

# GRACE YUHAS

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## EXPERIENCE

### Animation Apprentice

*Purdue University, Summer 2023*

- Designed characters, rigs, poses, and 2D animations in Photoshop and ToonBoom Harmony for series "Tres Mall" with Professor Derek Larson.
- Facilitated team meetings to discuss story, character, and art style exploration and narrative cohesion.
- Researched behavioral traits and environments to intentionally design authentic and representative stories.

### Creative Director and Lead Artist

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN Spring 2023*

- Led a team of 5 student artists to create the 3D animated short film "Sink or Swim" using Photoshop, ToonBoom Harmony, Maya, and Blender.
- Pitched story, created storyboards, concept art, character turnarounds, and animatics.
- Coordinated team meetings to track progress and to exchange feedback to create a coherent, engaging story.

### Disney College Program- Attractions Cast Member

*The Walt Disney Company, Orlando, FL Jan 2024 - May 2024*

- Certified in operations of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" attraction, parades, and fireworks: monitored and operated mechanical ride systems / show features, delivered safety briefings, and managed crowd control.
- Guided guests on interactive treasure hunts for "A Pirates Adventure" attraction and entertained guests with themed games during technical downtimes, helping ensure each guest had a positive experience.
- Ensured guest satisfaction by actively listening to concerns and implementing creative solutions using the "My Disney Experience" app to provide tailored recommendations and seamless park navigation.

### Fleet Feet Outfitter Team Lead

*Fleet Feet, West Lafayette, IN Aug 2023 - May 2025*

- Fostered community engagement through designing compelling store signage, advertisements, displays, and contributed to social media posts to strengthen the store's online presence.
- Encouraged the local community to stay active by delivering a personalized shoe/insert fitting experience, offering specialized advice on proper gear and nutrition supplements, and organizing group events and runs.
- Mentored new outfitters and led opening/closing procedures, to ensure smooth operations.

### Engineering Group Intern

*Robert Bosch LLC: Bosch Automotive Group, St. Joseph, MI May 2025 - Present*

- Assisting engineers in creating physical models, compiling lab data in Excel, and assembling lab reports.
- Collaborating with technicians to write work instructions for lab test stands and creating computer system images.
- Performing inspections on brake components to ensure product reliability and safety performance.

## EDUCATION

**Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN**

- Bachelor of Science, Computer Graphics Technology: Animation and Visual Effects Expected Spring 2026
- Fractal Student Showcase, Purdue University, Selected Animation - "The Gambler" May 2023

**California Institute of the Arts Extended Studies, Valencia, CA**

- Summer Animation Residency, Program: Design, Story, Life Drawing Summer 2024
- Portfolio Development Workshop in Character Design Summer 2023

**Purdue University Run Club, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN Aug 2022- Present**

- Competed in and hosted National Intercollegiate Running Club Association cross country and track meets.
- Assisted and competed in club races, practices, fundraising, big/little program, and team service events.

## SKILLS

**Software:** Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Substance Painter, DaVinci Resolve, ToonBoom Harmony, Maya, Blender, Houdini, Microsoft Office Suite

**Competencies:** Character Design, Visual Development, Storyboarding, 3D modeling, 3D/2D animation, Compositing, collaboration, customer service, creative problem solving