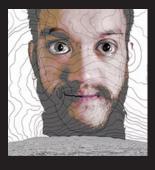
# Christopher Fornesa



## **About**

My name is Chris Fornesa and I am a creator who inspires people to find the best within themselves through my creations and my story.

Ultimately, my goal in any line of work is to use my strengths and improve upon my weaknesses to gain hold of new experiences to grow and learn as an individual.

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# Experience

Nighttime Unit Secretary Atrium Medical Center, Stafford, TX 77477 2015-2016

As a nighttime unit secretary, my duties involved ensuring the creation and setup of admission packets for incoming patients, answering patient call lights, and alerting nurses and patient care assistants to patients' urgent needs, as well as ensuring the proper filing of pertinent paperwork.

Member/Resident Artist/President Psychology Club at HCC, Stafford, TX, USA 2013-2015

The Psychology Club or Psi Kappa at HCC is a volunteer service organization at Houston Community College - Southwest at the Stafford Campus. As a member, I participated in biweekly activities. As the resident artist, I created posters for our events while I continued these tasks and led the group as President.

## Education

University of Houston Houston, TX, USA 2016-Present

I will obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with concentrations in Political Science, Business Foundations, and Studio Arts. I currently have a 4.0 GPA and a Corporate Entrepreneurship certificate.

Houston Community College - Stafford Campus Stafford, TX, USA

2013-2016

I earned my Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts with a 4.0 GPA on May 16, 2015 and continued to study at HCC until I earned my Level I Certificate in Digital Communication (Web Publishing specialization) with a total 3.949 GPA at the end of the Spring 2016 semester.

## Skills

Drawing	Painting	Writing
Domain Names	Web Design	HTML/CSS
Social Commentary	Adobe CC Suite	Being Myself

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GPA: 4.0 (15 credits).

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Houston Community College, Stafford, TX. January 2013 - May 2015

Associate of Arts – Liberal Arts, May 2015.

- National Society of Collegiate Scholars, March 2015.
- Phi Theta Kappa, November 2013.
- Dean's List: Spring 2014, Spring 2015.
- GPA: 4.0 (63 credits). 27 Studio Art credit hours.

Level I Certificate - Digital Communication (Web Publishing specialization), May 2016.

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### **Experience/Training**

President, Psychology Club, HCC Southwest, October 2014 – May 2015. Member from September 2013.

- Notified members of upcoming events and other pertinent information concerning the student organization as well as participating in the planning and implementation of these events.
- Presided over meetings and other such gatherings by the student organization.
- Created elaborate public awareness posters which included objectives for the cause that the event would benefit.

Canvasser, Texas Gubernatorial Election, October 2014.

• Walked door-to-door to inform potential voters and organized pamphlets for the campaign.

#### Honors/Awards/Exhibitions

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# **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### **PROFILE**

I am an individual who's capable in handling multiple obligations due to the dynamic nature of my skill set.

I am an autistic adult who always aims to do his best and accommodate his own needs in order to better fulfill any obligations. In fact, some of my greatest strengths include my ability to work with a team (as well as independently) and my commitment to successfully completing goals. I also work hard to juggle personal fulfillment, school work, and extracurricular activities. For example, within the course of a given week, I find time to work on my latest drawing while studying for a big test that coming Saturday, as well as creating an attractive poster for my volunteer organization's next event the coming Thursday.

When it comes to whatever I work on, I emphasize both the big picture and the small details, with the ability to "hyperfocus" as I constantly think of better ways to work. I may have my own personal challenges, but I believe in keeping promises, meaning that I will be the most honest and hardworking individual that I can.

Ultimately, my goal in any line of work is to use my strengths and improve upon my weaknesses to gain hold of new experiences to grow and learn as an individual.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Psi Kappa, or the Psychology Club, is a volunteer organization at Houston Community College - Southwest located in the Stafford Campus. It focuses on benefiting the community, spreading awareness, and engaging in school-wide activities. Outside organizations that benefit from such events include: The National Alliance for Mental Illness, the Houston Food Bank, and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

October 2014 - Present. President, Psi Kappa (Psychology Club), Stafford, TX.

 One of my main duties as President was to inform all members about organizational events, updates concerning the organization, etc.  I also aided in presiding over several meetings and in the planning of several events.

September 2013 - Present. Member, Psi Kappa (Psychology Club), Stafford, TX.

- One of my duties included participating in the basic setup and implementation of various community service, global awareness, and school-oriented activities and events.
- Using my artistic abilities, I also created elaborate signs for the setting of many of these events as a way to show our presence.
- I also contributed a few ideas, one of which was the basis for a bake sale that benefited the National Alliance for Mental Illness.
- One major accomplishment was my ability to convince the group to host a bake sale for Autism Acceptance. In doing so, we raised \$375.00 for the Autism Society.

I was invited to canvass on behalf of certain candidates who were running for the 2014 Texas Gubernatorial Election in order to encourage supporters and the general public to vote.

October 2014. Canvasser, 2014 Texas Gubernatorial Election.

- One of the tasks I was assigned to as a canvasser was driving to various neighborhoods in Fort Bend County to encourage members of the community to vote either during Election Day or the early voting period in October.
- I also organized and prepared pamphlets which were handed out by other canvassers during the campaign.
- This experience involved meeting various members of my local community and work on my interpersonal skills, involving both other individuals who joined the campaign and other potential voters.

#### **EDUCATION**

August 2016 - Present. University of Houston, Houston, TX.

I am currently taking coursework to matriculate into a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, with concentrations in Business Foundations, Political Science and Studio Art. Career objectives for which I intend to earn this degree include a career in public policy and/or a related field and in art and entrepreneurship.

Bachelor of Arts - Liberal Studies, expected May 2018.

GPA: 4.0 (15 credits).

Corporate Entrepreneurship Certificate, December 2016.

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January 2013 – May 2016. Houston Community College - Southwest, Stafford, TX.

I took classes to prepare me for success and have two years of coursework done before I transfer to a four-year university alongside taking enough courses to earn a Certificate of Completion in Digital Communication

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#### **TRAINING**

Alumni, Autism Campus Inclusion Summer Leadership Academy hosted by the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, Gallaudet University, 35 hours (1 week), June 2015.

- Maximized my leadership potential by learning how to work on grassroots organizing, mobilize groups, and managing campaigns.
- Spoke with congressional representatives' staff to discuss various policy objectives related to the interests of the autistic community.

#### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

 I have been praised for my academic writing skills and have also done journaling in conjunction with works completed for certain college-level art courses. Samples of such work are available at request.

#### **AWARDS**

- November 2016. I participated as a finalist in the HCC IDEAS Pitch competition at the Houston Mini Maker Faire to present my "Intelimini" product idea.
- May 2015. I received the "Best of Show" Award at the Spring 2015 Level II Juried Exhibition at Houston Community College – Southwest. (see http://southwest.hccs.edu/news/articles/hcc-art-gallery-showcases-student-masterpieces-this-month.html)

- April 2015. I received the Outstanding Art Student Award from the Fine Arts Department at Houston Community College – Southwest.
- April 2015. I was selected by John Reed of the University of Houston to receive a \$300 award during the Individual Student Portfolio Review/Critique at the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Consortium 2015 Art Jam at Houston Community College – Southwest, Stafford Campus.
- March 2015. I was accepted to the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network's Autism Campus Inclusion Summer Leadership Academy in Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., an experience which will include learning the tools of grassroots organizing and activism, as well as meeting with prominent members of the community, including autism rights activists and members of Congress.
- July 2014. I was named on the Dean's List at Houston Community College.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- March 2015. I gained membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars for having at least a 3.4 GPA.
- November 2013.I gained membership into the *Phi Theta Kappa* honor society for having at least a 3.5 GPA out of at least 12 credit hours.

#### **INTERESTS and QUALITIES**

- o I'm the webmaster at and the creator of CftxP.net, a personal website which emphasizes my personality and beliefs, as seen through my art, web log posts, and poetry that I happen to showcase.
- o I plan to study art, political science, and law throughout the course of my academic career, hopefully applying this knowledge to help and serve others.
- o I am attentive and sensitive, meaning that much of the time, I can be in-tune with the needs of others, may they arise.
- I can also be cooperative as well as independent, denoting my ability to work with others, as well being able to follow orders, make orders, or working alone on a single task as is necessary.
- o A strong suit of mine happens to be gathering information for research purposes.
- o Finally, my goal-oriented nature allows me to meet deadlines in a relatively organized manner.

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## **Experience**

Member and President, Psi Kappa (Psychology Club) at Houston Community College, Stafford, TX, September 2013 - Present and October 2014-Present.

As a member:

- Participated in the planning and implementation of community service events.
- Created elaborate signs for the advertisement of these events.
- Created general public awareness posters which included objectives for the cause that the event would benefit.

As President:

- Notified members of upcoming events and other pertinent information concerning the student organization.
- Presided over meetings and other such gatherings by the student organization.

Aide, Spring 2014 Level I Juried Student Exhibition at Houston Community College, Stafford, TX, April 2014.

#### Honors/Awards/Exhibitions

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

I do my best to make my body of work a representation of how I feel at a point of time and with each piece, I find out more and more about myself in terms of how I extend this idea of who I am as a person into the different techniques, mediums, and styles that I use in the creation of each piece. The essence of my artwork is the care and the effort I put into it. As I explore my artist's voice, I push the boundaries my mind sets in favor of new ways of working so as static as the ideas and themes I aim to convey in my work may be, I do my best to ensure that the work itself appears as dynamic as possible to relate to the uncertainty that is the human experience.

#### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

"The essence of my art and related work, as an autonomous being, is to represent all aspects of the human spirit and humankind - with an emphasis on our diverse modes of thinking."

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Houston**

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#### **EXHIBITIONS**

May 2015: Spring 2015 Juried Level II Student Exhibition, Houston Community College – Southwest, West Loop Campus, Houston, TX.

April 2015: Spring 2015 Juried Level I Student Exhibition, Houston Community College – Southwest, Stafford Campus, Stafford, TX.

April 2015: Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Consortium 2015 Art Jam, Houston Community College – Southwest, Stafford Campus, Stafford, TX.

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

Psi Kappa, or the Psychology Club, is a volunteer organization at Houston Community College - Southwest located in the Stafford Campus. It focuses on benefiting the community, spreading awareness, and engaging in school-wide activities. Beneficiaries include: The Houston Food Bank and the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

October 2013 - Present. "Resident Artist", Psi Kappa (Psychology Club), Stafford, TX. I was charged with creating posters for certain events hosted by the members of Psi Kappa, including the following:

- Student Life Halloween Fest, October 2013.
- Bake Sale conducted to benefit the Autism Society, April 2014.
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- Free Hugs Event, April 2015.

#### **AWARDS**

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