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About Me

Hello! I am a problem-solving, whimsical-forward artist and designer from South Texas. I am a soon-to-be graduate. My biggest inspiration right now comes from the colors of different flowers - specifically orchids. I love to listen to fun tunes like hyper-pop and house music while I work; which I think shows in my final products! I love Procreate, Apple Pencils, and Adobe Illustrator. Right now a personal project I am working on is an illustration - based portfolio!

Awards and Achievements

- **Regional Gold Addy Award** in Sale and Marketing Publication/Magazine Design
- **Special Judges Award** in Sale and Marketing Publication/Magazine Design

Education and Skills

- University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communications
- Advanced proficiency in Adobe Suites.
- Skilled in Illustrator and Photoshop
- Proficiency in Blender and Adobe Dimension
- Proficiency in HTML, Python, Circuit Lab, JavaScript and Arduino prototyping
- Proficiency in Microsoft Suites

Experience

- **[*2022*] Volunteer Teacher for Kid's Music and Art Camp at the Brownsville Texas Museum of Fine Arts.**

Duties included being a teacher's aide for a group of 25 children, assisting in teaching various fine arts classes such as relief printing, 3D clay sculpting, technical drawing, paper mache, still life painting, and poetry.

- **[*2023 – 2026*] Supervisor and junior graphic designer for Students as Learners and Teachers at University of Rio Grande Valley's Center for Teaching Excellence**

Duties include supervising a team of 10-18 employees, conducting and writing collaborative research work and manuscripts, website design (infographics, writing), designed infographics, flyers, and other multimodal artifacts to advertise the program for faculty and students across the university, facilitated collaborative workshops and info sessions with faculty and staff members. Held position as lead copywriter and editor for program website and advertising material.