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EDUCATION

May 2018
GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY, BOILING SPRINGS, NC
Bachelor of Art Degree in Graphic Design
Minor: Intercultural Communication

ARTISTS STATEMENT

Growing up in an African household in American society is interesting to say the least. I use my viewfinder to incorporate my upbringing in my work that is heavily influenced by Asian and African culture to diversify my designs. As one of my friends put it, she finds most of my work to be "melancholily bright." While this description is a juxtaposition, it fits many of my themes that deal with showcasing minorities and present dark and serious issues in a vibrant way. When working on a project, I always see the positives and make the piece as vibrant as possible. Simplistic and clean designs with a traditional feel is my style.

SKILLS



WORK EXPERIENCE/ INTERNSHIP

Sept. 2020 - Present	Personal Shopper - Walmart, Greensboro, NC
Feb. 2020 - Present	Creative Director & Personal Assistant - Gauntlet Publishing, Shellby, NC
June 2018 - Sept. 2020	Graphic Designer - MBF, Inc. Greensboro, NC
Aug. 2017 - May 2018	TA (Teacher Assistant)-Communication Studies Boiling Springs, NC
Aug. 2016 - May 2018	RA (Resident Assistant)-Housing and Residence Education, Boiling Springs, NC
Dec. 2017	Logo Designer-Seeing Beyond Resale, Forest City, NC
May 2017 - Oct. 2017	Intern-Feed the Hunger, Burlington, NC
June 2016 - Aug. 2016	Intern-Awards of Excellences, Greensboro, NC
Aug. 2015	CEA (Career Educational Ambassadors)-Center Of Career Development, Boiling Springs, NC
June 2012	Designer-United Liberian In the Triad Organization, Greensboro, NC

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2016 - May 2018	Campus Civitan
Jan. 2016 - May 2018	Outreach Ministry
Jan. 2016 - May 2018	Prison Ministry
Jan. 2016 - May 2018	Angel Tree
Jan. 2016 - May 2016	Operation Christmas Child
Jan. 2016 - May 2016	Media (running slides for The Gathering)
Aug. 2014 - May 2017	Relay for Life

LEADERSHIP/ HONORS

May 2020 - Present	President & Graphic Designer - Future Change Foundation, Greensboro, NC
May 2017 - Present	Member of Lambda Pi Eta-National Communication Association
Aug. 2016 - May 2018	President-Japanese Language and Culture Club, Boiling Springs, NC
Aug. 2016 - May 2018	Publicity Coordinator-French Club, Boiling Springs, NC
Aug. 2015 - May 2016	Vice-President-Japanese Language and Culture Club, Boiling Springs, NC