

Spencer Nicklaus

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EDUCATION

California State University, Northridge

BA, Art (Animation), Minor in Marketing

Dean's List (2022 - Present)

Expected May 2026

Northridge, CA

WORK EXPERIENCE

IKEA

Sales Co-Worker

Jul. 2024 – Present

Burbank, CA

- Identifying customer needs and offering assistance with selecting bedding and other home furnishings.
- Restocking and arranging item displays in the showroom and warehouse.
- Operating software to facilitate returns and go-backs.

Community Works

Advisory Council Member

Feb. 2022 – Jun. 2022

Los Angeles, CA

- Guided the planning and design of a statewide youth leadership organization (Creative Careers Leadership Lab).
- Helped develop a series of youth art programs for the CA Department of Education's CTE (Career Technical Education) Program.

Nickelodeon Animation Studio

Show Development Mentee

Nov. 2021 – May 2022

Burbank, CA

- Mentored by industry professionals to develop an animated series concept alongside a team of three other student animators.
- Led team discussions with industry professionals and delivered weekly revisions based on their notes.
- Managed professional talent coordination and production scheduling for the student project screened at Nickelodeon Animation Studio. My efforts led to the involvement of Tom Kenny (voice of SpongeBob).

Nickelodeon Animation Studio

Animated Short Mentee

Nov. 2019 – May 2020

Burbank, CA

- Created an animated short film using industry-standard software Toon Boom Harmony under the guidance of Nickelodeon mentors.

SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop; Adobe Illustrator; Adobe After Effects; Toon Boom Harmony; FileMaker Pro; Microsoft Office; Google Suite; Apple iWork Suite; Canva; zBrush; production coordination; creative problem solver

AWARDS & HONORS

California Student Media Festival

High School Academic Aesthetic Non-Fiction Award Winner

May 2022

Los Angeles, CA

- Winner of the High School Academic Non-Fiction award for *Junkyard King: Series Overview*.

All American High School Film Festival

Best Animation Nominee

Oct. 2020, Oct 2021

New York, NY

- Nominee of the 2020 Best Animation Award for *Pizza Delivery!*. Official Selection, 2021, for *Cavity*.