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Educational & Professional Experience

2021–2025 Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Grand Valley State University

2025 Belgrade Art Studio Residency for Valda Baxx, Belgrade, Serbia

2025 Sand molding workshop with Jerod Christy and Gabrielle Egnater, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

Scholarships, Awards, and Grants

2021–2023 The Homan Foundation Scholarship, Hesperia High School Library

2020 West Michigan Student Showcase, Hesperia High School Library

2019 Michigan Art Education Association Scholarship, MSU Union Gallery

2019 True North Community Services Scholarship, True North

2018 True North Community Services Scholarship, True North

2016 True North Community Services Honorable Mention, True North

2013 Newaygo County Counsel for the Arts Special Recognition, NCAA Artsplace

2011 Newaygo County Counsel for the Arts Award, NCAA Artsplace

Exhibitions

2025 As Is, PAC Gallery Haas Center for Performing Arts, Allendale, MI

2025 BAS and Human Temple Collaboration, Human Temple, Belgrade, Serbia

2024 Student Scholars Day, Atrium of Alexander Calder Arts Building,

2024 *Sustainable Agriculture Project* exhibition. SAP, Allendale, MI

2023 *Protest Fashion Show*. The Atrium Gallery, Allendale, MI

2023 *Are You Discomfortable?* Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI

2020 *Showcase*. Hesperia High School library, Hesperia, MI

2019 *Artsplace Youth Competition*. Newaygo County Fine Arts Foundation, Fremont, MI

2018 *Artsplace Youth Competition*, Newaygo County Fine Arts Foundation, Fremont, MI

2016 *Artsplace Youth Competition*. Newaygo County Fine Arts Foundation, Fremont, MI

Skillset

3D digital modeling in Rhino 3D

fabrication

CNC machine operation

Ceramic Shell, sand, and silicone, mold making

Welding TIG, MIG, and Oxy-Acetaline welding and cutting

Traditional lost wax casting

Machine and hand sewing

Adobe software: Indesign, Illustrator, Photoshop

Press

2024 Fishladder Magazine Highlight

Performances

2025 Iron pour with Tommy Joe, Birmingham, AL

2025 Iron pour with Hi/Lo, Birmingham, AL

