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EDUCATION

Denison University, Granville, OH

Class of 2026

Bachelor of Arts, Communication & Theatre, GPA: 4.00/4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Denison Independent Theatre Association, Granville, Ohio, USA

Jan-Dec 2024

Playwright, Director, Producer, & Costume Designer

- Wrote an original play exploring the effects of colonization in a postcolonial society, with themes of inequitable education, economic disparities, and religious impositions
- Directed and synthesized the creative vision of the production through casting, rehearsals, and design
- Led a team of 28 students—including cast, crew, designers, choreographers, a music director/composer, and a live band—with varying levels of theatre experience through a supportive, educational rehearsal process and two sold-out, successful performances

Denison University Theatre Department, Granville, Ohio, USA

Jan-Dec 2024

Production Stage Manager

- Managed the smooth collaboration of two productions—HERE US (a student-written multimedia variety show) over 6 weeks, and *A Little Night Music* in 3 months—and a teams of at least 40, including designers, cast, and crew
- Directed daily operations by meticulously managing paperwork, including creating impromptu daily schedules, rehearsal reports, and daily calls for an efficient and organized production process
- Took charge of show operations, calling cues and coordinating with directors, front of house staff, and run/performance crews to deliver successful, sold-out performances with over 200 audience members

Denison Independent Theatre Association, Granville, Ohio, USA

May-Sep 2023

Director, Producer, & Head of Script Development

- Directed and produced an original student show with two sold-out performances on campus and an encore presentation at a community arts center
- Led a team of 15 students, fostering a collaborative environment and managing the production virtually throughout the summer and in-person within the first three weeks of the school year
- Collaborated with on-campus minority organizations to ensure community impact and leverage external resources

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

Denison Consulting, Granville, Ohio, USA

Sep 2022-May 2023

Senior Consultant

- Set scope and provided marketing recommendations for a group of Grammy-winning musicians and a 72-year-running performing arts organization
- Conducted comprehensive industry research, employing data analysis and competitor interviews to identify trends and potential areas for differentiation
- Collaborated with team members to synthesize findings, deliver presentations, and develop guidebooks for actionable recommendations

SPECIAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Market Research, Communication Research, Theatre Research, QLab (Sound & AV Operation), Lightboard & Automation Operation, Costume Design, Scenic Design, Props Design, Stage Management, Production Coordination, Stagehand Training, Cast Training, Basic Special FX Makeup, Acting, Viewpoints, Singing, Basic Fight Choreography, Fight & Movement Coordination, Graphic Design, Digital Publications, Creative Writing, Playwriting

AWARDS

- Mary G. and G. Harold Osborne Endowed Scholarship for the Fine Arts, Denison University Fine Arts, 2024
- Harriet Shepardson Award & Scholarship, Denison University Theatre Department, 2024
- Reese/Shackleford Award & Scholarship, Denison University Theatre Department, 2023
- Phi Society Inductee (branch of Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society), Denison University, 2023