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EDUCATION

DePaul University, College of Computing and Digital Media, Chicago, IL
Game Design, Graduate June 2020. Concentrations in Production and Narrative Design. GPA - 3.775
Virtual Reality Club Member, Radio DePaul - host of live talk show, Photography Club, Alpha Epsilon Pi - Social Media and Marketing Chair (Clubs, volunteering, and accomplishments)

EXPERIENCE

- 2019-Now **Not a Sailor Studios LLC: Online**
Independent game developer with roles of Producer, Writer, and Community Manager
Not a Sailor Studios is a Chicago-based independent game studio and publisher with a team made up of four young individuals who started the company themselves
- Founded the company with 3 other friends after the success of our first game title that was made for a school game jam
 - Developed and self-published our first full title “Buddy Simulator 1984” on Steam which currently has a 95% Very Positive rating with over 3,000 reviews recommending the game.
 - Buddy Simulator 1984 has launched on PC, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation ,and Xbox and has received an official physical copy release through Limited Run Games
 - Learned and gained proficiency in many important game design skills including narrative and character design, project organization and management, community management, marketing, and more.
- 2019-2021 **Connected Camps: Online**
Lead Virtual Educator, Internship & Part-time
Not-for-profit organization providing connected learning experiences through the medium of Minecraft
- Started internship early 2019 and was soon after asked to stay with the company to help with part-time teaching
 - Developed 15+ new curriculums for other teachers to use and teach kids new subjects like Game Design, Level Design, Narrative Design, Video Editing, Game Modding, Paleontology, and more.
- 2017-2020 **DePaul University’s Ray Meyer Fitness Center: Chicago IL**
Fitness Floor Supervisor, Maintenance
Official fitness center for DePaul University; serving 550,000 annually
- Supervised a 12,000 square foot facility while being responsible for opening and closing multiple times a week with around 2,000 patrons per day
 - Managed and created datasheets, task lists, PowerPoints, activities, and over 600 maintenance and facility reports that prevented major problems at the fitness center
 - Created a personal spreadsheet detailing troubleshooting problems and the steps taken to fix them that was eventually used throughout the facility as a new standard
- 2016-2020 **Game On Illinois : East Peoria, IL**
Game Expert
State wide mobile gaming rig that hosts parties, weddings, and events; serving 2000+ annually
- Learned about and played thousands of video game titles on various systems including, PlayStation, Xbox, Switch, and PC.
 - Directed and designed a new experience which was the push towards Virtual Reality equipment and titles to give the company more variety and revenue

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Host of the live talk show Rebel Ramblings with Radio DePaul, an award winning college radio station.
- Vast knowledge and interest in photography and cinematography with an award winning short film made in college
- “A Game About Literally Doing Your Taxes” and “Buddy Simulator 1984” have been played by many large YouTubers and Streamers including Markiplier, Jacksepticeye, LIRIK, The Game Theorists, and GRONKH.