

ALYSSA GRAHAM

EDUCATION

- BFA** College for Creative Studies May 2020
Double Major | Craft Material Studies, Art Education
Studied under Tom Phardell, Yiu-Keung Lee, and Ebitenyefa Baralaye
- TC** College for Creative Studies May 2021
K-12 Visual Arts Teaching Certificate
CPR | First aid Certified
- AAS** Washtenaw Community College Dec 2020
Automotive Technology
Graduated with Honors | Phi Theta Kappa
ASE Certified

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Northern Lights Lounge**, Detroit, MI Jan 2020-Current
Server
- Provided Food and Beverage service in a timely and courteous manner, while performing food preparation and cleaning in accordance with ServSafe standards. Upsold items using excellent customer service, memorization of menus, and POS operation. Successfully handled large amounts of money in a dynamic and fast paced environment
- Ascena Retail Group**, Detroit, MI Jul 2018 to Dec 2019
Keyholder | Personal Stylist
- Welcomed customers, providing outstanding customer service to aid in styling, and sales. Ensured dressing rooms were kept in an orderly manner, maintained visually appealing floor sets, and properly closed/ opened the store. Operated cash registers, completed ecommerce order fulfillment, processed transactions, and managed calls during high volume times
- College for Creative Studies**, Detroit, MI Jun 2019 to Aug 2019
Teaching Assistant
- Independently supervised classes up to 25 students, ages 8-17; during arrival and dismissal, mealtimes, outdoors, and on field trips. Traveled to various locations from Detroit to Plymouth. Managed supplies for each student, and submitted weekly reports and timesheets. Assisted students in groups and one on one to provide extra support and mentorship in the classroom. Well versed in successfully dealing with conflict or behavioral issues, quickly and effectively
- Maple Manor Rehab Center**, Novi, MI Feb 2017 to Aug 2017
Dietary Aide
- Coordinated with Nurses and CNAs to provide appropriate one on one care to patients, fulfilling individual dietary requirements and adhering to safety procedures. Maintained a clean work environment while preparing food, distributing meals to

patients, taking orders, and busing the dining space. Provided exceptional hospitality that extended to patient's families

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University Prep Art and Design School, Detroit, MI** 2021
Student Teacher, 9-12
- Designed and implemented digital arts coursework to fit curriculum standards in studio classes, used visual aids and technology to ensure engaging virtual class sessions. Provided one on one support via breakout rooms, accommodating all students, utilizing culturally responsive teaching, and restorative practices to connect with students
- Riley Upper Elementary School, Livonia, MI** 2021
Student Teacher, K-6
- Created age-appropriate tactile group lesson plans, while implementing social distancing and choice base learning. Developed summative and formative assessment using reflective teaching practices. Installed several collaborative group projects to increase positive moral in the school community, including kinetic sculpture, and textile artworks. Curated an end of year student exhibit (artsteps) in a virtual space, for parents and teachers to view
- Service-Learning Project, Detroit, MI** 2019
Precollege and Youth Camp TA, 8-17
- Teaching Assistant, helped with classroom management and assisted teachers with daily needs. Age groups were 8-10, 11-13, and 14+.
- Wing Lake Developmental Center, Bloomfield Hills, MI** 2018
Workshop, ages 3-26
- Created and executed a lesson plan to benefit students with multiple developmental disabilities. All ages.
- College for Creative Studies Collab Club, Detroit, MI** 2018
Workshop, Post-Secondary
- Demonstrated the use of wet erosion and surfacing techniques on slipcast clay, used stencils designed and cut with a Cricut
- Brighton High School, Brighton, MI** 2016
Teaching Assistant, 9-12
- Ceramics course, assisted teacher with demonstrating and teaching clay techniques, studio technician work, and grading.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- President's List** 2021
College for Creative Studies, 4.0
- Art Education Grant** 2021
College for Creative Studies
- Best in Show, MAEA Art Acquisitions Purchase Awards** 2021

Awarded to artwork titled Anxiety

Academic Scholarship 2017-2021
College for Creative Studies

Honors Graduate Candidate 2020
Washtenaw Community College

Dean's List 2018-2020
College for Creative Studies, 3.5

Emerging Artist Award 2016, 2017
GOT Art Exhibition

Exceptional Artist Award 2016
Brighton High School

Ronni Powers Memorial Scholarship 2016
Teaching Scholarship

EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLICATION

57th Annual MAEA Art Acquisitions Purchase Awards 2021
Juried by Tinola Mayfield-Guerro, MI

MCAA Biennial Michigan Ceramics 2020
Juried by Malcolm Mobutu Smith, Birmingham, MI

College for Creative Studies Student Exhibit 2017-2020
Detroit, MI

Digital Exhibition in Student Hub 2018
CCS, Detroit, MI

38th Detroit International Wine Auction 2018
Artwork used in promotional material

North American International Auto Show 2018
Artwork used in promotional material to showcase
College for Creative Studies

College for Creative Studies 2018
Artwork used in promotional material

U245 Freshmeat Exhibition 2017
Detroit, MI

GOT Art Exhibition 2016
Howell Opera House, MI

Hometown Bicycles Exhibition 2016

Brighton, MI

Student Exhibition
Brighton High School, MI

2014-2016

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts

NCECA, 2018, 2019

Attended conference to learn about emerging ceramic art, techniques, attend seminars, and demonstrations, and meet emerging artist.

Michigan Mud Ceramics Conference

MCAA, 2017

Attended local conference to broaden knowledge of ceramics and meet artists in the area.

Interlochen Fine Arts Program

Interlochen, 2015

Attended a summer program focused on expanding Fine Art skills.

Digital Divas Conference

Eastern Michigan University, 2015

Attended a female focused STEM conference to expand knowledge of programming and various digital skills.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Noel Night Fundraising Event

Volunteer, created and sold functional art to raise money for students attending NCECA.

Women's Shelter Clothing Swap Event

Coordinator, planned and executed a clothing swap, with proceeds benefiting Women's shelters

McWilliams Gleaners Garden

Volunteer, maintained a garden to provide the community with fresh food.

Junior Optimist Club

Member, organized many events to benefit the community, created blankets for local Dialysis Center patients.

Senior Citizen Benefit Events

Volunteer, executed and served at dinner events to benefit local senior citizens, these were partnered with Farm Bureau Insurance.

SKILLS

Studio Technician: Woodworking, Metalworking, Glaze Formulation, Slip casting, Mold-Making, Kiln loading, 3-D printing, CNC routing, Laser cutter operation, Canvas stretching, Set-up and Tear-down of galleries

Applications: Adobe creative suite, Solidworks, Keyshot, Rhino, Microsoft Office, Social Media, Canva, VR simulation design

Administrative: Customer service, Data entry, POS operation, Web Design, Efficient, Attention to Detail, Sales, Troubleshooting

Interpersonal: Collaboration, Adaptability, Problem solving, Creativity, Communication, Time management

INTERESTS

- Kayaking, Reading, Snowmobiling, Horticulture, Cooking, Hiking, Private Commissions