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Professional Experience

artist

Art Coordinator

The T. K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability – Mississippi State University

August 2020 – Present

- Instructed 16 Wednesday Art Class students age 6 12, 32 Summer Art Program students age 6 12, 40
 Project Impact Preschool Students ages 3 12, 4 Art
 Lesson Students, and 5 Express Yourself! Artists age 9 48 on painting, drawing, ceramics and more in the
 Express Yourself! Art Program.
- + Took & edited pictures for all center programs, and managed, edited with iMovie and Adobe Premier, & posted a collection of videos in conjunction with an individual with disabilities to YouTube.
- Managed the website though the university platform, social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook -@t.k.martincenter Twitter - @tkmartincenter) created content for those accounts, and replied to message requests.
- + Organized Art Auctions for the sale of 6 Express Yourself! artists' work, which raised nearly \$5,000. Attended festivals and other events to showcase and promote artists' work. Assisted with fundraising events such as the Trick or Trot Fun Run (raising over \$35,000 for the Project IMPACT Program) through planning, organizing, and delegating roles.
- + Restructured the student organization T.K. Martin Ambassadors a volunteer organization for undergraduates who fundraise, promote, and volunteer for the center through rewriting the bylaws, creating new positions/committees, and being a staff advisor to 27 students. Advised on subjects including fundraising, member selection, and personal/professional development.

Studio Assistant for Student with Disabilities

College of Art, Architecture, and Design – Mississippi State University October 2021 - Present

- + Originally began working with an individual born without arms in 2020 through the T. K. Martin Center to develop fully independent painting skills using the artist's feet. Once they began considering the pursuit of a Fine Arts Degree in 2021, they needed an assistant who knew the program as well as the intricacies of their disability.
- Assisted artist in two studio classes a semester through Woodworking, Painting, Ceramics, Photography, Printmaking, Metalwork, and overall concept.
- Advocated for changes in curriculum and timeline to accommodate individual's disability, and assisted professors in making changes to projects.
- Assisted in the individual's internship with the Mississippi State University Library and the individual's professional development.

Social Media and Marketing Coordinator

Oktibbeha County Humane Society – Starkville, MS July 2022 – January 2023

- + Photographed and wrote profiles for available animals. Dispersed and promoted information across multiple platforms including Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook (@ochsms). These efforts contributed to the adoption of over 50 animals.
- + Helped to update the website via WordPress and sent out weekly newsletters via MailChimp to approximately 5,000 people.

- + Coordinated strategic partnerships with university entities and local organizations to promote, fundraise, and collect donations for the shelter. Photographed and facilitated events in the community and collaborated with news outlets to promote events and adoptions.
- + Facilitated in arranging emergency foster care for around 3-5 animals a month and connected several lost pets with their owners.

Education

Mississippi State University | 2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts + Concentration: Ceramics

Hard Skills

Adobe Creative Suite – Photoshop, Premier, and Illustrator

Microsoft Office - Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

Social Media - Instagram, Facebook, Tik Tok, and Twitter

Other Software - iMovie, MailChimp, Canva, and Buffer

Craft - Ceramics, Painting, Photography, Woodworking, Drawing, and Metalworking

Soft Skills

Communication Creativity

Adaptability Problem Solving

Resourceful Team Player

Attention to Detail Ability to take Criticism

