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## EDUCATION

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**University of Pennsylvania, School of Design**, Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA  
Master of Fine Arts Graduation: May 2020  
**University of Iowa, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences**, Iowa City, IA- *Cumulative GPA: 3.5* Iowa City, IA  
Major: Fine Art & Entrepreneurship Graduation: May 2018

**Honors/Awards:** A. Anthes Smith Fellowship, Pacemaker Finalist & Honorable Mention, Student Arts Innovation Grant, Young Masters Award in Photography, Master of Fine Arts Departmental Grant, Studio Abroad: Tokyo, Japan Fellowship, Cyprus Landscape Reconciliation Fellowship.

**Relevant Coursework:** Successful Teamwork for the Workplace, Corporate Finance, Arts Management, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Life Design: Building Your Future, Principles of Reasoning: Argument and Debate, Entrepreneurship: Advanced Business Planning, Foundations in Entrepreneurship, Marketing

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**VERN**– *Art & Design Creative Consulting firm*, Philadelphia, PA **October 2017- Present**  
*Founder*

- Spearhead B2B creative consulting focused on inclusion and diversity.
- Overhaul or pivot existing company cultures to be more inclusive and diverse.
- Execute artist commissions for businesses while moderating between both parties.
- University of Iowa’s Entrepreneurship, “Wall of Fame” member for \$10K in revenue generated.

**Teaching Assistant**– University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA **August 2018 - Present**

- Lecture 40+ students in a university level class.
- Mentor and motivate students to attain interpersonal and personal goals.
- Facilitate in-class student debates regarding art and design.
- Serve as a professional assistant to the professor to grade and manage emails from students.

**Tameka Norris**– Personal Assistant, Iowa City, IA **August 2016 - August 2018**

- Streamlined finances to cut down personal expenditures for more cash in hand.
- Systemized digital library of books and lectures for ease of access and students.
- Selected to give joint public speaking accounts about art and business.
- Assisted in film production and photographic production on a \$20K NEA funded grant.

**The Daily Iowan**– Photographer & Columnist, Iowa City, IA **January 2018 - July 2018**

- Trusted to travel and document politics in the greater Iowa areas during the 2016 election
- Communicated with photographers and reporters on assignment to maintain synergy.
- Executed weekly columns to over 50,000 readers
- Became the second highest viewed columnist in the past three years with 60K hits.

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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**Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Program Ambassador** *University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA* **August 2018 – Present**

- Attend faculty meetings and represent MFA student body at student council & school-wide events.
- Create discourse around potential and shortfalls of MFA program and school of design.
- Mentor undergraduate fine art students to prepare for their senior thesis.

**Inclusion in Design**, *Founder, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA* **August 2018 – Present**

- Create spaces where students of color can express their concerns and build a community
- Work with administration to develop innovative ways in which to introduce diverse perspectives.
- Encourage students of color to become more involved and discuss overcoming obstacles in the field.

**International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta**, *Executive Board & Creative Director* **January 2017 – January 2018**

- Managed a chapter of 150 men and conducted volunteer trips with Habitat for Humanity.
- Designed marketing and advertisement merchandise for events and members.
- Acted as Senior Liaison between undergraduate chapter, university, and alumni.

## SKILLS, INTERESTS & AFFILIATIONS

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**Skills:** Public Speaking, Creative Writing, Filmmaking, Photography, Adobe Creative Cloud, Apple Suite, Microsoft Suite

**Interest:** Hockey, Rowing, Cooking, Weightlifting, Golf, Hot Yoga, Hiking, Meditation, Mentoring, Philanthropy.

**Affiliations:** Wharton Innovation & Design Club, School of Design Real Estate Club, Graduate Student Mentor.