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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

QA Tester (Contract)

April 2025 – August 2026

Bungie - Los Angeles, CA

- Designed embedded testing for the Renegades expansion of Destiny 2, focusing on investment and player pursuits.
- Wrote precise bugs resulting in 98% successful fixes in first round regression testing, reducing blockers to design workflow.
- Used agile tools such as Jira to execute design stories in alignment with production timelines, freeing space for iteration.
- Conducted holistic white and backbox testing scenarios with proprietary development tools Grognok and Guardian.
- Hosted daily interdisciplinary playtests to align leadership direction with design work items and collected playtest data.
- Credited on Destiny 2: Renegades and Marathon.

Associate Game Designer

December 2024 – April 2025

KessCo - Los Angeles, CA

- Led concept design for a narrative party game project with Crunchyroll.
- Ideated new game concepts and systems to provide novel gaming experiences to players of all ages.
- Worked with licensors such as Toei, Konami and Hasbro to bring their stories to life in the analog game space.
- Manufactured prototype games and toys for rigorous playtesting, ensuring exceptional game flow, balancing and fun!

Staff Game Designer

July 2023 – December 2024

Maze Rooms- Los Angeles, CA

- Collaborated with manufacturers and engineers to produce narratively driven, future proof immersive escape and puzzle room experiences resulting in a 5 star google review for our two locations across thousands of reviews.
- Communicated directly with customers to create a personal experience resulting in a 10% increase in repeat bookings.
- Redesigned game flow of our preexisting rooms with narrative continuity and accessibility in mind, leading to a 15% increase in successfully completed rooms without a decrease in average time required to complete the room.
- Organized monthly playtests of rooms with amateur and experienced players to analyze growth opportunities in the games.

Assistant Researcher

May 2022 – March 2023

Center for the Study of Los Angeles - Los Angeles, CA

- Contributed to *ForecastLA 2023* by reviewing polling information with R data science tools for accuracy.
- Participated in research projects, including an inquiry into CA Prop 26 that influenced the position of the organization.
- Designed system to archive foundations physical records; modernized and fortified sensitive data for posterity.
- Conducted biographical screening work for potential clients to ensure they were the best fit for our organization, including Sen. Josh Newman and the Yanmava Casino Group.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Team Manager, League of Legends

August 2022 – May 2024

Loyola Marymount Club Sports - Los Angeles, CA

- Assessed the needs of our players to create a community with a growth mindset, steadfast in dominating our conference.
- Collaborated with marketing and athletics departments to bring a new aesthetic language to the Esports division, leading to the hiring of a new graphics designer and official merchandise store in collaboration with raven.gg esports.
- Advocated for the expansion and further legitimacy of Esports, resulting in the ascension of esports on LMU's campus from student level to official NCAA club sports level.

Founding Member/Treasurer

June 2023 – May 2024

Loyola Marymount Game Development Club - Los Angeles, CA

- Optimized finances of the largest first year Club on campus, resulting in all club events awarded the highest tier funding level from Loyola Marymount. Aided in drafting a constitution to ensure Club's institutional continuity and legacy.
- Planned and led events including a tour of the Riot Games campus for Club members, generating excitement for the future.

EDUCATION

University of Utah

Expected: May 2028

Master of Arts and Engineering in Game Design

Loyola Marymount University

Graduated: May 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Minor in Art History