

# BRENNA VERNER

PROFESSIONAL ANIMATOR, GRAPHIC DESIGNER, AND ARTS INSTRUCTOR

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## COMPUTER ABILITIES

- Photoshop
- Toon Boom Harmony
- Storyboard Pro
- After Effects
- Maya
- Shotgun
- Illustrator
- Microsoft Office
- G Suite and CRM
- Types @ 85 wpm

## SKILLS

- Creative Direction
- Scriptwriting
- Storyboarding
- Character Design
- Digital Art
- 2D Animation
- 3D Animation
- Storytelling
- Teaching/Leading

## AWARDS

- Best Editing Easterseals Disability Film Challenge
- MDC Pitch to the Industry; Chosen by Nickelodeon
- MDC Indie Game Design Contest: 1st Place
- TSA Video Game Design Contest: 1st Place State; 3rd Place National
- TSA Promotional Graphics Contest: 2nd Place State
- Presidential Service Award

## REFERENCES

Available upon request

## PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I am a creative professional with over 10 years of experience producing digital art and animation. I currently work at Telemundo as a graphic designer for the nation's leading Hispanic news shows. I am an award-winning artist and writer with the ability to produce exceptional creative content using industry-standard softwares and practices. I premiered my original animated short *A Balanced Breakfast* on Nickelodeon, as well as the short film I animated *Circa* at the Perez Art Museum in Miami. My work has been exhibited in the *Museum of the Moving Image* in New York, and my animation team won an award for Best Editing on behalf of *Easterseals*. I have worked on several other short film projects, including a commercial for the *Velocia* app, and a national anti-bullying campaign called *Parker & Boo* voiced by Rob Paulsen of *Animaniacs* fame. I also have 5 years' experience working as an animation instructor and facilitator for students with disabilities in our community. I would describe myself as an exceedingly kind, enthusiastic, and creative individual who exemplifies both passion and hard work, and lives to leave a positive impact in the world!

## EDUCATION

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE, ANIMATION AND GAME ART

Miami Animation & Gaming International Complex at Miami Dade College | Graduating with Highest Honors | 2018 - 2020

### BACHELOR OF ARTS, FILM VIDEO AND NEW MEDIA

Florida Atlantic University | Graduated Magna Cum Laude (Highest Honors) | 2011 - 2013

### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, COMPUTER ART AND ANIMATION

The Honors College at Miami Dade College | Graduated with Highest Honors | 2009 - 2011

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### GRAPHICS ARTIST AND ANIMATOR FOR NEWS SHOWS

#### TELEMUNDO | MIAMI, FLORIDA | 2021 - Present

Telemundo is the nation's leading Hispanic news station. It is a division of NBC Universal offering content worldwide to more than 100 countries in over 35 languages. I am responsible for designing and executing graphics and videos for our live coverage on various news shows broadcasted on Telemundo daily using Adobe After Effects and Photoshop.

### ANIMATION INSTRUCTOR FOR ALL ABILITIES

#### ARTS FOR LEARNING | WYNWOOD, FLORIDA | 2019 - Present

Arts for Learning is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing teaching and learning through the arts and community cultural resources by linking learning experiences to the real world. I am responsible for teaching groups of students with and without disabilities ages 6-22 how to animate using industry-standard software such as Toon Boom.

### FREELANCE ANIMATOR AND ANIMATION INSTRUCTOR FOR ALL ABILITIES

#### DANIMATION ENTERTAINMENT | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA | 2020 - 2022

Danimation Entertainment is an autistic talent development company based in Los Angeles, California. Through this company I have animated several award-winning short film projects and taught dozens of students of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities how to design and animate their own cartoons. We have transformed lives with our inclusive lessons.

### LEAD FACILITATOR AND FREELANCE GRAPHIC DESIGNER

#### AUTISM ALLIANCE SOCAL | MIAMI, FLORIDA | 2021 - 2022

AASC has dedicated over 20 years to creating pathways for teens and adults with autism to develop meaningful relationships, secure desired employment, and find affordable housing while being as self-sufficient as possible. I am responsible for organizing and hosting their monthly hangouts for adults on the spectrum across Southern California.

### LEAD ANIMATION INSTRUCTOR

#### AFTER SCHOOL ALL STARS | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA | 2021 - 2022

As the lead instructor of our national Cartoon Academy program, I taught over 40 students of all ages across the United States how to design their own characters, stories, comics, and animated cartoons. I also designed the entire curriculum including materials and presentations, and I arranged to host guest speakers from Disney and Marvel for the students.

### PRIVATE ANIMATION TUTOR

#### VARSITY TUTORS | ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI | 2020 - 2021

Varsity Tutors is a live learning platform which connects students with professional personalized instruction. I taught various topics including animation, digital art, storytelling, and more! I have helped hundreds of students of all ages and backgrounds from all over the world with my curriculum and taught webinars with up to 200 students in attendance.

### MERCHANT SUCCESS SPECIALIST & INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER

#### PRESTASHOP INC | MIAMI, FLORIDA | 2015 - 2019

PrestaShop is an efficient and innovative e-commerce software with all the features you need to create an online store and grow your business. I was responsible for assisting thousands of international users with their website's creation, providing excellent customer service, and selling over 10k in addons and technical support services monthly; average cart being less than \$100; consistently exceeded sales goals; sold between 20-25k on average; never failed to deliver superb results.

Thank you for your consideration!