsible for classroom management

RELEVANT SKILLS/SOFTWARE

- Strong understanding of animation principles and kinetics
- Experienced in character rigging and 3D modeling
- Proficient with Maya, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere, Flash
- Dedicated, trustworthy professional with strong interpersonal skills.
- Proven strength in leadership and team building.