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Education

University of Hawai'i Hilo: Hilo, Hawai'i (Fall 2025 - tbd)

Performing Arts

Capital University: Columbus, Ohio (Fall 2024)

No degree received, Music Technology and Composition Double Major with a Cello study

Columbus State Community College: Columbus, Ohio (August 2022 – May 2024)

Associate of Arts

Howard University: Washington D.C. (August 2020 – April 2022)

No degree received, History Major

Wyoming High School: Cincinnati, Ohio (Graduated in May 2020)

Diploma Received

Certification

Safe Zone Certification (September 16), No expiration

Certified as a visible ally for the LGBTQ+ community

TEFL Certification (August 2022), No expiration

Certified to teach english as a foreign language issued by the International TEFL Academy

QPR Gatekeeper Certificate (June 15, 2023 - June 15, 2025)

Certified for suicide prevention by the QPR Insititute

Work Experience

Student Liaison for The Women's Resource Center at UH Hilo (Hilo, Hawai'i)

- Programming and tabling for events
- Creating and facilitating a safe space for students
- Collaboration with other on-campus and off-campus orgs
- Providing support for students, faculty, and staff

Personal Assistant - Merida, Yucatán, Mexico (July 2025 - August 2025)

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- Setting appointments
- Acquiring furniture
- Communicating in Spanish and English
- Organizing documents

Bexley Public Library (November 2024 - April 2024)

- Supports librarians in developing and maintaining the collection
- Processes materials for loan requests through CLC, SearchOhio, and OhioLink
- Interviews, researches, and answers basic reference questions; recommends materials based on patron interest
- Trains patrons on use of library technologies and resources
- Participates in other team efforts such as assistance with program development and/or implementation, community outreach opportunities and/or serving as a member of a project team
- Participated on the reader's advisory team

CSA - Blackmore Library, Capital University (August 2024 - December 2024) Columbus, Ohio

- Student assistance
- OhioLink materials
- Shelving and unshelving of materials

Ohio Link Luminaries Library Specialist, Columbus State Community College (September 2023 - May 2024) Columbus, Ohio <https://creativetiff777.wixsite.com/libintern2024>

- Rotations in the Reference, Circulation, Data & Acquisition, and Archive departments
- Project management for community projects
- Student activity planning
- Shadowing of literacy instruction sessions
- Graphic design for book displays
- Social media marketing and engagement
- Student assistance
- Participation in student advocacy panel discussions
- Trips to various local G.L.A.M. institutions

CSA - Customer Service Associate, Walgreens (June 2022 - May 2023) Cincinnati, Ohio & Columbus, Ohio

- Customer service
- Handled transactions
- Organized and cleaning of spaces
- Directed communication disputes

Tutor - Self-employed (August 2017 - May 2022)

- Instruction in Algebra, History, College writing, and ESL/EFL
- Collaboration with students to complete homework assignments while identifying lagging skills • Worked with neurotypical and neurodivergent students
- Worked with ages 10 - 50
- Prepared lesson plans to meet student goals

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Leadership & Volunteer Experience

Hostik Hostel (Merida, Yucatán, Mexico), Work-Trade (May 2025 - June 2025)

- Participated as an activities host including, but not limited to, preparing dinner for hostel guests, cleaning kitchen facilities, running creative workshops, facilitating conversation, and providing a safe environment for guests

OhioLINK Luminaries Program Summit Panelist (8 August 2024)

- Selected to represent Columbus State’s OhioLink Luminaries program as a panelist

The Big Island Hostel (Hilo, Hawai’i), Work-Trade (May 2024 - August 2024)

- Worked as a concierge and cleaner at a hostel on The Big Island of Hawai’i for three months. Here, I got to meet people from all round the world, I learned to communicate in multiple languages, and handle high volumes of guests. In addition to the work, I got exposure to Hawaiian culture and a different way of life.

The Black Creatives Club, Founder & President (February 2024 – May 2024)

- Founded this club based on the idea that resources, networking, opportunities, instruction, and safe spaces should be easily accessible to black students participating in and/or pursuing the arts
- Served as the president organizing events, holding meetings, structuring the club for the needs of the members, marketing through graphic design, communicating opportunities & resources, networking, and working with faculty & students

OSU HESA Masters Student Campus Visit Discussion, Student Panelist (11 April 2024)

- Selected to represent CSCC as a panelist for a discussion with Ohio State University’s HESA Masters students

Urban Arts Space (art gallery), Volunteer (July 2023 – August 2023)

- Worked with inner-city black girl youth by facilitating art workshops in and outside the gallery while fostering a safe space for young girls
- Created, planned, and executed the August **Artist Commune: Word for Thought** which allowed participants to create multimedia journals (<https://uas.osu.edu/events/artist-commune-word-thought>)

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Courageous Conversations – Wyoming High School Chapter, President (August 2019 – May 2020)

- Served as the president organizing events, holding meetings, structuring the club for the needs of the members, delegating tasks, working with faculty & students, and identifying pressing national issues

WHS Black History Month Assembly, Director (February 2019)

- Organized a fashion show featuring local black businesses, a guest speaker, a band performance, poetry performance, and presentation for Wyoming High School's 2020 Black History Month Assembly

WHS Black History Month Assembly, Documentary Director (February 2018)

- Directed and filmed a documentary interviewing black students for Wyoming High School's 2018 Black History Month Assembly

Awards & Scholarships

- ***Capital University Composition Full Merit Award, Awardee (Fall 2024)***
- ***Capital University Conservatory Performance Half Merit Award, Awardee (Fall 2024)***
- ***Capital University Main Street Scholarship, Awardee (Fall 2024)***
- ***Student Employee of The Year, Nominee (April 2024)***
- ***I am One Foundation Scholarship, Awardee (December 2023)***
- ***Columbus State Endowed Scholarship, Awardee (October 2023)***
- ***Howard University Lead Scholarship, Awardee (August 2020)***

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Artist Portfolio <https://www.externalspace.art/>

“Dark Room Medium” single release, May 5th, 2025

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

CSCC Library’s April 2025 Gallery Featured Artist

- Color and B/W film photography taken in Hawai’i + multimedia piece highlighting SA Awareness month, feminism, and personal experience

Starred in Mich Garcia’s first film

- Played “Tiff, an ethereal producer who helps the main character jump start her music career

Starred in Tavon Colvin’s Library Murder-Mystery CapTv Segment

<https://youtu.be/HGivefN2tug?si=vCDBE3TYiucd9QsU>

- Played “Tiff”, the library worker and witness to the murder

Capital String & Flute Quartet Performance, Cello, November 20th, 2024

- Included performances of Mozart’s *D Major Flute Quartet I & II Movements*

OtterCap Orchestra Fall Performance, Cello, November 10th, 2024

- Included performances of *Danse Macabre, Batman Score, Nightmare Before Christmas, Peanuts Gallery*

CSCC Library’s May 2024 Featured Gallery Artist

- Film Photography and painted frames

“Spiritual Intimacy” Album Release, April 8th, 2024

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

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***Urban Arts Space "Artist Commune: Portable Paradise Pop-Up Exhibition", Featured Artist,
March 29th – April 5th, 2024***

- Film Photography and Collage

"What's Your Attachment Style?" Single Release, February 13th, 2024

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

Accompanying Musician and engineer, Live Performance, October 2nd, 2024

- Live Cello and Bass Guitar

"Calypso" Single Release, August 24th, 2023

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

Urban Arts Space "Artist Commune: The Verse", Live Performance, April 28th, 2023

- Live Bass Guitar, and poetry to a self-produced instrumental

"Rain" Single Release, August 15th, 2022

- Sole composer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

"Yama" Single Release, July 28th, 2022

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

"Transformation" Album Release, July 15th, 2022

- Sole producer, instrumentalist, engineer, singer, and writer

Wyoming City Schools Orchestral Musician, Fall 2011 – Spring 2020

- Cello – 1st chair 2019-2020