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Education:

Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre	August 2022 - May 2026	Piedmont University
3.9 GPA - Focus in Acting, Classical & Contemporary Vocal Technique - Dean's Scholar 2022-2026	- Awarded The Michael and Emily Robertson Kindness Award in 2025 - Awarded the Meo Meo My Performance Award in 2025	

Job Experience:

Teaching Artist & Education Associate	May 2026 – May 2027	Lexington Children's Theatre
Coordinated and implemented lesson plans and art activities through workshops, classes, and programming to develop young people's creativity and imagination through theatre.		
Costume & Set Shop Worker	August 2023 - April 2026	Piedmont University
- Assisted professionals with costume sizing, costume fittings, cutting, stitching, hemming, steaming, laundering, and alterations for theatrical productions by operating domestic sewing machines, steam irons, and steamers. - Performed repairs on damaged costumes, such as sewing tears or replacing buttons. - Constructed, assembled, installed, maintained, struck, and painted scenery and props for theatrical productions by using Chop saws, Table saws, drills, and grinders under direction of the Technical Director. - Hung, wired, and focused various lighting instruments under the direction of the Technical Director.		
Character Performer	December 2021 – May 2026	Enchanted Events GA
- Portrayed and interpreted roles with speech, gestures, and body movements to entertain and inform audiences. - Planned and organized party activities based on participant preferences and requests. - Photographed events, parties, and portraits. Enhanced, retouched, and resized photographs using Lightroom. - Performed repairs on damaged costumes, such as sewing tears or replacing buttons.		
Marketing & Box Office Worker	January 2025 - April 2026	Piedmont University
- Conducted interviews to obtain information, then crafted headlines, captions, and copy for promotional materials. - Photographed special events, parties, and portraits, advising on appropriate poses, props, and background for each shot taken. Then, enhanced, retouched, and resized photographs using Lightroom. - Used customer service skills to aid and assist with purchasing tickets for performances.		
Tour Guide	August 2022 - August 2025	Piedmont University
- Displayed strong public speaking and communication skills to facilitate high-quality guest tours. - Described tour points of interest to group members, responding to questions and inquiries. - Led strategic planning and execution of scheduling and meetings to enhance profitability and direct activities.		
Manager	June 2020 - July 2023	Zaxby's
- Exercised good judgment and decision-making in escalating concerns and resolving issues. - Trained employees in additional job positions to maintain coverage of roles. - Maintained adequate staffing to meet objectives within budget.		

References:

Available upon request.