

XAVIER BANKS

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OVERVIEW

Multidisciplinary artist with a focus on visual storytelling. Xavier blends traditional and digital techniques to create immersive, thought-provoking works influenced by textures, patterns, and everyday surroundings. With a passion for exploration and problem-solving, he approaches each project with curiosity—always seeking to push creative boundaries and evolve his practice. He is open to opportunities that inspire collaboration, challenge his perspective, and further develop his artistic voice.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's of Arts in Art & Design (JAN 2018 - DEC 2021)

University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO

- Application of design principles in various art forms

Associates of Arts Degree (AUG 2016 - DEC 2018)

Longview Community College, Kansas City, MO

- Foundation building/General education completion

WORK-EXPERIENCE

Challenger Teamwear (JUL 2024 - PRESENT)

8263 Flint St, Lenexa, KS 66214

- Folding/Bagging Machine Operator - Operate folding machine to insure garments are bagged and grouped properly.

Self Employed (JUL 2023 - JULY 2024)

Work from home "Freelance"

- Created and sold pieces to promote at venues, sold on-line or through social media. Constant experimentation, fulfilling commissions, and pushing visual ideas into new territories

Seen Merch (JUN 2022 - JUL 2023)

3200 S 24th Street Kansas City KS 66106

- Production Artist - Handling digital art, overseeing jobs, and responsible for sending mock-ups ensuring customer satisfaction before production.

Grainger Warehouse Temp (APR 2021 - JUL 2021)

11200 MO-210, Kansas City, MO 64161

- Heavy lifting, teamwork, and time management. Ensuring quotas and fulfilling orders for departure each day.

SKILLS

Photoshop
Illustrator
InDesign
Creative

Photography
Typography
Time Management
Graphic Manipulation

Enjoyable
Optimistic
Team player
Adventurous

CHARACTER

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

UCM Art and Design Show(s)

- Monetary art show award (2021)
- Senior graduate art show (2021)

UCM Dean's List & Honor Society

- 3.9 GPA - (2019 - 2021)

Art Pop-Ups & Venues

- Participated in local art venues and pop-up events, selling original pieces and connecting with community (2023 - 2024)

A+ Program

- 1st grade tutor/teacher's assistant and monetary award towards community college (2017)

CREATIVE INFLUENCES

Xavier's work draws from fashion, skateboarding, and video games — along with textures, music, and everyday surroundings. These influences fuel his exploration of mood, movement, and evolving visual styles.

REFERENCES

Matthew Zupnick - UCM Sculpture Professor

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