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Education

University of Southern California
2015 - Present

Santiago Canyon College
2014

El Toro High School, Graduated 2014
Lake Forest, California

Coastline Community College
2013-2014 ROP program

Laguna College of Art and Design
2013 Summer Program

Work Experience

January 2015 - present
Sports Photographer for the USC Athletic Department

Photography of the USC sports teams. Assist with photo studio setup. Edit, photo retouch and color correct photos. Update social networking sites and websites.

June 2015 - August 2015

Camp Counselor at Bothin Youth Center, Girl Scouts of Northern California

Taught, nurtured, challenged and empowered young girls between the ages of 8-14. Designed programs and guided campers to participate in activities that build self-esteem, develop skills, increase knowledge, enhance teamwork & promote cooperative behaviors.

2012 - present

Freelance Photographer & Graphic Artist Rachel Bennett Design

Manage and Execute all creative and business responsibilities of a graphic design studio. Market services, bookkeeping, purchasing, budgets, and quotes. Negotiate with, coordinate and supervise outside services. Design jobs include: Apps, Music CD Covers, Movie Posters, Illustrations, Web Sites and Videos. Photography jobs include: portrait, events, sports & products.

2009 - present

Created and sold Fine Art photography through the OC Fair, Art Fairs and Galleries.

Skills & Certifications

Experience using the following software: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat, Microsoft Word, iMovie, Premier and Word Press. Proficiency in digital photography, photo editing and retouching. Ability to work independently or in a team. Certificate in baking and pastry fundamentals

Honors and Awards

2015

Semi Finalist in photography
Adobe Achievement Awards

Alpha Delta Lambda Honor Society
University of Southern California

Juror's Choice Award for photography, OC Fair

2014

National Gold Medal for photo "The Red Plate"
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

American Visions Award & Gold Medal
for photo "Escape" Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
Western Region.

Gold Medal for photo "Defiance"
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Western Region.

Silver Medal for photo "Cash for Karma" Scholastic
Art & Writing Awards

Honorable Mention awards for Flash Fiction,
creative writing "Furry Vengeance, A Girl Named
Love and Salem's ice Cream Parlor"
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)
Lifetime Member

2013

Silver Medal for photo "Cash for Karma"
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Honorable Mention for photo "I Sea You"
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Editor's Choice for a Short Story on Figment.com a
division of Random House Publishing

Top 25 Finalist for Figment.com short story writing
competition for "Pairing of the Unwanted"

1st Place Award for website design of the BULLETin
Online at SCJEA competition

Award for cartoon, SCJEA competition

1st Place Award for Editorial Cartoon
EL Toro High Journalism

Awarded Full Scholarship to Laguna College of
Art and Design summer program

Best of Class for photography, OC Fair.

Staff Award for Photography, OC Fair.

2nd Place for Photography, OC Fair.

Two 2nd Place Awards for digital illustrations,
OC Fair.

Selected to participated in juried art exhibition
at Irvine Art Center by the Laguna Museum of
Art Curator. I was the only minor chosen.

2012

Won 1st and 2nd Place editorial cartoons for the
El Toro BULLETin newspaper.

Top 10 Finalist for Figment.com short story writing
competition for "Salem's Ice Cream Parlor"

Best of Class for photography, OC Fair

Staff Award for illustration, OC Fair.

1st Place creative writing, LA Fair

Three 2nd Places for photography, LA Fair

3rd Place for photography, LA Fair

1st Place - Best Feature Story Cal State Long
Beach, Journalism Summer Camp.

2011

1st Place ribbon for Photography, OC Fair

Two 2nd Place ribbons for Photography, OC Fair

El Toro Award of Excellence in Earth Science,
(top 1% of Earth Science students)

Sweepstakes Award in Creative Writing,
LA County Fair

Leadership

2013-2014

Editor in Chief of El Toro High School BULLETin
on-line newspaper. In charge of 30 students,
assign stories, photos and art, edit articles and
update website.

2012, 2013 & 2014

Art & Publicity Director for Air Guitar 2012, 2013
& 2014. Designed, coordinated and publicized Air
Guitar Armageddon. Art Direction of Air Guitar
Circus Freaks & Friday Night Live. They were
elaborate stage shows and fund-raisers with music,
lighting and special effects.

2012

Chairman of the Give a Child Life Art Auction
See description in Community Service.

Community Service

2010- present

Over 475 hours of community service to a variety
of charities from local charities to world wide
organizations. For example: local schools, OC
Parks, Canyon Land Conservation Fund, Aquarium
of the Pacific, Give a Child Life... below are a few
examples.

2012, 2013 & 2014

Art & Publicity Director for Air Guitar Fund raiser
responsible for producing sets and publicity.
Designed, recruited and directed a group of
students that help created the sets and props
for "Air Guitar". It is an elaborate stage show and
fund-raiser with music, lighting and special effects.
The funds support the High School newspaper.
Approximate time spent: 2012 - 35 hours,
2013 - 84 hours & 2014- 53 hours

2013

Canyon Land Conservation Fund

I designed and produced backdrops for fund-
raising events. Proceeds were used to protect
undeveloped habitats. Approximate time spent:
72 hour total, 9 hours per week for 8 weeks

2012

Aquarium of the Pacific

Sea Fair produced art work for sale for their fund-
raiser. Approximate time spent: 7 hours.

Chairman of the Give a Child Life Art Auction

Initiated the project; served as its Chair, set the
auction up with a law firm, recruited other students
to create art projects, prepared and distributed
fliers, monitored the projects' completion and,
finally, collected and framed everything so it would
be ready for the auction. Substantial profit realized.
Approximate time spent: 112 hours total, 8 hours
per week for 14 weeks.

Hobbies:

Drawing, Painting, Photography, Creative Writing,
Surfing and Hiking.