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Experience

Drone Instructor at UAVCoach
August 2024 - Present (Part Time)

- Provide 1-on-1 instruction on drone flying techniques and regulations
- Customize lesson plans and curriculum to meet students needs

Drone Pilot and Producer at Counter LLC
December 2021 - Present (Part Time)

- Shoot aerial video and photos for short films, real estate, and small businesses
- Create 3D VFX in Blender and After Effects, often utilizing aerial photogrammetry
- Manage scouting, scheduling, budgeting, rentals, and other logistics for productions in a variety of challenging, often remote, locations
- Build and maintain technical infrastructure such as our company website, VPN, and servers

Freelance Commercial Drone Pilot
December 2021 - Present

- Plan and fly automated data capture missions using Pix4D and DroneDeploy
- Inspect roofing, HVAC systems, concrete lots, and building facades
- Capture repeat progress video for construction sites using automated flights

Photography Assistant at De Anza College
January 2023 - July 2024 (Part Time)

- Assist instructors teaching a range of photography classes
- Help students develop and print their film photos in the darkroom
- Provide technical assistance to digital photography students and operate photo printers

Lead Sailing Instructor at Shoreline Lake Boathouse
June 2021 - July 2023 (Full Time)

- Train, lead, and supervise a team of sailing instructors to run summer camps and activities
- Develop curriculum across multiple courses, integrating US Sailing requirements
- Perform preventative maintenance and repairs, and integrate new fleet management software
- Instruct children and adults with a wide range of sailing experience

Information Security Engineer at Chegg Inc.
September 2022 - June 2021 (Full Time)

- Manage 3rd party bug reports through HackerOne and SynAck
- Locate issues in production code and Jira tickets to appropriate teams
- Work with development teams to prevent repeat occurrences and verify security patches

Hard Skills

- VFX (Blender)
- Camera Tracking
- Photogrammetry
- Drone Piloting
- Videography
- Film Photography
- Web Development
- Python
- IT Administration
- Information Security
- Small Boat Sailing
- Youth & Adult Education
- Risk Management

Certifications

Commercial Drone Pilot (Part 107)
Issued November 2021

Certified US Sailing Instructor
Issued March 2022

American Red Cross Lifeguard
Standard First Aid, CPR, and AED
Issued July 2022

Education

De Anza College
Business Administration
2022 - 2024

Branham High School
2016 - 2022