

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

Monster Forge Productions

Administrative Assistant

- Organizing company's library of releases for digital distribution.
- Creating panel-to-panel interactive reading experiences for new releases.
- Communicating with creative talent and key distribution partners.

Jan. 2025 – Present

Los Angeles, CA

IKEA

Sales Co-Worker

- Identifying customer needs and offering assistance with selecting bedding and other home furnishings.
- Restocking and arranging item displays in the showroom and warehouse.

Jul. 2024 – Present

Burbank, CA

Community Works

Advisory Council Member

- 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.

Feb. 2022 – Jun. 2022

Los Angeles, CA

Nickelodeon Animation Studio

Show Development Mentee

- 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).

Nov. 2021 – May 2022

Burbank, CA

Nickelodeon Animation Studio

Animated Short Mentee

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

Nov. 2019 – May 2020

Burbank, CA

SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop; Adobe Illustrator; Adobe After Effects; Adobe Acrobat; 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

All-American High School Film Festival

Best Animation Nominee (2020); Official Selection (2021)

Oct. 2020, Oct 2021

New York, NY