

## **Christopher (Kit) Taylor**

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### **Objective**

My goal is to work in a dynamic organization where my creative experience, technical expertise, and leadership skills can be fully utilized to further the goals of my employer.

### **Experience**

#### **August 2015 - Present**

Studio Art Instructor

Auburndale Senior High, Auburndale Florida

- Became part of the Auburndale Art program to teach 2D and 3D studio Art. In addition to conducting challenging, rigorous classes I have ensured the Auburndale Art program is represented in all county sponsored art exhibitions. I have also endeavored to raise the visibility of the visual arts program by arranging to display students artwork in a number of locations throughout the school. In addition to Level 1 and Level 2 classes I began teaching AP 3D Studio Art beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. My first year teaching the AP 3D Studio Art class I had a pass rate of approximately 75%. At the time of this revision I am currently awaiting the results of the AP portfolios for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

#### **August 2004 - May 2015**

Commercial Art Technology Instructor

Traviss Career Center, Lakeland, Florida

- Established new program, Commercial Art Technology, encompassing 1500 hours of instruction for the post secondary and high school level
- Installed and maintained computer lab with 20 computer work stations
- Installed and operated textile screen printing equipment
- Installed and operated capabilities to produce mechanically cut vinyl graphics used for school improvement projects and entrepreneurial activities
- Established and chaired Advisory Committee for Commercial Art Technology program that interfaced with local businesses
- Actively participated in Skills USA student organization competitions in Advertising Design, Screen Printing Technology and T-shirt Design
  - 2010 - second in nation in the Screen Printing Technology competition
  - 2013 - second in nation in the T-shirt Design competition

#### **August, 2001 - August, 2004**

Media Arts Instructor

Homer K. Addair Career Academy, Lake Alfred, Florida

- Designed program for "at risk" students with the goal of reducing student dropout rates and preparing students for continuing education in a vocational program
- Most improved reading gains of any program in school due to motivational system instituted in Media Arts program for school year 2003-2004
- Installed professional quality screen printing operation with funding from Workforce Education grant and new school budget equal to \$35K

#### **May, 1988 - August, 2001**

Staff Artist

SS Designs, Winter Haven, Florida

- Developed original design concepts for custom and retail sales of imprinted sportswear
- Produced mechanical separations for direct textile screen printing and embroidery
- Instrumental in securing and maintaining successful relationships with all of SS Designs clients including: Hard Rock Cafe, Busch Entertainment Corp., Walt Disney Corp., Spaceport U.S.A., Ron Jon Surf Shop, and Universal Studios

#### **October, 1987 - February, 1988**

Art Manager

King Manufacturing, Orlando, Florida

- Established art department for King Manufacturing, a start-up company formed to print and market fashion sportswear in the Florida souvenir market

#### **November, 1983 - October, 1987**

Staff Artist

World Class Incorporated, Melbourne, Florida

- Created custom and stock designs for a variety of imprinted sportswear markets
- Produced mechanical separations for direct textile screen printing
- Maintained photographic darkroom equipment and supplies
- Trained new employees

**July, 1981 - October, 1983**

Technical Illustrator

Pan Am World Services, Eastern Test Range, Patrick Airforce Base, Florida

- Fulfilled the Graphic Arts requirements for the Air Force and Pan Am management involved with work on the E.T.R. in support of Space Shuttle launch operations

**November, 1977 - July, 1981**

Technical Illustrator

Harris Corporation, Palm Bay, Florida

- Created camera ready illustrations for technical manuals and various presentation formats
- Prepared mechanical separations for four color and spot color offset printing
- Prepared technical manuals for publication
- Assisted in fabrication of trade show displays

**July, 1977 - November, 1977**

Staff Artist

Aries Technical, Palm Bay, Florida

- Participated in client meetings
- Prepared advertisement layouts and logo designs
- Responsible for a start-up screen printing operations

**December, 1972 - November, 1974**

Portrait Artist

Rubeo Artist Corporation, Walt Disney World, Florida

- Worked at Walt Disney World creating pastel portraits at guest attraction
- Interacted with scores of guests on a daily basis

**Education**

**August 2013 - Present**

Polk State College

Lakeland, Florida

Completed 12 of 15 credit hours of Web Production Certificate

**July 2003**

University of Central Florida

Orlando, Florida

Completed 12 Credits in Vocational Education for District Certification

**June 1977**

The University of Florida

Gainesville, Florida

B.A. in Art, Graphic Design

**December 1974**

Brevard Community College

Cocoa, Florida

Associates of Arts

**Certifications**

**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2023**

Florida Department of Education - Art K-12

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2022**

Polk County Professional Career Educator's Certification-Commercial Art

**August 9, 2017**

Florida Department of Education -Professional Education Test

**May 14, 2015**

Web Communication using Adobe Dreamweaver CS6

**January, 14, 2015**

Florida Department of Education - General Knowledge Exam: Pass

**November 26, 2014**

Florida Department of Education - Subject Area Exam Art K-12: Official Score: Pass

**May 28, 2014**

Print & Digital Media Publication using Adobe InDesign

**May 23, 2013**

Graphic Design & Illustration using Adobe Illustrator

**May 24, 2013**

Visual Communication using Adobe Photoshop CS6

**May 5, 2011**

Web Communication using Adobe Dreamweaver CS3

**July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2017**

Polk County School District - Teaching Certificate - Commercial Art

**July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2009**

Polk County School District - Teaching Certificate - Printing

**July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2004**

Polk County School District - Temporary Certificate - Printing