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Portfolio with case studies:

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SKILLS / SOFTWARE

Filmmaking/Videography

Documentary, Promotional, Event Coverage, Narrative Filmmaking Experience. Direction, Cinematography, Camera Op, Video Editing, Color Grading, Sound Design, Motion Graphics, Light VFX. Adobe After Effects, Premiere Pro, Photoshop

Product Design & Fabrication

Engineering Design Process
3D CAD/Onshape/3D Printing
2D CAD/AutoCAD/Laser Cutting
Arduino Programming/Circuits
Vex Robotics Competition

Web Design/Development

HTML5/CSS3, JS/JQuery,
PHP/Wordpress, Git/GitHub,
Jekyll, Netlify, Google Analytics

Graphic Design

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator

DO TO LEARN, NOT LEARN TO DO

Extremely self-motivated,
constantly learning about and
working on new things.

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Phillips Academy Andover | 10th - 12th Grade | Sep 2017 - Jun 2020 | 5.75/6.0 GPA. Exec. Digital Editor, *The Phillipian*; Team Manager, Vex Robotics; Co-President, Chinese Student Association; Founder, Badminton Club; V Cross Country, V Nordic Skiing, V Cycling; Pianist

Columbia Secondary School | 6th - 9th Grade | Apr 2014 - Jun 2017 | 97/100 GPA. Student Gov. President 1 year, Class. Rep 2 years; Editor, *Contrariwise Journal of Philosophy*; Pianist, Chamber@CSS; Principal pianist, musicals *Footloose*, *In The Heights*; Media Director/Media Team Lead, 2 Train Robotics

WORK EXPERIENCE / LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The Phillipian | **Exec. Digital Editor** | Jan 2019 - Jan 2020 | *The Phillipian* is Phillips Academy's financially and editorially independent school paper, with an 85-student board publishing a 16-page paper and broadcasting a half-hour news show each week. As Exec. Digital Editor, I served as one of six Upper Management members directing week-to-week coverage, larger projects, and long-term initiatives. I created *Phillipian Live*, *The Phillipian's* entry into broadcast journalism, a section that now supports dozens of reporters; led a redesign of our website, directing coverage of several digital-first breaking stories; and spearheaded a record-breaking State of the Academy survey, leading a digital board of 20+ developers, designers, and videographers.

Video Associate Editor | September 2018 - Jan 2019 | Led the production of all videos for *The Phillipian*, from filming, editing, branding, and motion graphics design, to standardizing workflow, coordinating projects, and training staff.

Product Design/Prototyping Projects | **Ongoing: motorized 3-axis camera gimbal** - a handheld motorized camera stabilizer made with laser cut parts and a custom microcontroller | **Summer 2018: Auto Turner** - an automatic page turner for pianists and other musicians. (Cooper Union Summer STEM program)

Dazzling Discoveries/Skill Mill NYC | **Part-time staff** | Summer, Fall 2019 | Worked for an educational makerspace in NYC, traveling to local schools and teaching with hands-on projects

Phillips Academy Admissions | **Video Producer** | Sep 2017 - Mar 2019 | I worked closely with the Andover Admissions office to create promotional videos for prospective and new students, including a set of department introduction videos sent to all newly admitted students each year.

Marvin Holland for City Council | **Lead Graphic Designer** | Jul 2017 - Sep 2017 | From when I joined the team until primary elections night, I worked closely with the campaign strategy team and social media team to produce all print and social media graphics put out by the campaign. I also refreshed the campaign's branding and recreated old branding and graphics in higher resolution.

Columbia Uni. / 2 Train Robotics | **Media Director, Video Producer** | Sep 2016 - Jun 2017 | As media director of Columbia's FRC Robotics Team 395, I led the team's production of crowdfunding, Chairman's, and season documentary videos, redesign of our website, and social media.

Other Video, Photography Work | Ongoing | Other smaller video/photography projects for various clients, most recently: Promo video for Phillips Acad. Giving Day campaign, PA/Script Consultant/Prop Artist on *Puppeteer*; "John's Plan" music video for UTB's Andover Night Live; Photography for Andover Office of Alumni Engagement; Promo video for FoWa Challenge; Promo video for Greenlight 4 Girls; Photography for Andover Cycling; Photography for musicals *Ragtime* and *In The Heights*.

OTHER SKILLS

Piano | 12+ years | Andover Senior Soloist Award; 1st Place, Rondo Festival 2016, performed at Carnegie Hall; Honors Program 2014-2017, Kaufman Center LMS; Runner-up, CDCYM Chopin Competition 2013; Played in chamber groups, jazz band, musical pit bands, accompaniment

Math | Selected for NYU Center for Mathematical Talent, took college-level Set Theory, Group Theory, Logic and Proofs, Graph Theory, Number Theory w/ NYU professors, Intro to Statistics at Columbia University