

KIERA JAMES

2D & 3D Digital Artist, Illustrator, Storyteller

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Pittsburgh, PA

Portfolio: <https://www.workbystarlight.com/>

SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE:

Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, InDesign, AfterEffects, Dreamweaver
MAYA, Substance Painter, ZBrush, Blender

EDUCATION:

The Pennsylvania State University

College of Arts and Architecture | Bachelor of Design in Digital Arts, Media, and Design

University Park, PA | GPA 3.98

Planned Spring 2023

- President's Award- Academic Top 2% Freshman Year
- \$20,000 4-year undergrad talent scholarship, Arts and Architecture
- William J. and Lois Keterson Leight Scholarship

CG Spectrum College of Digital Art & Animation

6-month course | Certificate in modeling (MAYA) and texturing (Substance Painter)

Online / Melbourne, AU

Graduated October 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Interwoven Worlds

Senior Character and Environment Concept Artist for VR and AR titles

Remote, Contract

June 2022 - Present

- generate story-driven environment and game props
- utilize emerging ai-technology to provide baseline concepts on a short turnaround
- refine and illustrate concepts
- communicate directly with company CEO and heads of game design department

Keystone Real Estate

Graphic Design and Marketing Internship

State College, PA

May-August 2022

- created brand-consistent marketing posters, advertisements, and apartment postings
- realized printed projects in physical space
- iterated upon ideas through weekly feedback meetings

Holy Moly Media

Graphic Design and Product Marketing

Freelance

Winter 2022

- designed a recognizable branding book for a small business
- created holiday-launch specific product mockups
- communicated design process directly to product creators

ADDITIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

No Refund Theatre (PSU)

Officer: Historian 2020-2021 | Technical Director | Assistant Director | Cast Member

University Park, PA

2019-Present

- Documented and archived club activity and performances
- Created promotional and marketing materials for club and individual shows (posters, videos)
- Designed lighting schematics, choreographed staging, directed performers

Statespeare (PSU)

Officer: Artistic Director, Social Media Chair 2021-2022 | Founding Member

University Park, PA

2020-Present

- Curates and directs all club performances, activities, and projects
- Teaches the historical, literary, and theatrical elements of Shakespearian works and time period
- Co-created the only club devoted to the study of Shakespeare at Penn State