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## Production Experience

**Mattel:** El Segundo, CA – 2018 to 2019

### **Rescue Heroes Writer**

Wrote four exciting episodes of *Rescue Heroes*, a pre-school 2D animated series, over two seasons to promote a Mattel toy line.

- Developed character personalities and series tone in close collaboration with the showrunner.
- Protected Mattel's vision of the franchise by frequently consulting with Mattel executives and incorporating feedback.
- Eased episode development by pitching initial episode concepts and springboards.

**Spin Master:** Los Angeles, CA – 2018 to 2019

### **Abby Hatcher Writers' Assistant**

Ensured that every idea pitched was recorded and made available to the writers, story editors, producers, and showrunner by taking exhaustive notes during two writers' summits for *Abby Hatcher*, a pre-school 3D animated series.

- Exceeded expectations by organizing, editing, and presenting writers' room notes within a few hours.
- Punched up episode outlines by pitching jokes, assisting with story beats, and following character arcs from episode start to end.
- Arranged catering for both writers' summits.

**Hired Education:** Burbank, CA – 2017

### **Production Assistant**

Performed essential duties to assist with all stages of production for an independently produced live-action web series.

- Provided script notes and feedback to writer, director, and producer to ensure that jokes and dialogue were sharp.
- Created the set, arranged lighting, and blocked camera shots with the director of photography.
- Gathered materials, meals, and other supplies to support the shoot as needed.

## Additional Professional Experience

**The Walt Disney Studios:** Burbank, CA – 2019

### **Content Security Analyst**

Developed and updated security policies used by the Walt Disney Studios and affiliates.

- Ensured that every security card reader was accounted for by taking a studio-wide inventory.
- Streamlined team workflow by designing new policy templates that prioritized ease-of-use.
- Leveraged Subject Matter Experts on numerous teams to ensure that policies exceeded the security expectations of every department.

**Warner Bros. Studios:** Burbank, CA – 2018

### **Compliance Technical Writer**

Worked independently and with Subject Matter Experts to bring Warner Bros. into compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) by creating company-wide policies and updating existing specifications.

- Increased studio efficiency by developing new Standard Operating Procedures.
- Greatly improved employee productivity by reorganizing a central repository of technical articles, reports, brochures, and manuals for all manner of compliance processes.
- Strengthened Warner Bros. security by researching and enhancing current compliance standards.

– Complete Work History Available Upon Request –

## Education and Honors

- Framingham State University, Framingham, MA:
  - B.A. Magna Cum Laude with Honors in English.
    - Concentration in Writing with a minor in Communication Arts.
    - Commonwealth Honors Scholar & Paul Tsongas Scholarship Recipient.

## Computer Skills

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Adobe Acrobat
- Windows & macOS
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Adobe InDesign
- Final Draft

**Personal Interests:** Animation, creative writing, screenwriting, reading, swimming, video games, and cetology.