

EMEKA AWA

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Education

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Class of 2018

- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Major: Film, Video, New Media and Animation
 - Specialization: Comics and 2D Animation

Study Abroad in Italy (Rome, Milan, Venice)

Summer 2017

Skills

Software

Expert knowledge of Adobe Creative Cloud Applications: Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects, Illustrator, and Animate. Proficient with Audacity, Toon Boom, Maya, Final Cut Pro 6, Midjourney v6, and Stable Diffusion 1.5.

Animation and Film

Rotoscope Animation, 2D Traditional Animation, Lip Sync Animation, Puppet Animation, Stop Motion Animation, Oil Paint-On-Glass Animation, 2.5D Environments in After Effects, Coloring in Photoshop & Toon Boom, Sound Design in Audacity, Video Editing, Storyboarding, and Directing Voice Talent.

Filmography

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2018

- SAIC FVMAS Siskel Film Festival: presented at the Gene Siskel Theater Film Center (May 2018).
- Newark International Film Festival: presented at the Cityplex 12 Theater (September 2018).

Work Experience

Full-Time Assistant Manager, Wine Outlet, Holmdel, New Jersey

2022-2024

- Managing approximately 20 employees in a boutique wine shop that includes hiring, training, scheduling, and carrying out exit interviews.
- Educating staff members on historical details about different types of beverages so that customers can make informed purchases.
- Promoting the company's wine club membership program and demonstrating new products to customers.
- Updating and creating product signs for the shelves in a store that carries an inventory of over 1000 types of wines, beers, and spirits from around the world.

Full-Time Merchandizer, Total Wine & More, Eatontown, New Jersey

2021-2022

- Employee of The Month (August 2022)
- Trained and certified in operating industrial machinery such as the J1 Joey forklift.

- Knowledgeable in the wine/beer/spirits distilling and manufacturing process, the regions in which these beverages are made, as well as the histories of key beverages.
- Maintaining organized, labeled and easily accessible overhead/overstock spaces for fellow employees.

Full-Time Frontline Team Member, BJ's Wholesale Club

2021

- Supervised the break schedules of approximately 10 of full-time and part-time employees and planned for schedule conflicts due to an absence or an overabundance of customers.
- Adapted quickly to changing situations to guarantee employee coverage and maintain the day-to-day store operations.
- Completely trained cashier operator that can efficiently complete transactions, process customers' in-store/online merchandise returns, promote club membership subscriptions, track merchandise inventory on the computer database, and deescalate customer dissatisfaction in a calm, professional manner.

Copy Center Production Lead, Staples

2018-2019

- Associate of the Month (September 2018).
- Printing Posters, Signs, Legal documents, Resumes, Business Cards, Flyers, Postcards, and Invitations.
- Professional Cutting, Mounting, Lamination, Folding Brochures, UPS Shipping, Spiral and Comb Binding Booklets, and Packaging.
- General duties such as greeting customers, machine and work area cleaning.
- Training newer associates with department tasks.
- Organizing department schedules in order to prevent conflicts.

Laboratory Associate, SAIC Digital Fabrication Studio

2015-2018

- Operated and maintained the laser cutters and a clean work environment.
- Worked closely with over 500 students each term in order to teach them how to use machines to print Illustrator files.
- Performed general customer service duties such as tender payments and schedule appointments.

Videographer at Fnewsmagazine

2014

Filmed, interviewed, and edited a five-minute short documentary about SAIC's 2014 Student Group Fair