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## Education

2020–2025

**ArtCenter College of Design** – Pasadena, CA, United States

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration with Honor – Specialization in Motion Design

## Scholarships

2020–2025

ArtCenter Undergraduate Scholarship

2021

Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship

## Recognition

2021–2025

**Featured Artist**, ArtCenter Student Gallery

2025

**Unfold Art Design Fair**, Shanghai & Shengzhen, China

**Solo Exhibition**, “Life is Fragmented Poetry” Backstage Bar, China

2024

**Solo Exhibition**, “Dream, Dream, Dream...”, Yakumo Café, China

## Languages

English (Fluent)  
Mandarin Chinese (Native)  
Korean (Spoken)

## Experience

2022 – Present

**Freelance Graphic & Motion Designer**

Designed editorial layouts and graphics for *Be Water Journal*.

Created event animation and promotional visuals for Chengdu IFS (International Finance Center) 2024 New Year celebration.

Established visual direction and brand design for Yakumo Café.

2021-Ongoing

**Café/Bar Owner**

Yakumo Café, China

Co-founded and manage a creative café and bar space. Designed brand identity, menu, and interior experience.

2024-Present

**Studio Owner**

Taoki Ceramic Studio, China

Founded an independent ceramic studio focused on small-batch, handmade ceramic works. Act as the lead artist and oversee creative direction, design, and production.

2024

**Ceramic Instructor**

Yiseng Ceramic, China

Taught hand-building techniques to beginner and intermediate students. Developed lesson plans focusing on both functional and sculptural ceramic forms.

## Skills

### Software & Tools

After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, Light Room, Cinema 4D, Figma, Framer, Midjourney, Runway, Blender, 3ds Max

### Creative Practices

Traditional Drawing, Illustration, Brand Identity, Editorial Design, Motion Design, Logo Design, Typography, Poster Design, Storyboarding, Visual Development, Frame-by-frame Animation

### Hands-on Craft

Ceramics, Plush Toy Creation, Sewing, Tattooing, Nail art, Woodworking