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PROFILE

Skilled and energetic worker, educated in Graphic Design and Photography, with additional experience in assembly, manufacturing, reading blueprints / design plans, editing, retail, management, and electrical and mechanical work. Looking for a career that will allow me to utilize my skills, build upon them, and the opportunity to learn more.

EXPERIENCE

Birds Eye Foods - Filler Operator; Darien, WI — 2018 - Present

Operating filler machine for frozen vegetables and meals, conducting weight and quality checks, and correcting errors on all machinery on the packaging line. Cleaning and sanitizing the entire line after orders to meet and exceed FDA regulations. Organizing the line team to operate quickly while maintaining a high quality of both product and packaging.

Glanbia Performance Nutrition, Inc. - Machine Operator; Aurora, IL — 2017 - 2018

Operating the filling machine for powdered sports nutrition products, and working other various positions on the packaging line when needed. Working as part of a team to complete orders quickly, to a high standard of quality, and with minimal waste of materials.

Kramer Photographers - Senior Lab Tech; Palatine, IL — 2016 - 2018

Managing the editing and printing department, servicing three separate photography studios. Prioritizing projects to ensure timely completion of orders. Overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of the computer systems and printers, as well as personally troubleshooting most major issues to help reduce support costs.

Comfort Square, Inc. - Cabinet Builder; Lake Zurich, IL — 2015 - 2017

Assisted the shop owner in the design and build of custom cabinets, mantels, and built-ins, using professional quality equipment. Developed skills and gained knowledge that can apply to most any position or situation.

Jewel-Osco Grocery - Meat Wrapper; Palatine, IL — 2013 - 2015

Cut, wrapped, and stocked meat and poultry. Oversaw the seafood section, where I created displays, tracked inventory, wrote orders, trained other employees, and created and implemented a daily inventory control form to ensure proper rotation of products. Assisted customers at the service counter, and helped them with custom orders. Helped with managerial tasks for the whole department, such as writing orders, taking inventory, and filling sales sheets.

FREELANCE DESIGN WORK

Wedding Photography; Illinois — 2012 - Present

Wedding and reception photography, providing all editing, printing, and personalized websites for viewing.

Chicago Highland Rifles - Graphic Design, Photography; Aurora, IL — 2002 - 2017

Event photography, along with website design and build. The group disbanded in 2017.

Hum Spirits Company - Graphic Design; Chicago, IL — 2010 - 2012

Designed shelf-talkers, flyers, postcards, and B2B collateral items such as coasters, recipe cards, and a full B2B book.

Brutal Defiance, Inc. - Graphic Design; Harvard, IL — 2009 - 2012

Design for t-shirts, business cards, and other various collateral pieces; design, photography, build, and maintenance of website.

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 2006-2008
Visual Communication

Illinois Institute of Art, Schaumburg, IL 2009-2013
Graphic Design

SKILLS

Adobe CS • Mac and PC • HTML5 and CSS • Canon DSLR • Packaging • Illustration • Photography • Photo Editing • Corporate Branding • Collateral Design • Customer Service • Manufacturing • Assembly • Production • GMP • Mechanics • Project Management • Supervising • Training