

Fairlight Strong

Charlotte, NC 

ILLUSTRATOR|PAINTER

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Fine Arts: Illustration
Dec. 2025

University of North Carolina
at Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

Chancellor's List 2022-2025
4.0 GPA

CORE SKILLS

- Creative conceptualization
- Attention to detail and composition
- Proficiency in various art mediums (painting, drawing, sculpture)
- Digital illustration & Design Software (Photoshop, Procreate)
- Cosmetology (3 years)
- Russian (4 years - limited)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Illustration: Environmental, Medical, Narrative, Publishing, Character & Asset Design.

Figure: Figure Drawing, Figure & Anatomy.

Painting: Painting 1, Digital Drawing & Painting.

Ceramics: Hand building, Ceramics Sculpture.

Bookmaking & Papermaking.

Extracurriculars: Russian Club Secretary (2023-2025)

AWARDS & EXHIBITIONS

Botanical Illustration for Marketing Materials. Client: JB Burke, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Fall 2024.

57th Undergraduate Juried Exhibition. Rowe Art Gallery, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Spring 2025. Juror: Duff Woon Kee Yong. *Medical Illustration: Hand Study.*

Infaelith Exhibition, Popp Martin Student Union Gallery, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, April 2025.

Creative Work Presentation, Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, April 17th, 2025. Nominated for Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society 2025.

Portrait of an Andean Condor, Carolina Raptor Center, Collaboration, Charlotte, NC. April 2025.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Art Teacher at Drawn2Art

Cornelius, NC | Oct. 2024-Current

- Introduces students to various material techniques in both wet and dry media.
- Provides individualized instruction and constructive feedback to students.
- Maintains a positive and encouraging classroom atmosphere.
- Instructs and prepares classes based on Drawn2Art's comprehensive curriculum program.
- Ensures a safe and clean studio for patrons.

Team Lead at Panera Bread Associate at Panera Bread

Harrisburg, NC | Aug. 2023-Nov. 2024

Boone, NC | Dec. 2021-Aug. 2024

- Ensures adherence to food safety and sanitization protocols.
- Provides comprehensive training to new team members across roles.
- Established trust through effective communication and problem-solving, resulting in increased customer loyalty and satisfaction.
- Demonstrates efficiency and composure in high-pressure environments.