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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honors in Computer Animation

Minor in Business of Art & Design and Certification in Creative Entrepreneurship, May 2026

The British School, New Delhi

IB Diploma Programme

Jun 2020 - Jun 2022

ANIMATION & CG EXPERIENCE

Director, Animator and CG Generalist, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL

Feb 2025 - May 2026

- Directed and led full pipeline production of an animated short film, overseeing storyboarding, modeling, texturing, rigging, layout, set dressing, look development, character animation, lighting, and compositing across 2D and 3D workflows.
- Utilized Autodesk Maya, Substance 3D Painter, ZBrush, Arnold, Nuke and Adobe Premiere Pro to create production-ready assets and maintain visual consistency across the film through final delivery.
- Animated multiple characters for narrative-driven projects, applying principles of timing, staging, weight, and posing.
- Developed full-body character and prop rigs with blendshapes, driving systems and corrective shapes to support expressive character animation.

Animation Mentee, Lupin House, London

Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

- Created a polished 20 second character-driven animation during a 9-week mentorship under industry animator Steven J. Morris at Lupin House.
- Trained intensively within weekly review cycles and developed skills in body mechanics, facial performance, and character exaggeration.

Animation and Graphics Intern, UnCommonSense Films Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, India

Jul 2023 - Aug 2023

- Animated and rigged 2D graphics for motion posters, sequences, and promotional assets for a short film and short-form media content.
- Assisted in an in-house stop motion project through storyboarding, prop animation and development, and film sequence preparation.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Co-President, Asian Student Alliance, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL

Aug 2025 - May 2026

- Coordinated all stages of development and execution for an award winning large-scale exhibition, *Under One Tree: Branching Our Paths*, featuring 75+ Asian students, faculty and alumni, overseeing conceptual vision, curatorial direction, promotional media and event logistics.
- Led cultural programming and innovated campus traditions to foster community engagement and representation for Asian students on campus.

Student Outreach Coordinator, Center for Student Success, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL

Sep 2024 - May 2026

- Worked with students from various cultures to organize diversity-related initiatives to ensure a safe and inclusive campus environment.

Orientation Leader, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL

Aug 2024

- Hosted activities for incoming freshmen, focused on academic programs and campus life to support their transition to college.

Founder of Project SpreadTheRainbow, New Delhi, India

Jun 2020

- Organized a global Pride Week virtual initiative for 300+ viewers across 9 countries, featuring workshops with international speakers including LGBTQIA+ activists, students and public figures, managing branding, promotional media, budgeting and event logistics.

AWARDS

President's List, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL, 2022-23

Faculty Scholarship Recipient, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota FL, 2022-26

Student Organization of the Year, Asian Student Alliance, 2025-26

World Scholar's Cup 2019 Finalist, Tournament of Champions (Yale University) - Senior Division

- Received 4 Silver Medals in TOC, as well as 5 Gold & 5 Silver Medals in Global Round held in Sydney.

Harvard YLC 2019 Finalist

- Finalist in a select group of 60 students in India for the Harvard's Youth Lead the Change Leadership Programme.

SKILLS

Computer Skills: Proficient in Autodesk Maya, Substance Painter, Foundry Nuke, ZBrush, Arnold, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, Procreate, Procreate Dreams, Animation Paper, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Canva Pro | Intermediate in Houdini

Production Skills: Team Leadership, Pipeline Coordination, Shot Tracking, UV Mapping, Layout, Cross-Department Communication, Event Management

Language Skills: Fluent in English and Hindi