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Summary:

Energetic arts administration professional with a background in interdisciplinary studies and pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in Print Media. Experienced in team leadership and community engagement with a passion for teaching craft practices. Proficient in teaching artistic and craft skills, fostering creative passion, and combining the arts and the outdoors.

Professional Experience:

Trackers Earth — Guide (Arts Instructor)

May 2024 – August 2024

- Instructed children ages K-2 in various craft activities centered around eco-art and folk craft tradition.
- Developed custom weekly curricula guided by student interest and available materials.
- Facilitated co-operative projects to help students strengthen social and problem solving skills.

UPS Store #3766 — Print Specialist

May 2023 – May 2024

- Engage with customers to discuss printing needs and create custom designs for various print materials.
- Production of large-scale print orders with strong attention to detail in layout and print quality.
- Serve as a customer representative by processing shipments and operating point-of-sale systems.

Marr's Field Journal — Editor-in-Chief

May 2021 – May 2023

- Implemented a unique leadership style to foster collaboration and empower staff members during meetings
- Developed new marketing strategies, increasing staff size by 200% and artwork submissions by 100%.
- Emphasized diversity in recruitment, digital marketing, and submissions to ensure inclusive representation.
- Successfully returned *Marr's Field Journal* to print production and hosting events, with our first print publication featuring over 50 accepted works and our first event hosting over 40 attendees and 10 arts organizations.

New College — Office Assistant

August 2021 - May 2023

- Assisted students in determining alignment of New College with their objectives, resulting in increased confidence.
- Provided responses to curriculum inquiries, facilitating smoother academic transitions for New College students.
- Conducted interviews with prospective New College students, contributing to effective selection processes.
- Managed citations, maintained resources, and coordinated scheduling to enhance operational efficiency.

Skills:

- Excellent communication skills, including teaching the arts
- Strong social problem-solving skills, with a background in free-choice learning and customer service

- Passion for inspiring curiosity about the arts, especially blending natural sciences and the arts for unique educational experiences
- Skilled in a variety of craft practices, including ceramics, printmaking, book binding,

papermaking, drawing, gouache and watercolor painting, digital art, creative writing, design, and multimedia

- Knowledgeable in natural and botanical arts practices, ex. papermaking with plants

Community Work:

- Volunteered for Kid Tent at the Kentuck Festival for the Arts, demonstrating a dedication to youth arts education.
- Led KindTask, an independent project promoting community engagement and social impact.
- Collaborated with the Summersell Scholars Program on a hidden history project, showcasing commitment to community involvement.
- Exhibit Designer and Curator of “With Friends: The Story of Tuscaloosa’s Queer Arts Activism”
- Co-Curator and Designer of “A Queer History of West Alabama” with Summersell Center for the Study of the South

Education:

Interdisciplinary Studies BA with Honors, University of Alabama, May 2023

Depth Study in Arts Administration as Social Practice, Minors in Natural Resources and Liberal Arts GPA: 4.0

Relevant Coursework: Studio Art, Outdoor Leadership, Forestry, Organic Farming, Book Arts, Ceramics

Print Media Masters of Fine Arts, Pacific Northwest College of Art, May 2026 (expected)