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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA (Class of 2016)
-Bachelor of Arts/Studio Arts degree/GPA 3.83

SKILLS

-Art therapy background and university level art education entails understanding of drawing with different media, design, wood construction, some power tools, some welding, ceramics, printmaking, photography, Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and especially painting with acrylics and oils.
-Experience creating activities, planning events, preparing material, teaching, story-telling, performing in theater, mentoring, communicating in American Sign Language, and specializing activities to meet individual concerns of many populations of children aged 3-18 including refugees, underprivileged, ESL, autistic, and behaviorally/ intellectually/ emotionally disabled.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Artist and Owner of Art Off The Wall By Emily (Spring 2017-Present) Pittsburgh PA
-Create sculptures, paintings, mixed media works, and photographs for commission, sale, and exhibition

Arts and Making Educator for the Children's Museum (Spring 2016-Present) Pittsburgh PA
-Facilitate group activities for children such as painting, drawing, printmaking, silk screening, cardboard sculpture, sewing, soldering, felting, weaving, stop motion film, etc.

Tutor for America Reads Challenge (Fall 2015-Spring 2016) University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA
-Teach ESL children and children with reading difficulties; occurs twice per week
-Create specific lesson plans tailored to fit each student and uses activities such as art making or games to aid learning of reading skills

Team H.O.P.E. Intern for Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh (Summer 2015) Pittsburgh PA
-Organize, coordinate, and oversee daily activities and events for underserved children and adolescents

Activity Assistant for the House of Mercy (Fall 2012-Spring 2014) Erie PA
-Assist theater, gardening, tutoring, student job applications, social issues, and teach drawing and painting techniques

Summer Camp Counselor for Camp AIM (Summer 2013) Pittsburgh PA
-Lead and plan activities daily, such as jewelry making, weaving, board games, drawing, and painting for a group of three special needs adolescent girls while maintaining weekly communication with campers' parents', working with each camper on daily and long term behavioral/emotional goals

EXHIBITIONS

Women in Art Exhibition (Fall 2017) Seton Hill University, Greensburg PA

Frank L. Melega Art Museum (Fall 2017), Brownsville PA

Fifteen Minutes Art (Fall 2017) Storefront Projection at 5900 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh PA

Carnegie Library Installation (Spring 2017) Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA

Studio Arts Student Exhibition (Spring 2017) University Arts Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh (Fall 2016) Art Studio, Pittsburgh PA

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Stories Untold Art Exhibition (Fall 2016) University Arts Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

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Studio Arts Student Exhibition (Spring 2015) University Arts Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

A.J. Schneider Reading Room (Spring 2015-Spring 2016) Hillman Library, Pittsburgh PA

AWARDS

Forbes and Fifth Volume 10 (Spring 2017)

-Featured artist with art selected for the magazine cover

Betty Blockstein Levine Memorial Award (Spring 2017)

-Monetary award and artist recognition for body of work

Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award (Spring 2017)

-Monetary award and recognition for single artwork

Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Studies Award (Spring 2017)

-Monetary award and recognition for single artwork

Virginia E. Lewis Scholarship (Spring 2016)

-Pittsburgh Foundation monetary award for artistic creativity, community involvement, and financial need

Dilva Lombardi Scholarship (Spring 2016)

-Funding to launch *Hearts to Canvas* for grieving children at the Caring Place, Pittsburgh PA

A.J. Schneider Award (Spring 2015)

-Art recognition in the 2015 Studio Arts Student Exhibition at the University Art Gallery entailing a one year display in the Hillman Library at the University of Pittsburgh, cash award

Deans List (2012-2017) University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA

-Awarded for continuously high GPA in the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years of college

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

The Caring Place and **Our Clubhouse** (Spring 2016-Present) Pittsburgh PA

-Lead groups for grieving or ill children aged six to eighteen and initiate the program *Hearts to Canvas* in which children explore their grief and/or illness through art

Holy Apostle Parish (Fall 2016-Present) Pittsburgh PA

-CCD aid for children with autism and ADHD, responsible for supplementing classwork with sensory friendly activities

Personal Aid for Oakleaf Personal Care Home (Fall 2014-2017) Pittsburgh PA

-Read and create and oversee art directives with visually impaired patients bi-weekly

Big Sister for Big Brothers Big Sisters (Fall 2012-Spring 2014) Glenwood YMCA, Erie PA

-Mentor a child experiencing difficulties at home and engage in activities such as racing, soccer, coloring, and bracelet making with the child each week

Art Assistant for John F. Kennedy Center and **Erie Urban Development Center** (Fall 2012-Spring 2014) Erie PA

-Tutor and lead weekly art activities for groups of underprivileged and refugee children and adolescents