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EDUCATION

Aug. 2017 – **Duke University**, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences | Durham, NC
May 2021
Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts
Bachelor of Science in Biology
Minor in Computer Science
GPA 3.691 (3.718)

FURTHER EDUCATION

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts | Philadelphia, PA
2026 Spring Semester Advanced Studio Practice & Critique
2025 Fall Semester Advanced Studio Practice & Critique
2025 Summer Studio Practice & Critique Program
2023 Portrait Painting Basics Workshop

Urban Movement Arts Dance Studio | Philadelphia, PA
2025–26 The UMAMI Collective – Focus on Heels, Waacking, & Vogue
2025 Weekly Beginner & Intermediate Waacking
2022–25 Weekly Beginner & Intermediate Vogue
2022–25 Vogue & Waacking Workshops with Dance Icons

Philadelphia Sketch Club | Philadelphia, PA
2023 Weekly Figure Drawing Workshops

EXHIBITIONS

2025–26 Penn Medicine *Celebration of Life* Staff Artist Exhibition | Philadelphia, PA
2025 PAFA Continuing Education Summer Student Exhibition | Philadelphia, PA
2024 *Car World Museum* at KAJE Gallery | Brooklyn, NY
2023 PAFA Continuing Education Annual Student Exhibition | Philadelphia, PA
2021 Duke University Undergraduate Visual Arts Thesis Exhibition | Durham, NC

PERFORMANCES & COMPETITIONS

Jan. 2026 *The Collective Experience*, Performance at Fringe Arts | Philadelphia, PA
Dec. 2025 *Workinonit*, UMAMI Collective Performance | Philadelphia, PA
Jun. 2025 Participant, *The Philly Waackdown*, Vol. 2 | Philadelphia, PA
May 2022 *Workinonit*, Vogue Recital Performance at Fringe Arts | Philadelphia, PA

AWARDS & GRANTS

2026 Creative Philadelphia Illuminate the Arts Grant | Philadelphia, PA
2025–6 Artist + Researcher Exhibition (ARx Philadelphia) Program | Philadelphia, PA
2021 Sue & Lee Noel Prize in Visual Arts | Duke University Art Department

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Aug. 2017 – Neuroscience Technician, **Sehgal Lab at Univ. of Penn.** | Philadelphia, PA
May 2021
- Perform & analyze experiments in sleep & circadian rhythms, including animal dissections, histochemistry, & microscope imaging
 - Maintain an organized & efficient lab space, including colonies of mice, fruit flies, & human cancer cells
- Oct. 2018 – **Freelance Fine Art & Design** | Philadelphia, PA, & Durham, NC
Present
- Create paintings, drawings, infographics, & posters using both traditional & digital methods
 - Communicate clearly with clients to put together a final product that exceeds expectations
- Jun. 2020 – Web Designer, **Wellbeing Economic Alliance** | Virtual
Dec. 2020
- Prototyped a website to serve as a resource platform for anti-capitalist community-building efforts
- May 2019 – Student Staff, **Duke University Box Office** | Durham, NC
Mar. 2020
- Collaborated with arts administration & facility managers to assist in producing theater performances
 - Managed show operations & ticket sales across 4 different on-campus performance spaces
- Oct. 2017 – Research Assistant, **Duke University Biology Department** | Durham, NC
Jan. 2021
- Worked in various laboratories studying developmental entomology, plant reproductive biology, & theoretical genetic mechanisms

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- May 2021 – Summer Camp Instructor, **Lavner Education** | Virtual
Aug. 2021
- Taught K-12 students design fundamentals, as well as coding principles & complex math concepts
- Jan. 2017 – Student Instructor, **Mathnasium** | Columbus, GA
Jul. 2018
- Developed lesson plans & worked closely with K-12 students to teach complex math concepts

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Neutral lipid processing in glia is sexually dimorphic & promotes sleep through diacylglycerol catabolism
ES Pyfrom, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2025.09.10.674993
- 2025 Tanycyte Bmal1 sex-specifically regulates weight gain and hypothalamic neurogenesis in female mice
DM Iascone, P Pivarshev, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2025.04.21.649851
- 2024 Hypermetabolic state is associated with circadian rhythm disruption in mouse and human cancer cells
DM Iascone, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.08.566310
- 2023 Chronic sleep loss sensitizes *Drosophila melanogaster* to nitrogen stress
JL Bedont, P Pivarshev, et al. | doi.org/10.1101/2021.10.01.462746