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Dear Pixar Animation Studios,

I am applying for the Animation Intern position for the Summer 2021 term. I hope I am eligible through the Less Traditional Professional Path. I have approximately five years of experience in the field of Information Technology and would like to pivot my career toward becoming a 3D Character Animator in feature film. I have no professional experience as an Animator yet.

In December 2019 I completed Animation Mentor's 3D Character Animation program. Since completing Animation Mentor (AM) I have continued to work on my character animation skills by working on personal shots and in Spring 2020 I took a creature animation workshop. While I was a student at AM, I worked full time in IT. It was tough, but well worth it for the knowledge I gained from my mentors and peers. Becoming a Character Animator in feature film is my dream job.

I believe my experience in IT will help me to adapt to Pixar's production pipeline. As a Data Center Technician for the University of California, Irvine I am a part of a large department known as the Office of Information Technology (OIT). Technology advances very quickly so I need to be flexible at work and learn to follow new processes and procedures immediately. It's a quick paced environment especially in the data center where I am stationed. I enjoy being a team player and doing my part to assist my team and others to accomplish department-wide goals. In August 2020 I received a UCI Star Award from the OIT Director of Enterprise Infrastructure as recognition for my contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your time and consideration for the Animation Intern position. I can be easily reached at hello@laurenwatanabe.com, or at 808-228-1439.

Sincerely,

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Education

Animation Mentor

Online 3D Character Animation Program

Emeryville, CA

June 2018 – December 2019

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media

Honolulu, HI

August 2008 – May 2012

Application Skills

- 3D animation: Autodesk Maya and Blender.
- Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Premiere.
- 2D animation: Adobe Flash and Toon Boom Harmony.
- Office: Google suite and Microsoft office suite.

Experience

University of California, Irvine

Data Center Technician

Irvine, CA

May 2019 - Present

- Write documentation on UCI data center processes and procedures.
- Resolve ServiceNow tickets in a timely fashion.
- Install and decommission devices in the data center for clients and researchers.
- Write service level agreements and keep inventory up to date.

Los Olivos Village Market & Café

Shift Supervisor

Irvine, CA

August 2018 – May 2019

- Receive and sign for deliveries to the store and notify the manager.
- Maintain a working relationship with the store's property management.
- Listen to customer complaints and escalate issues to management if necessary.
- Responsible for ensuring opening and closing procedures are completed on schedule.

Alvah Scott Elementary School

Technology Assistant

Aiea, HI

October 2013 – July 2017

- Provide technology support over the phone, email, ticketing system, and in person.
- User account administrator for Google enterprise applications suite (G Suite).
- Run network cables as needed.
- Assist in software training for Google Suite and Microsoft Office Suite.
- Maintain inventory of supplies and equipment.

University of Hawaii, Graduate Division

Student Assistant

Honolulu, HI

July 2010 – April 2012

- Provide customer service at the front desk, over the phone, and through email.
- Receive student transcripts and enter the information into the system database.
- Perform administrative support duties and ran errands.